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Submission: I strongly object to the proposed rate rise. Despite a council survey resulting in 75% of the population against this rise council has seen fit to go ahead with the proposal against the wishes of the majority of the electorate. I am a pensioner on a fixed income and am already finding it difficult to keep up with current price increases. Currently my pension increase approximately \$130 per year which barely covers my estimation of the first years increase. As my rates stand at the present I estimate an increase of \$755 by year 7 which means a quarterly increase of around \$200 - beyond my means. While some of the proposed works are necessary, they do not need to be done all at once, we currently have excellent sporting facilities in the area and not in need of Olympic quality facilities. If council continue to waste money on surveys and then ignore the results I can only surmise that funds are being wasted unnecessarily and savings could be made elsewhere making such a rate rise unnecessary.