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Submission: I object to the proposed increase on a number of grounds: - The Council states, in its literature, that revenue will not cover expenditure. However, a committee apparently voted to pay the CEO a bonus - the financial belt tightening does not seem to apply to the Council - I personally canvassed more than 50 homes in my local area, and not one householder supported the rate increase - The material circulated by the council was heavily biased towards its preferred outcome - Despite the apparent financial crisis, Council is, apparently, proposing an expenditure of ~\$40 million for new facilities, with no community consultation - The Community Engagement was ignored by 6 of the 9 Councillors voting for the SRV - I am unaware of any plan that has been submitted to ratepayers about other measures, such as facilities sharing with neighbouring councils or an audit of existing practices