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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you to object to the councils proposed rate rise. Our family are living off a single wage having just had our third child and the proposed rate rise may literally mean we go under financially as a family. We are not the only people in our area in this position, in fact there are many. Land owners as well as renters will feel the pinch of this rate rise over time and we feel particularly annoyed about the fact that there are big projects, such as the sporting complex in Bomaderry, that we will be paying for through our rates that we won't get the opportunity to use being based in Milton.

We strongly feel council should instead look at their own budget and possibly hold off on these types of developments if they can't afford to build them or else wait for state or federal grants in order to fund them rather than the rates of residents from a council area where the most money is being spent on facilities out of reach for many of it's residents further south; an hour and a half drive away for some!

Councils reasoning for the rate rise is that previous councils have not addressed financial issues in the past. Unfortunately that doesn't give them the right to punish the community for the downfall of previous council financial decisions.

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