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Submission: I am asking you consider rejecting this application from Port Stephens council due to their greed and total disregard for our community.

The council put out a questionnaire re this increase even they admit that the community did not want it but they think they know best and are applying for it anyway.

This council is renowned for their total misuse of funds. I have to work on a budget and don't have a back up of a 7 1/2% pay increase cumulative for 7 years. They didn't even consider the other proposals they put to the community.

The area with which we live is not affluent there are a lot of pensioners and self funded retirees, these people are on a fixed income, they cannot afford this increase. The council knowing it is going to stretch a lot of people beyond their means have put together a fund to help pay when the rate payer cannot, this wouldn't be needed if they weren't being so greedy.

Please help our community as the council wont