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My wife and I are Age Pensioners and the current proposal would mean that our rates would rise over the period to +/- \$2,550 p.a in addition to annual water rates.

This would place a greater strain on our ability to maintain a reasonable, and certainly not extravagant life. We realise that Council Costs are rising but there are numerous sub divisions being built where the builders are responsible for infrastructure and provide an increase in new occupiers council rates. Also, it has been publicised that the council has sold land for a tourist park and is receiving a reported sum of \$10 million. which must certainly be taken into account when assessing the need for rate increases over & above the norm.