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Submission: The increase of rates to the residents of Oakville is unjust, robbery and out right cruel. If Oakville now is residential why are there no street lights no footpaths?? My parents are elderly (im sure they are not the only ones) they are very comfortable in their house that they worked hard for they are comfortable with their surroundings, they have neighbours that they can rely on, that know their daily routine who will alert family members if something does not look right.. Young families who have made the choice to raise their children in a friendly next to nature enviroment will now struggle. My parents do not want to sell up they have been proud until now to say they live in Oakville. They have worked very hard for what they have now they are being driven out to the unknown - where is the representation of the residents. My parents already miss out 9n the comforts of cooling,heating and lighting due to high costs of electricity bills, they now have to start doing without on other things to put away enough money to pay council rates - how can you sleep at night how can you put people in such poverty... Michelle