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- As a rate payer in the Maitland council area I strongly disagree with the seven consecutive rises of 7.25% .I have built a new home in Maitland and over the past year we have had single blocks cut in half and duplexes going up every day. This is devaluing our homes. We all hope the investment we make in our family home will give us a return to reinvest in our next home .Development in this area is very strong with subdivisions everywhere, Maitland will be reaping the rewards from the amount of new home approvals at the expense of the rate payers and the developers alike Where is our money going I don't wish to be rated out due to the poor management of Maitland council . I pity the pensioners who have worked hard all their lives only to find they cant afford to live in their family homes any more. Don't allow this special variation rate increase the other two councils near here have asked for less
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