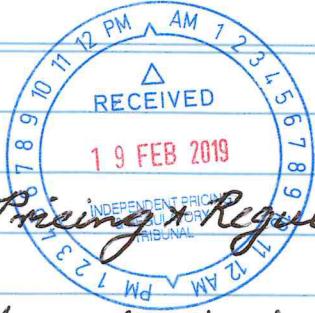


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Independent Pricing & Regulatory Tribunal

R.E. Special Rate Variation for Port Stephens Council

The majority of residents in Port Stephens Council area are either Retirees, Pensioners or Low income earners.

For the councillors agreeing to a $7\frac{1}{2}\%$ increase in council rates is just unfair when ratepayers are struggling now without an increase.

The council has a 20 million dollars legal bill that they expect the ratepayers to foot the bill for over the Lapoon Estate project in Nelson Bay over

There was also 500 thousand dollars allocated for a toilet & shower block at Karuah that has never come to fruition.

A perfectly good brick toilet & shower block at Janilba Bay that was knocked down & replaced with a corrugated iron toilet block with no shower

They are expecting ratepayers to pay an increase in rates when they waste money on projects that could be spent elsewhere for some benefit.

Thank you

Robert & Kerri Wilson

Please turn over

Port Stephens Mayor [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] decided to take a percentage of our rates with no consultation from the ratepayers to help pay for the rates of residents in the toxic red zone leaching from the R.A.A.F base Williamstown which we feel is a Federal Government responsibility.

Thank you