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Your submission for this review:
I do not understand why we, the ratepayers, have to continually write submissions objecting to the same thing a number of times? WHY? I have already written a submission :- " RE: Special Variations & Minimum Rates 2022-23 Our reference: W22/433 Thank you very much for your submission." so what is going on? This is a waste of time repeating myself when I would be saying exactly the same thing. My husband and my land rates have just gone up over 40%. Now the Council wants to double my storm water rates, even though we have a tank for our water, a septic for our sewerage, no drainage of any sort provided by the Council, especially NO storm water amelioration of any sort! No kerbing and guttering, No street lights, pot holes that swallow cars. This whole thing appears to be a fait accompli - the Council makes a decision to raise rates, applies to IPart - we are given an "opportunity" to make our objections known and then it goes absolutely nowhere! The "procedure" has been followed however, the result is a foregone conclusion. The Ratepayer has no rights and no-one to turn to. I have tried to contact Ipart - left my details as I did not manage to get through to a human being - no-one has called me back. What sort of service is that? When this process of the hugely burdened increase of both land and water rates commenced we had hopes that Ipart would be a just and democratic entity which would oversee the process IMPARTIALLY. This has not happened! SO - my submission is as follows. We do not want the water rates to rise because it has almost become a tipping point for many people's finances. We object strenuously and feel that we have been let down by Central Coast Council, the Local Government Department, the State Government and now Ipart!! P.S Where on the Ipart website are the submissions made already- I have not been able to find it as the link to the website just goes to the main page which gives no indication?? Transparency???????