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Submission: I am a rate payer in the Coffs Harbour City Council.

I am in my mid sixties and am on defined benefits superannuation. and I do not receive any special discounts re: rates. Coffs Harbour City Council should only put its rates up by 2.3% rate pegging for 2014/15 and not as proposed- a compound increase over 3 years of 26.34% for ordinary residential rates and 16.02% overall including both rates and charges.

The proposed rate rise will see the CHCC income from rates rise from this years \$36.1 million to \$50.97 million in 2016-17 (Coffs Harbour Advocate 12 Feb 2014.)

According to the CH Advocate 67% strongly disagreed with what the Council proposed

You will probably not receive too many objections as rate payers are very reluctant to happen to put pen to paper and Council Administration will take advantage of that fact.

Today's Advocate 14/3/14 refers to (letters to the editor) four people going to Japan (sister city)(inferred Council financed)

I do not approve. Why not have the persons involved pay their own way.

In general Australia's cost of living is reducing against ever rising costs.

Please refuse council's request