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Please treat this email and the attachments as ANONYMOUS . I am an Individual.

Dear Local Government Team

I wish to indicate that I'm opposed to the PSC Special Variation Application as I believe if passed it will impact on those in our community least able to afford the significant and ongoing increases to their rates.

The Port Stephens LGA would have residents who are well able to afford the increase, however I think that they'd be greatly outnumbered by those who can't, this includes people who are in employment who are now classified as "The Working Poor", one only has to watch and read interviews with people who are now finding it really hard to make ends meet even though they are in paid work, this would be aggravated by the proposed rate increase.

I have attached the submission I made to the PS Council last year which outlines my reasons for opposing the increase, I have also attached an Opinion article on this matter from our local newspaper (Copyrighted and not for publication) which is worth reading.

Thank you.