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Subject: PORT STEPHENS SRV

Hello,

I do not support the SRV for the Port Stephens Council.

The significant overall increase in the local rates is unsustainable for people on a limited retirement income.

The overall effect will result in ratepayers defaulting on their payments because of their eventual inability to raise the necessary funds.

I acknowledge that that cost continually rise, but the proposed increase is far too high. A lower rate rise linked to the overall annual 'cost of living' increase would be acceptable.

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