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Submission: I believe that Port Stephens Shire Council needs to become more efficient and better manage the funds that they receive - rather than to "just increase their income"

Rate Payers have no way to just increase their incomes to pay THEIR expenses - they have to LIVE WITHIN THEIR MEANS.

When will Local Government and Government as a whole realise that the population is not a bottomless pit.

Port Stephens Council adopted a "Business Base Amount" as an extra rate for all business premises years ago - I presently pay 4 lots of \$1557.00 extra for the privilege of owning a commercial property - which only houses 2 businesses. As far as I can tell Port Stephens Shire Council have NOT DELIVERED any extra services to me for the extra \$6228 per year they collect from me via this levy - and I very much doubt they will deliver any extra services if given this special variation.

A large proportion of Tomaree Peninsular residence are retired and on Pensions / fixed incomes, this increase if approved will simply lower their standard of living.

I am vehemently opposed to this increase - which if approved I will have no choice but to pay, I will have no opportunity to shop for a better deal, or in any way mitigate the extra expense.