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Cc: Jessica Andriske

Subject: Shoalhaven City Council rate rise

I am opposed to the Shoalhaven City Council's application to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) for a 26% increase in rates over the next 2 years.

The proposed 26% rate increase over 2 years is unfair and unaffordable to many ratepayers, and will lead to financial hardship as a large percentage of our ratepayers are pensioners, low income earners and self-funded retirees on fixed incomes. This massive rate increase will have a flow on effect to those who are living in rental accommodation because rents will need to be increased to cover the rate increases.

As ratepayers we realise that a small rate increase is necessary. The Shoalhaven City Council has shown little regard towards its ratepayers and we oppose the massive increase in our rates because it is unaffordable and unclear what the revenue will be used for.

This massive rate increase is not a done deal, don't let the Shoalhaven City Council get away with this blatant grab for more cash!

To oppose this massive rate increase you need to email or write IPART telling them that the proposed rates increase is unaffordable and that Shoalhaven City Council has not adequately shown where the increase revenue will be spent.

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Sent from my iPhone