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Submission: Dear IPART I want to let you know that I sent an objection to Shoalhaven City Council by email within the timeframe specified by them, of my concerns about their proposed rate increases and never even received an acknowledgement. So much for "wide community consultation". The gist of my objection was that I consider the proposed rate increase over the stated time frame to be quite excessive especially for those on lower incomes and self funded retirees who are not eligible for any rebates. I think the council would do well to take a leaf out of The Hills Shire Council, manage their budget better and prioritise spending appropriately. Hill Shire Council rates are less than Shoalhaven's existing rates even now given that rateable land values in the Hills Shire are nearly 3 times the value of those, for example, in Vincentia. Plus we don't even have a green recycling bin in the Shoalhaven but only get 2 vouchers a year for taking items to the tip (which are weighed and excess fees charged if it is over their unreasonable limits and only suitable for people with trailers). If council was working to actively fix the bumpy road that currently exists between Huskisson and Vincentia (Elizabeth Drive) perhaps there would be more sympathy for a lesser increase but this fix is not even on their radar for future council works, according to their website.