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To Whom it May Concern: I wish to express my concerns that the exorbitant rate rise will have on families who are already struggling. The following amenities have already increased, putting a lot of strain on struggling families, Private Health, Electricity, Gas, Fuel, to name a few. If the powers to be think that it won't affect rental properties, then they need to think again as the landlords will not absorb this rise as it is in their interest to earn money from Rental Properties. We hear now of the Rental Rut, where people paying enormous rents can,t possibly save for a deposit on their own home, so therefore this will only get worse. The council boasts the rise in population, I can see people moving from the area so as to be able to afford to live. I moved here 4 years ago and like others checked on rates etc. to compare with other places and found it very comparable, but if this should happen, that certainly won't be the case. This will most definitely put a massive strain on our Wonderful Charity Organisations. I would like to think that much consideration be given to such a proposal, taking peoples livelihoods into consideration, especially those who are struggling to make ends meet now.