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To: Local Government Mailbox

Subject: Port Stephens Local Council Rate Increases.

Dear Sir / Madame,

I am objecting to the proposed rate increases of 7.5% annually for 7 years.

I am a self funded retiree and have been living at [REDACTED] for 16 years. This is the land my parents have owned since 1955 and the family had a house where we initially spent weekends and holidays.

Mum and dad (Jean and George Baker) eventually retired here in 1980.

Now my wife and I have lived on this land since 2004.

Prior to that we were living at [REDACTED] for approximately 30 years. So I have been a rate payer in Port Stephens for at least 46 years and rates have increased at about the inflation rate.

The current proposal of 7.5% annually is completely unacceptable.

The local council can not expect rate payers to fund the poor budgeting and poor management of the current local government.

People including retirees, businesses and families can not afford such increases especially considering increases in water and electricity etc.

Yours sincerely,

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