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Submission: I feel Warringah's application for a 26% rate rise over the next few years is excessive. I am a 62 year old who has been out of work for 2 years and am having trouble finding work. My 30yr old son is unable to work as he has a mental illness and my daughter is studying full time. My husband earns for 4 adults. His wage will not go up by 26% in the next few years and we are already finding things unaffordable. The council has wasted money on a new logo which is very unpopular. I believe the council would be better to look at reducing administration costs or better managing with the normal rate rise. My husband will retire in the next few year and we are already worried about our living costs. A 26% rate rise will be unaffordable for many people especially older people and younger people with large mortgages.