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To: IPART Mailbox
Subject: Proposed Shoalhaven City Council Rate Increase

Good morning,

I am writing to voice my opposition to Shoalhaven City Council's application to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART).

The proposed 26% rate increase over 2 years is unfair and unaffordable. In our case, such a big rise will lead to financial hardship as although we work full time, coast wages mean we remain low income earners.

IPART need to know that our wages on the coast are not equal to our Sydney/Wollongong/Southern Highlands counterparts and as such, we simply can't afford such a rise! This is the Shoalhaven, not the Sutherland Shire - there's a big difference in available funds!

Please deny Council's request. Most of the City's ratepayers are strugglers and can't afford it.

Thank you
Billie-May Ewings
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