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Subject: Fw: PROPOSED COUNCIL RATE INCREASE GREATER HUME SHIRE NSW

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Dear Councillors and Independent Pricing & Regulatory Tribunal

I am writing to you to express my opposition to the proposed rate increase of 21-22% over the next three years.

I implore the Greater Hume Shire councillors who are in favour of this rate increase to reconsider your position. I for one cannot afford a rate increase of around 7% per annum. I know that hundreds of other residents and ratepayers in the Shire are of the same opinion.

I am aware that the CPI is based on a basket of consumer goods and that Councils have a different set of expenditures, however businesses and individuals must operate within their means/budgets.

I am a Jindera resident and my rates have already increased by more than 60% in the last four years.

This increase will place a huge financial burden upon ratepayers. Shire demographics studies reveal that average incomes are considerably below that of residents of other regions. Jindera for example is a dormitory suburb of Albury and attracts people who cannot afford to live in Albury/Wodonga.

Thank you for your time.

Yours Sincerely
John Davern