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Submission: I wish to object to the Port Stephens Council proposed rate rises.

A 66 % rate rise, even over several years, is unaffordable for the majority of residents in the areas of Raymond Terrace and Tilligerry.

My rates have already doubled in the 25 years that I have lived here, and now that I am retired and have limited funds, a further \$1000 per year would possibly see me selling up and moving out. This would be the same for many other families and retired people who live in Port Stephens.