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The Manager,
IPART.
2-24 Rawson Street,
Sydney 2000.

Re: Rate increase Port Stephens Council (SRV).

It is understood Port Stephens Council has submitted for your approval a special rate increase of 7.5% p.a. for years 2019 to 2026 inclusive with such increase to continue permanently.

I formally lodge my objection to this substantial rate increase as it is considered far in excess of current CPI and will, in fact, compound substantially in excess of future anticipated CPI increases particularly in view of current cost of living pressures.

Whilst Council submission suggests "extensive community consultation" has been taken it has not advised your office of the results of a survey conducted last year which, I am lead to believe, resulted in: 14% of support for proposal and 72% against.

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application should therefore be declined.

The cumulative percentage increase of rates over the 7 year period is 65.9%, considered obscene, and again should not be condoned particularly in view of recent announcements from both major political parties regarding funding for country areas.

Yours faithfully

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R.B. McLean.

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