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I've had trouble using the online form. Please see below my submission. I wish for the below submission to be published but for my name to remain anonymous.  
thanks and kind regards, Mark

Council has disregarded its community engagement process which highlighted the community preference for Scenario 2 (5.5% increase pa) compared to Council's resolved preference for Scenario 3 (7.0% increase pa) on the grounds of financial prudence. I believe IPART should reconsider Council's resolved preferred scenario (#3) and support community sentiment authorising the 5.5% increase pa. Whilst I recognise that Council has many competing financial priorities, like all entities and indeed residents, the ability to achieve priorities needs to factor in both income and expenditure and therefore Council needs to manage/control its general costs and should not just rely on rate payers who are already exposed to increased cost of living pressures.