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Subject: Shoalhaven City Council Rate Rise Application

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to voice my opposition to the proposed rate increase above the peg applied for by Shoalhaven City Council. The following is just a few reason I feel the increase is unnecessary.

- Shoalhaven City Council have not given their ratepayers adequate information to validate this rate increase
- No new works are proposed as a result of the rate increase
- This rate increase is unaffordable to many rate payers and will increase financial hardship in this area.
- No consideration has been given to the effect this will have on the already strained rental market. A rate increase of this magnitude will invariably result in an increase in rent to cover the landlords increased costs, again causing undue financial hardship in this area.
- By councils own financial reports they already have significant cash reserves in place, a further increase above the rate peg appears completely unwarranted at this stage.

Regards  
Keith Robinson  
Concerned Shoalhaven Resident