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Submission: I am opposed to the SRV at a proposed rate of 7.5% per year for 7 years. I believe the increase of 66% in total is unreasonable and should not be approved. The majority of constituents oppose this SRV and councillors chose to ignore it. I believe this is not democracy but a council pushing through their agenda. PSC has been viable, in surplus and delivering all required services without issues. The projects planned by council are not necessary and will in principle benefit a minority, in particular business interest in Nelson Bay. The majority of constituents do not live in Nelson Bay but will have to pay for infrastructure serving a few locals and a mass of tourists. Considering Australian wages are stagnant and the large number of pensioners in the Council area, this will increase household financial stresses. Best regards Torsten Landwehr,