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Submission: I have followed the council's desire to increase the rates via a Special Variation. Checking on my rate increase, they would increase by 36% approx over the four years. Reading the information provided it appears the council has been living beyond its means for a number of years. I think before putting up rates they need to seriously look at their expenditure. Having owned a business for a number of years I would love to increase income by increasing the prices. In the real world this does not happen. Council has a monopoly so they believe instead of making the tough decisions they want an unreal increase in rates. I would like to object to the propose SRV.