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Submission: Dear IPART member,

I am opposed to the proposed Special Rate Variation that Port Stephens Council has submitted to IPART.

Sadly the Majority of the Council members, including the Mayor, have chosen to ignore the overwhelming response of ratepayer's submissions, petitions, phone line polls and community meetings against this proposal. More than 70% of residents who contacted the council were opposed to the rate rise, including 75% of residents in a phone poll.

I am opposed to this variation as it is excessive! There is a huge financial impact on the ratepayers.

How do the people of our community-minded town trust a Mayor and many Councillors who have said that they will listen to the people, when they clearly have not.

"Revitalisation" of our municipality does not include sacrificing the aesthetics of our beautiful coastal town. Much of what is on the Council's wish list, does not reflect the wishes of its constituents.

Thank you

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