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**Re. SRV Port Stephens Shire Council**

Dear Tribunal Members,

I am a resident of Port Stephens Shire and rate payer.

I have now read various parts of the submission, by PSSC (Port Stephens Shire Council) seeking the approval for a Special Rate Variation.

The wording in some clauses of their submission is misleading and deceptive in that it does not mention the result of an Online Survey. These clauses are repeated verbatim in other sections of their submission. The Clauses relate to feedback in July /August and October, 2018. There is no mention of the later Online Survey. **The Online Survey yielded a 72% vote against the proposed Special Rate Variation.**

Currently, a local newspaper, "NEWS OF THE AREA Port Stephens", is conducting an online Poll, ([www.newsofthearea.com.au](http://www.newsofthearea.com.au)) and as at 21 February, 2019, **the result currently is at 90% who say 'No'**

The Council in its submission states that the "Council is financially fit" yet it proposes to use part of the Funds to increase the size of its Empire (Employees and Work Depots) if the SRV is approved. They should firstly look at restructuring their own Management Structure and better utilise their resources, before wasting OUR Funds.

The Council should ignore the minority activists groups, who protest against selling off Council Assets which are not part of the Council's core business.

There are many vacant shops in the Port Stephens area and it does not seem possible that a SRV would attract NEW Businesses to the area whilst the economy of the Country is stagnating.

All the people I associate with have the same conclusion that we can not afford a SRV.

I object strongly against a SRV being approved, and trust that your deliberations will result in a maximum 1 (one) year increase in the Rate Variation not exceeding 2.7%.

Regards,  
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