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Submission: I am against the 37.5% incremental rate rise for CVC.

This rise will push up rents and make it more expensive to live in the area regardless of whether you own your home or not. It will make doing business in the area more expensive and discourage investment.

I don't believe that the council has clearly explained the impact to the residents. It states that the cost is only 6% a year," about the cost of a coffee". In fact the rates are going up by 37.5% over five years which will have a roll on effect on everyone.

Almost half the councilors believe that the Council could get out of their financial problems using other means without the necessity for the rate increase. I believe that this should be looked at further.

We have had massive water, sewerage and garbage increases over the last five years . I am not convinced that the Council will not increase these again as they are not capped.

The council has not stopped spending. It has just approved a \$17M new depot that we don't need.

I would like to move that the Council be dismissed as they got us into this situation with their poor management. If they get this increase in rates they will only squander it and we will be in a worse boat in five years.