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I am protesting the proposed extraordinary rate rise sort by CHCC. of 23.79% over the years 2015 to 2017. With annual compounding this is a 25.7% increase on top of the normal pegged rate increases and way beyond what is necessary for this council to carry out its core activities. The growth of council staff over recent years is beyond the pale, the spending on non-core activities had diverted funds away from the core activities especially road maintenance. I have had second rate patch up jobs done on the busy road in front of my house seven times over the last couple of years and the road is breaking up again. With careful prioritising and the elimination of non-core spending including world trips by council delegations as an example a competent council can and should run a balanced budget without the need for extraordinary rate increases. I urge you not to allow this attempt to massively increase rates on the back of a very misleading so called consultation process by this council.