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Subject: SRV Rate Increase for Port Stephens Council

I am having difficulty submitting the online form so I am sending an email instead.

I am bewildered as to how the Port Stephens Council can apply for SRV when the overwhelming majority of the community gave feedback against the proposal.

How are most residents going to be able to afford a 66% increase over a 7 year period?

The community verbal consultations where councillors attended were all negative to a rate increase.

The written submissions received by council were overwhelmingly negative. According to the Port Stephens Examiner Feb 7 2019 The council received 90 written submissions.

57 Long submissions where 58 per cent were against 32 per cent made no comment either way and 10% were supportive.

33 short submissions where by the majority were against.

How can councillors ignore this feedback?? It does not pass the pub test!!

There are so many other ways this council could save money and still pay for the upgrade and infrastructure that is required.

We need the people to have their say via a referendum.

Please do not proceed with this increase. It should be subject to CPI and the council should live with in its means and find savings with efficiency.