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Submission: I want to lodge my objection to the special rate variation voted by CHCC. The overwhelming response was that rate payers do not want the increase. Our ratepayer funds have been wasted seeking the community engagement via electronic polls, phone polls & postcards, etc and although the response was a resounding NO, the councillors decided in favour of the increase. We appear to have a council full of members not listening to their rate payers. They happily waste our money running these polls and community engagement initiatives and then blatantly ignore the results. This rate increase will put more financial pressure on many of us rate payers. With excessive electricity bills, ridiculously over-inflated petrol costs and now a special rate variation that nobody wants, it makes it very difficult to have any funds left for anything else. Our council do not appear to be spending our money responsibly so I thoroughly object giving them more to waste. Our debt continues to grow yet a \$21,000 bonus is paid to the GM. You must be joking that this would ever be considered okay and that we'd happily throw more money in the jar to cover such ridiculous handouts. It's a very big NO from me and I ask IPART to be the responsible body listening to the voice of the community because our current council certainly isn't.