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Submission: Port Stephens application to increase our rates by 66% over 7 years is just not sustainable for us. We would have to move from the area. I think council needs to manage the money they already receive a lot better than they do. The infrastructure they would like to do is a WISH list of beautification, cycleways, fountains, and sports grounds. The flooding issues they have noted are not all the issues in the area, and flooding is a lot more important than there wish list. I would also like to add Newcastle council who was given the ok for their rate rise then went and spent \$94,000 on a lunch for charity. That should be looked into !