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**IPART**

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**Dear Sir**

**RE: PORT STEPHENS SPECIAL RATE VARIATION APPLICATION**

The Council stated only a low percentage of rate payers were Pensioners, but there is a large number of self funded retirees and Pensioners in the Eastern Ward of the Shire with higher land values therefore paying higher rates.

We as rate payers cannot afford such a high rate rise.

A Survey was sent out with 70% disagreeing to a rise. Councillors totally ignored this Survey and went ahead with an application for a significant rise.

Council should live within its means as we are encouraged to do. I respectfully request that IPART REJECT this rate rise because there are many of us doing it tough. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully

JOHN JARVIS