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Subject: Objections to shoalhaven city council rate rise

To whom it may concern,

I am a small business owner and a home owner and understand there has to be rises in line with CPI, what I don't understand and object to is a 25+% rise on our rates.

We employ 6 local people and a massive rise puts their jobs at risk as not only does it come through from the landlord in a rent rise but my living cost at home go up and wages being our biggest cost, everyone either loses hours or worst still I can't afford to employ 6 people and drop that to 5. Unemployed in the shoalhaven as you would know is one of the highest regions in NSW and I feel not enough thought has gone into the ripple effect of this rate rise.

I do feel an independent financial audit into how our funds are managed is called for to help capture wasted funds. If I put a price rise of 25+% in my business I would not last long and feel it my responsibility to watch every penny to secure the 6 jobs I have created and feel the same should be done with the funds shoalhaven city council manage on our behalf.

I do hope our voices are heard and commonsense prevails and the approved amount of 1.5% is adhered to.

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