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Submission: I am a Ratepayer in Corlette NSW. I have no problem with increases that fall in line with the rate of inflation, however this request from Port Stephens Council is 3.5 times the Inflation Rate and Ratepayer Incomes aren't keeping up with the cost of living. The cost of Electricity, Gas, groceries, maintenance, fuel, ad infinitum. The burden of cost increases is hurting the population and needs to reflect a realistic cost of living. Council should be about the basics such as Garbage, roads and footpaths, building services, and the like.

I implore IPART to bring the Council into line with Inflation and not over-reach for Gold Plated objectives. Families are really hurting with the escalating cost of living.

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