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SHOALHAVEN CITY COUNCIL ASTRONOMICAL RATE RISE

Residents of Shoalhaven City Council cannot afford the rate rise proposed by this council of 11.5% per annum plus the 1.5% allowed by IPART over the term of this council. This does not take into account the emergency services levy due in July. This council has a large number of pensioners who are already being hit with cuts to their pension and we have residents from the lower social economic end of the market who won't be able to pay such a large increase (approx 33% of the term of this council).

I suggest it should look for cuts within and maintain current assets and refrain from larger projects or a smaller amount of maybe 3-5% per annum over a longer period until they catch up.

Regards

Pat Kerr