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Submission: Dear Sir / Madam,

We were very disappointed to hear of Port Stephens Council's very high rate rise submission.

We believe it to be far too extreme, especially when Council is NOT managing Rate Payers' Funds responsibly.

For example the recent payment of \$20 million dollars paid to cover legal fees for a court challenge that Council was advised they could NOT win - therefore money paid to achieve nothing.

Also Very disappointed in the \$1 million dollars spent to extend Yacaaba Street, Nelson Bay down to the Marina. Again an excessive amount wasted. Surely you could have accomplished this for less \$ outlay.

There are certainly more important things to spend Rate Payers' Funds on. For example the Tomaree Community Hospital - I know some work is being done at present - but not ALL that is required.

Most Rate Payers would not mind paying a reasonable rate rise IF we knew that council were being wise and responsible with their funds.

We have been endeavouring to have Council address a major safety issue near Nelson Bay Police Station and Community College, for some months now - Very disappointed that Council has not even had the time or courtesy to respond to our submission - except verbally when we actually follow up Council ourselves.

Very Concerned, Pensioner Resident of Port Stephens