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Submission: I am in a single income household, and absolutely cannot afford to pay a 9% increase annually. If this comes in, I may have no alternative but to sell my home and leave the area. Once this increase, is placed on top of the cost of rising utilities, I will not be able to afford to own a home in the area.

I could potentially justify an increase, if the roads weren't appalling, the footpaths are nearly as bad, and everywhere you go, there are broken water mains. Couple that with the town looking like a dump, due to council not mowing, or maintaining council lands, and it proves that I am getting very little for my rates as it is, with only my recycling and garbage disposal.