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Independent Pricing & Regulatory Tribunal
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Dear Sirs

PROPOSED RATE INCREASES BY PORT MACQUARIE –HASTINGS COUNCIL

We enclose copy of our letter of January 10 2012 to Port Macquarie Hastings Council rejecting all the Council's options for Rate increases.

This decision was reached following wide consultation with our members and the Lake Cathie Community.

We ask that you take our position into account in your deliberations into this matter.

Yours truly

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Jack Jones
Secretary

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Port Macquarie-Hastings Council
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SUBMISSION PROPOSED RATE INCREASES

Following an overwhelming vote at our 2011 Annual general Meeting that all the proposed Rate Increase Options be opposed we now lodge our submission formally opposing the increases.

Reasons for reaching this position include:

- A very large number of people in the LGA cannot afford these increases. These include many on low pension incomes, those currently unemployed (or only partially employed) and others with dependents such as children or invalid family members.
- We have also received input from a number of Business Owners whose turnover is down due to the current economic situation.
- Another Business Owner with a number of properties will have additional annual expense of \$50,000.00 in rates and says it will damage his financial position.
- In addition to the proposed rate increase residents have to deal with other increases in State and Federal Government charges. These include electricity, potential petrol price rises, future widespread impacts of the Carbon Tax and others.
- The feeling of the community is that Council should reduce its current expenses rather than look to the Ratepayers for additional funding.

Please lodge our opposition to all Rate Increase Options.

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