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Submission: I am strongly against the special variation. As are the majority of the people of Port Stephens, 70% of the people have voted against it. I live in a small community inside the Port Stephens council, It is a low income area and we will not see any advantage in our town, all money will go towards projects in the main area of Port Stephens. People cannot afford this, times are tough cost of living is going up everywhere and wages are not moving. We don't need the projects council have put forward, they are "want" projects. Maybe in better times they can revisit it. Do the right thing for the average Australian and reject the variation