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Dear Mr Boxall

I am writing on behalf of my wife and I concerning Mid Coast Council's proposed rate increase (SRV2017) which we believe you are considering.

As we are on fixed retirement incomes (including a disability pension) we do not have the means to cope with the 28.5% increase in rates over 4 years. We ask that you not agree to the SRV2017 proposal. We ask that any increase is limited to the CPI which is what we were told we could expect after the Council merger that included our old Great Lakes Council. Instead of the debate around the merger assuring us that costs would not be increased, as was spruiked at the time of the merger in the arguments that we should accept merging with other councils, we now find this mysteriously overturned without any consultation.

We are concerned that there has been no consultation on this matter by the Council Administrator prior to the proposal being submitted to you. We are also concerned at the timing of this proposal, 4 months before there is an election for councillors who would better represent the thoughts and needs of the people of the council area.

If there is more we can do to show how we oppose this SRV2017 proposal please let us know, as we are keen to let you know that the adverse impact on us will be significant.

Yours faithfully

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