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Submission: The majority of people living in Port Stephens simply cannot afford to pay for this SVR. It has been shown before that the majority of people have said no to the increase. Why are you pushing against the majority? Certainly a small increase in rates is acceptable, but not this compounding rate rise. For my husband and I, it will mean we will have to ultimately sell our home and downsize. We love Port Stephens, however we will have to move out of area in order to be able to live in any modicum of comfort. Please consider revising the amount of this increase and listen to the rate payers of the area. Not very many people will be forced to accept this rise without compromising on their personal lifestyle and many of these are the very people who will not be using the new sporting facilities etc.