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To: Local Government Mailbox

Subject: Opposition to the Port Stephens Rate Rise proposal

Dear IPART,

I wish to register my object to Port Stephens Council's proposal to increase rates by 66% over 7 years.

Rates within this local government area have now exceed without the proposed rise areas like Castle Hill in Sydney's North West where the average income far exceed those in Port Stephens. Local residents move to these locations into retirement where they generally have lower and set incomes from either pensions or self funded retiree investments.

Local councils should "live within there means " rather than seek hefty tax grabs from entire population areas such as Port Stephens. Many of the population rent which will also impacts on the local rents as investors try and recoup these losses through rental increases for people that can lease afford the increases.

We would all love to have rivers of gold to see through our own visions but this council is proposing to use other peoples money without thinking through the consequences for those that will need to foot the bill.

I am opposed to the increase and hope Ipart supports the majority of residence in the Port Stephens area.

Kind regards

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