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Submission: I am a Coffs Harbour ratepayer and I am objecting to the proposed 2015/2016 rate rise Council has asked of IPART. I object to a unfair 16.5% cumulative increase over two years which will be permanently retained in the rate base. There has been at least a 71% objection by rate payers for the increase which council has ignored. Council has a record of waste and mismanagement and any rate increase will be easily wasted. There are a large number of pensioners and unemployed in our local area which will be unable to pay the increased rates. If the council requires additional funds to meet all the necessary expenditure, then it should cut costs in unnecessary areas and also implement a pay cut for employees not performing. The Coffs Harbour City Council should start spending rate payers money as though it had to earn it through hard work, like the rest of us. I wish to have my objection officially registered. Thanking you.