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Submission: This is unacceptable. It is far too much money. Wages are not rising, this will cause economic hardship for many families. Less money means less discretionary spending. Businesses will lose income. This means less jobs, less money. The cycle continues.

The funds will not be spent in an equitable manner. I know this because the council already focuses on Nelson bay, to the detriment of many other suburbs, including my suburb, Fern bay. My street has no kurbing or guttering. The barbecues at the local park have not been working for years. My money will be spent elsewhere. This is not fair.

The council is ignoring the will of the people. 72 percent of people consulted do not want a rate rise, compared to 13 percent that do. Ignoring this is criminal, and contrary to Australia democratic system.

It is for these reasons it is imperative that this criminally unfair proposal be denied.