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Submission: The special rate variation application proposed by the Port Stephens Council has been opposed by over 70% of residents during the recent submissions from the public.

This is democracy at work and a clear indication from the people to the council that there is no demand for a rate rise amongst the population. The people have reviewed the proposed developments and spending and said NO. The 6 councillors voting for these rate rises

are no longer representative of the people who elected them.

services provided by Port Stephens council are already expensive and inefficient.

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people have spoken Ryan, and they have said NO.

Over 70% do not support a rate rise - if IPART allows this to go ahead it is a clear sign of a failure of democracy and the rule of the few over the many.

Its OUR money and WE the people have said NO