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Submission: I do not beleive this excessive rate increase is necessay at all , it has been stated publicly by the council that there are other options available. These other options should be used , even if it does mean results will take longer to be seen. Such a large number of people in the community are feeling financial difficulty and can NOT afford these increases . Progress takes time , don't expect it overnight. Increases like this supported by our council leaders shows they are out of touch with the community. They carry out a survey from people who are not even rate payers, they have to be kidding!