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Sent: Wednesday, 13 February 2019 11:29 AM
To: Local Government Mailbox <localgovernment@ipart.nsw.gov.au>
Subject: PORT STEPHENS COUNCIL RATE VARIATION

H, I would like to object to the rate variation of 7% for 7 years, and to stay in the rate base, compounding it would be 66% after 7 yrs. A survey was sent out with 70% disagreeing to a rise. There are a large number of self funded retirees and pensioners, in the eastern ward of the shire, with higher land values, therefore paying higher rates. I cannot afford such a high rate rise. Council took court action against a developer (Lagoons Estate), Councils solicitors advised the Council not to proceed as they could not win the case, but they went ahead, and now have to pay millions in compensation. Why should ratepayers have to pay for Councils mistakes. Council should live within its means as I have to. I respectfully request that I Part, REJECT this rate rise, because there are many of us doing it tough. JOHN JARVIS, [REDACTED]