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I have been a resident of Port Stephens for the past 30 years and I know that this shire has grown very quickly and I know the council is under pressure to maintain roads and its infrastructure for this growing community. What I don't understand is that I heard Port Stephens Council has voted for a 7.5% rise compounding over 7 years is ridiculous.

I live alone and I have a mortgage and bills to pay and I have no spare money for anything else living a simple lifestyle. I have spoken to a lot of locals and we all cant work out why the poor residents have to foot the bill.

Can you please listen to your ratepayers and reverse your decision on the rate rise because a lot of people might end up on the street because they haven't got any spare money to pay your rate increases.

If you really have to increase our rates can you please consider a small increase so that the average blue collar workers can afford.

Thanks for listening and I hope you seriously consider my point of view.