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Your submission for this review:

As a homeowner in what was the Gosford Council area I have just suffered a 43% rate increase due to no fault of my own, an impact caused by the incompetence of the Council management. I am a non-pensioner and do not receive any financial support from Government. My husband and I work hard to provide for our family. We pay our bills on time. I am aware Council is appealing IPARTs decision to raise rates for just 3 years - basically because they entered into a loan agreement on the basis of a 10 year rate increase and now theyre in breach of that loan agreement. Again, incompetence! Now they want to slug us further to claw back some extra funds under the water banner. This is another cash grab and one that, I for one & many other residents, can Ill afford to pay. I am happy with my water supply. We have never experienced any issues with our water quality or supply over the 20 years we have lived on the Central Coast and that time has been spent in several different locations (north and central). I am **STRONGLY** against this application. I feel Councillors have not explored all options to reduce their expenditure and make savings. It just seems an easy cash grab by stiffing the ratepayers further. Really, Im quite disgusted and appalled by their arrogance and actions.