

To whom it concerns,

I have tried to make a submission on IPART web site, but I think it may have been unsuccessful.

Please find attached copy of my submission. I also agree to have my submission made public.

Regards

Michael Donohoe

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Dear IPART,

I wish to submit an objection to Port Stephens Council proposal to increase rates by 66% over next 7 years. I did submit the same objection to council, along with a majority of people that also objected, but council decided to not take our objections when they voted to implement. I understand this initial objection to council was in the negative by over 70% of respondents, but council are still trying to go ahead with this rise. There are also online and paper petitions against this proposal.

The current cost of living in Port Stephens area is rising day to day, and being a pensioner, my ability to earn extra income, other then pension, is nil.

The council has also disregarded any "projects" in Fern Bay area, and looking at councils submission for rate rise, there are only 2 projects for our area, and one of these is not required by local residents. Whereas the residents of Nelson Bay and Raymond Terrace seem to be getting bulk of these "projects".

I would also expect this current council to be voted out in next election, as they have shown an inability to perform at all levels, whether that be administrative, budget control, large scale projects, road repairs etc.

I ask that IPART listen to all residents that submit objections, and reject this rate rise request by Port Stephens Council.

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P.S. - I have no objection if you make this submission public.