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I strongly oppose Wyong Shire Council's proposed rate increase. It is purely a cash grab on Council's part.

This proposed increase will place a severe financial burden on pensioners and low income earners whether they own their own property or not. Landlords will pass on rate increases to tenants so everyone will suffer. This proposed increase along with soaring electricity and gas prices will be too much for many to bear and will inevitably lead to an increase in homelessness.

Council is holding ratepayers to ransom by threatening to reduce or stop services if the rate increase is not approved. This is unacceptable. It is through their own mismanagement that Council finds itself 'cash strapped' and now the ratepayers must suffer