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Submission: My wife and I are aged pensioners and cannot afford this unprecedented rate rise proposed by PSC. Just renewed a small term deposit and was lucky to get 2% interest on our money. Way short of 7.5%. This Council wastes money especially on legal fees for their mistakes and hospitals for animals. Also, normal maintenance has not been carried out. Things proposed generally fall in the category "for tourists" or supporting "dying businesses" in places like Nelson Bay. Very little funds are directed in our area of Soldiers Point/Salamander Bay. The Council is neglecting its duty in not doing sufficient work in bushfire hazard reduction.

We oppose this proposed rate increase and request that you deny the Council on this issue.