

Local Government Team

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Re : Port Stephens Council SRV Application

I wish to make this submission to reject the council 's motion on the following grounds:

- The increases proposed are far in excess of the cost of living index against which home owners / ratepayers have to budget their income.
- A huge majority of ratepayers are against the scale of the proposed increases according to a poll conducted by " News of the Bay" and from the reaction of people attending the Council's informative meetings.
- As a pensioner couple living on a modest pension we had chosen to buy our current property, 20 months ago, as one that we could afford to pay the running costs, of which the annual rate is a major expense. In no way will any increases in our pension over the next 7 years keep pace with the proposed increases.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. and Mrs. P.Tyrrell

