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Submission: As self funded retirees the Special Rate Variation proposed by Port Stephens Council would severely impact on my wife and myself financially. We simply would find the significant proposed rate rise would place unnecessary strains on our financial position and would greatly impact on the lifestyle choice we have made after over 85 years combined work life. Council already charges a hefty rate cost and should be accountable for living within its financial means.