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Subject: Potential rate rise in Port Stephens

I would like to submit my objection to a compounding rate rise of 7.5% over 7 years, making an actual rate rise of 66% by the end of the 7 years (permanently), as proposed by Port Stephens Council. This is exorbitant and out of the reach of many of the residents of this area, many of whom are pensioners, including me.

The survey done by the council re the proposal received replies against the proposal of between 72 and 75%. This is a huge majority but this percentage was ignored by the council as not relevant apparently. (What was the point of the survey?). They now gone ahead with the proposal to IPART and I would request that the vast majority of objections to such a huge rise is taken account by IPART.

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