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Subject: Re Port Stephens Council SVR

I would like to oppose the rate Rise.

Port Stephens council have been locked in a battle with lagoons estate and were advised that they could not win, they continued to poor vast amounts of ratepayer money into legal costs and as expected lost the case and have been very quiet in making the details public.

This council clearly does not listen to sound advise or its ratepayers who are against the Rise they have staged community consultation and say the majority are in support.

When asked the question on how the large legal bills will affect the SRV they duck for cover.

I would ask Ipart to carefully examine the practices of this council and to make them more efficient not give them more money. And lastly our region has a lot of battlers that are struggling with higher electricity, fuel water bill and this excessive could tip them over the edge.

I work hard for my money and are accountable council should do the same.

I attempted to use you online submission but after submitting it came back with errors and its unclear if you got it or not.