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Our last two years have been tough - additional expenses on the home due to homeschooling, lesser hours of work due to Covid, followed quickly by a rates rise that was due to our councils negligence. Enhancements such as the new Terrigal boardwalk, expenditure to prevent erosion to beachfront properties in Wamberal (which only benefit the few) are a couple of items that council should not have undertaken if they did not have the fund. Our local water supplies have been in restriction for alot of the past twenty years, with increases in our bills, and even separating into each quarter to make it less clear of the increases. We are currently having an investigation into the overspending occurrences and any increases should be placed on hold until that investigation has been completed. We have just been lobbed with a 15% rate increase, for a three year period. But our local Central Coast Council now want to increase that to ten years. They then want to to sting the same families with such an increase of approximately 30% in water costs too. We have had our rates as the same level as Sydney for many years, yet our services are no where near the same. We have lost additional services to our area since the [REDACTED] came to a head, and in fact they are recently having savings in lockdown due to pool, library and other council requirements as Covid has placed our area under full lockdown. Why are we the ratepayers still burdening the costs of their mismanagement, when Sydney receives the same income and provides better services for the same income given to them. They are only applying for an increase to cover their own [REDACTED], rather than an increase in the cost of ordinarily doing business.