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Submission: I object to newcastle city council raising the rates by 46%. The council sought public opinion then completely disregarded what the local community said. Any government who increases it's taxes by nearly 50% shows a lack of economic understanding. And also clearly demonstrates their own financial mis -management. The increase is too high. It will economically impact the local business community and residents alike. If council needs that much money to deliver its services, they clearly cannot manage their own financial requirements. For too long council has wasted money and now they want residents and business to cough up the short fall. I am amazed at what is justified by newcastle council in the name of 'growth'. I ask IPART to refuse the increase.