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**Subject:** Objection on Rate proposal

Please find attached my Objection for a Special Rate Variation for the Port Stephens Council 2019 Proposal !

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Submission to Ipad for objection  
on Pord Stephens Council proposed Special  
Rate Variation in the year Start: 2019 of 7.5%

My objection for a 7.50% increase in annual  
Council Landrates connected with compounding  
effect over 7 years will have unaffordable results for  
any Ratepayer, Pensioner or Selffunded Retirees in this  
Area. — It will present a 52.50% Increase over 7 years  
in current Council Rates plus the ever increasing  
Landvalue has a more higher effect on the Outcome  
after 7 years. — CPI is only 2.5% p.a., Investment apr. 2.5%  
Council in this Shire have clearly demonstrated  
in the past no convincing leadership in how to  
handle Ratepayers Money nor improving of In-  
frastructure. We, the Ratepayers (I am in the same  
Address for 51 years!) have to pay for the Incompetence  
of the council in the Shire. (e.g. large Lawsuit lost  
by Council in dispute case - Lagoon Estate, Nelson  
Bay, drainage problem (20 million est.), wrong in-  
vestment made with Ratepayers money in Real  
Estate project, e.g. Millions wasted at China Bay,  
N.S.W. - Leasing of Samurai Beach Estate, still on-  
going - landlord = N.S.W State government. —  
Council is more interested pleasing large De-  
velopers then looking after the Ratepayers. Rate-  
money should be collected for the Maintenance  
o Repairs in the Shire for improved Drainage.  
Large Buildings rising up where before a single  
dense stood and the new Development increases  
the Demand on Infrastructure which can NOT be paid  
by Ratepayers Money!

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If Council needs more money to pay all the bills, it should adopt a "User pay" system, e.g. Parking - meters like other shires. This will finance all the maintenance of cleaning Buses, ramps, toilets + Road drains + Beaches. —

By increasing the Council Rates, it will only enlarge the Administration Cost, e.g. more staff, Car, Trucks + other Utilities. There will be no real Benefit. What is the Guarantee that any Increase will be spent wisely. — Perhaps we need an Administrator in our shire!

How can we Ratepayers trust our present Council with our money as two persons on Council have asked for funds, e.g. Rate money for financial Education Courses. — Before you spend other Peoples Money, you should have an Education!

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