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To: IPART Mailbox

Subject: Objection to council rates increase

IPART

Dear Sir / Madam.

We are against the proposed rate increase of 28% over the next two years and we hope that you reject Shoalhaven City Council's application in favour of a long term strategy.

Our rates for the 2016/2017 financial year are 1034.58. A 28% increase would mean we have to pay for the rates alone an extra \$289.68 in 2 years. We also will have to find extra dollars for our medical insurance, electricity as well.

My husband and I are aged pensioners and we each have received only an increase of \$84.24 in the last 12 month. That is a total of \$168.48. The proposed rate increase will be \$144.84, that does not leave many dollars over for all the other increases.

In April 2016 an amalgamation of Shoalhaven City Council and Kiama Council was proposed. Our Mayor claimed then that Shoalhaven City Council "is fit for the future" and we do not need to become amalgamated with Kiama.

We know that our council has a surplus in the kitty. Why do we need to have such a huge rate increase?

Yours sincerely, Mrs Dagmar Gratzner

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