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Your submission for this review:

Reasons for my rejection of Central Coast water rates increase. 1. Central Coast Council is currently under investigation via a public inquiry of the financial situation they are currently in. Whilst we are waiting for outcome of the inquiry, it has been very clearly evidenced that the financial situation is due to incompetent management. I believe that the council should not have any right for rate increases whilst under investigation. More so with incorrect and misleading information being supplied by council. 2. Council states that they are one of the largest councils and gives this reason for their rate increase reason. With a larger number of rate payers within a large council area significantly increases the amount of income generated to the council. Income / Costs ratio benefits council. 3. Central Coast Council recent general rate increase of 42% has resulted in financial hardship for myself, my family and many other Central Coast residents. The proposed water rate increase will simply push the dagger in for many of us all whilst council enjoys recently increased wages for themselves with no consideration to the struggling rate payers. 4. I do agree that the Central Coast water services are poor but this is due to council poor management and lack of due diligence not the lack of finances. Again simply poor management. Having a monopoly on water services should not allow council to call their own shots.