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I'm writing this for the silent majority that would have difficulty in negotiating this IPART labyrinth to this submission email. The Central Coast Council [REDACTED] have kept the rate increase of 34% secret in the hope that nobody will object until it lands in their mailbox by that time of course it will be too late! It is what happened with the council rates. They seem [REDACTED] on recovering the \$23 million they say they lost from the last water rate increase. You cannot base a future budget on past losses. They have already increased the Council rates by an average of 42% and with an increase in the water rates of 34% for people on a fixed income such as pensioners single parents or low income families it means you don't buy an essential food items. It would be like ordering a coffee and a sandwich and the Cafe owner says that will be \$100! Because I need to make up revenue I lost due to Covid! The Central Coast Council is already selling off council assets such as properties, land and over 250 employees made redundant. They have the Gosford Council building up for sale or it could be sold? We do not know apparently we do not need to know or what Price is being paid for those assets? The Gosford council did a lot of sewer and water work prior to the failed amalgamation it built a pipeline between the 2 dams and was at one point almost a separate enterprise. It is true all water systems require maintenance and planning for future generations but it should be an incremental increase as required.