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Where do these rises stop, I would consider myself in the mid to high income group, i have a higher valued house on the Woy Woy Peninsula, which i bought many years ago. I built a granny flat on the back for my elderly pensioner mother. With the recent rate increase and CURRENT water rates i now pay in excess of \$5000 a year! Over \$100pw just to live in my house, mortgage on top. Reading of a 34% increase in water, i am honestly approaching a point where selling and renting is a genuine option!! And as i said i would consider myself on a good income over \$100k.. How are lower income owners paying these rates. I am starting to believe that the Council decision makers genuinely have no idea how tough financially it is at moment with covid etc. Yes house prices have risen but for the majority of us with just the house we live in this is a curse, not a financial windfall, as we know its just going to result in higher rates. Im at a loss to understand how The [REDACTED] genuinely thinks these rate charges are acceptable. Most people i think are now happier with less services, as we can no longer afford these quarterly rates notices when they arrive.