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Dear Sir /Madame,

I am writing to you to object to Port Stephens Council from establishing a 7.5 per cent every year for the next seven years!

I have viewed the work to be done and an awful lot is beautifying of our area with man made structures. We don't need any of that ~ our beaches and waterways are our beauty. What we do need is kerb and guttering and drainage which seems to be missed out in some areas.

We have lived in the area for around 18 years, things have happened slowly over those years but I think this council is trying to do their WANTS with this money and not the NEEDS.

Our house has been flooded a number of times over the past 18 years. Once just over a year ago in Jan 2018 when we had a very bad storm. The water comes from the streets above us, which have now been kerb & guttered which direct the water BUT have No drains to get rid of it.

This is not on their plans to fix, when I spoke to council about this they could not even find our complaints to them of the flooding.

Even though the last time which has been the worst, I took photo's, I emailed, and wrote

to council. The mayor Ryan Palmer came out and saw the problem. I emailed him personally the photos, and twice after the event we were visited by 3 council employees, but now over a year on all of that is lost ??? Its not on record its ~~as~~ as if it never happened.

I wonder how many other real work like mine have been lost? Removed from record?

So I say No to a rate rise

- It is beautifying areas
- It is not tackling the real issues
- Council is making us live above our means
- If it comes in we will sell and move
- on average \$700 each house extra in rates per year

thankyou

