

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 6 March 2017 11:20 AM
To: IPART Mailbox
Subject: Shoalhaven Council rate rise

IPART

I reside at [REDACTED]

I have lived at this address for 35 years. I have always paid my rates on time and I feel that this rate increase of 29.05% over 2 years will affect my financial status. I am a nearly 71 year old pensioner with health issues. This hike in rates will mean that my current medications and any further illnesses needing medications will be unaffordable.

I would not be able to pay for food and utilities as the current costs of these are already exorbitant. As it is in winter, I have to go to bed early as I can't afford to run the heater.

Council has not contacted me or other community members about this proposed rate rise. Why is this so?

Council has not done their homework as to whether this rise is affordable to residents. Shopkeepers and businesses will also be a part of this increase which will affect me and the whole community across the board by increases in rents, goods and services. This would be totally unaffordable for the majority of residents

Where has my rates money been spent in the community as our roads are atrocious and services extremely minimal? As a community member and rate payer I would ask that Council be transparent in their past, present and future accounts.

I ask that an audit be done by an independent body so we all know where we stand.

If this 29.05% is approved I will have no choice but to move out of the Shoalhaven Shire.

Because of my disability, I am unable to write this letter. I have asked [REDACTED] to be my scribe. I have also asked her to send this letter via her email address as I do not have a computer of any sort.

I kindly ask IPART to forward any information to my private address at

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

If you need to confirm this letter please phone me on [REDACTED]. I do not have a mobile number.

Yours faithfully

John Pentecost