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Hi ,

I was just reading our local news paper the Parkes Champion Post in an article it stated our council (Parkes shire council) were intending to put up the rates by 13 % every year over the next four years , Myself as a rate payer finds this nothing more than outrageous especially when a councillor states one of the reasons for the increase is that with OH&S issues costing them more as well as fuel prices insurances going up well that is a ridiculous statement given CPI is supposed to cover these increases and the question is why are they not budgeting for this when everyone out in the workforce or pensioners has to .

Also the increase of 13 % over the next four years is not a fair increase with CPI at say 3 % fair enough but most people out in the workforce and pensioners will not get a pay increase to cover the rise which relates to a rise of a massive 52 % over four years with the cost of living on the increase with insurances , power bills , fuel , food and other costs of living going up I do not know how some elderly people will cope .

Another article several months ago saying our council had lost allot of rate payers money in a bad investment scheme , Now I don't know but they the councillors deny this but it seems that we are paying the price for their gross mismanagement of rate payers money . In the above mentioned article it said that the matter was in front of IPART for consideration . Hopefully IPART will see the concerns of ratepayers .

Regards

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