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Submission: We are pensioner and are only have a small amount of Super so basically on the pension the rate rise that is proposed is Too too much in the past it's been around 4/5 % which we have been able to budget for but in 7 Years at 66% increase will take 150% of our fortnightly Superfund income which we currently rely on for other incidentals like car repair and a small holiday every TWO Years his will no longer be possible also they want to keep the increase foe ever stating that they will need it to MAINTAIN the new stuff they build , where dose it cost \$45,000 per year to maintain a \$45.000 car as an example

This council also spent over \$1.000.000 on a court case that EVEN THEIR OWN SOLICITORS SQ D THEY COULDN'T WIN wasting rate payers Money NOT THEIRS This council has a record of WASTING rate payers money on ONE suburb namely Nelson bay with the money raised from all the other suburbs like Medowie and Raymond terrace. The Council conducted a survey of all the rate paying residents and over 85% said NO sure most wanted some improvement to capital works BUT THE council Ignored the NO VOTE and cherry picked the "people overwhelming wanted more improvement" say we'll they have approved the increase NO we want some improvement but for the council to work for the rate payers Not their own ■■■ like in the court case that exercise cut three times what it would have cost of f council accepted their own solicitors advice but no their ■■■ said WE KNOW BETTER THAN YOU .

Sorry for the bit of a rant but this rate rise in this Arabia WAY OVER THE TOP it's more like you would expect to see at Point Piper in Sydney where the rich wouldn't even know how much they pay it's just pocket money to them but us it's weather we stay or have to move away to a cheaper country area