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Submission: I wish to voice my objection to the SRV initiated Port Stephens Council.

An increase of up to 66% over a period of seven years is not only unsustainable but outside of CPI increases. Port Stephens has a range of people with varied incomes and not many can support such an increase-certainly NOT me. While a lot of people will be in favour of an increase including myself-something in the order of 50% over a ten year period is sustainable provided our council distributes the additional income fair and equitably. The proposed increase sought by council will only benefit Nelson Bay and NOT Anna Bay which has been disgracefully neglected by our council for more than ten years. It is therefore my firm belief that IPART should not grant this 7.5% increase on the grounds that it will create enormous hardship on so many rate payers when the overwhelming majority of rate payers have already told council this increase is unacceptable.