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I am submitting my disapproval to the Maitland City Council rate increase of seven twenty five per cent for the next seven years; because in my opinion I have not seen enough justification for such a disproportionate amount above the Consumer Price Index which I believe was introduced to keep raising costs in line with wages! I trust that the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal will take in consideration the hardship that many people are confronted by and reduce the rate increase to a much more affordable amount, as well as the lack of proper consultation with the rate-payers and unclear reasons which the Maitland City Council has attempted to convince their Constituents as to why they needed to be such an increase.

With Regards: Salvatore Cocco.