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Submission: I am totally disgusted at the proposed rate increase of 20%. STOP, wasting taxpayers money on ridiculous things like the blue horse and start looking after the people. As a single parent, ratepayer, I am struggling enough to make ends meet and then council decide to up the rates by 20 %.. The increase in water charges is bad enough and now you want to bleed people dry for rates. I can't see where the rates go now except for a few council benefits. I TOTALLY OBJECT to a 20 % increase in my land rates.