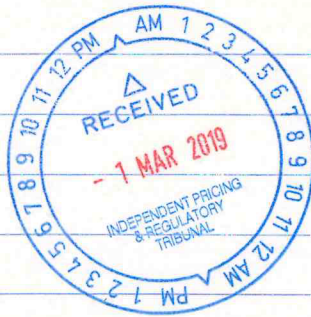




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Dear Sir or Madam,

We are writing to object to Port Stephens Council S.R.V. increase. We attended a meeting where the majority of the people apposed the increase apparently 78% of residents ~~disapp~~ disapprove. 7.5% increase over 7 years is appalling our friends & family cannot afford that. Pensioners, Retirees also speaking to young families they are struggling to make ends meet now. Most people we speak to ask that what we have now needs to be maintained, we have lovely sporting facilities etc. We ~~don't~~ don't object to a small increase 2-2.5%. Seven councillors voted to pass this 3 objected 2 were absent, with no consideration for the rate payers. The stress on many families, pensioners, retirees & Renters would be enormous. Hope you consider our views.

Yours Sincerely.

Wendy & Herb Stolk