

Hepburn Shire Council higher cap application

Submission received via email

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Hi there, I'd like to oppose the 10% rate rise application from Hepburn shire.

I don't believe the community was consulted before they put in their application. Online we have seen a photo of a survey, which only about 300 people filled in, out of 16000 people that live in the Hepburn Shire. This isn't representative of the community as a whole. This survey also wasn't widely known about, most people online having never seen it.

Many people in the community simply cannot afford this increase. Many families are doing it hard. We are told by council many reasons for the increase, when we all know that the real reason is the purchase, part renovation, and sale at a loss of the Rex building.

My emails about Blackberries on council land have been ignored for over six months, and the seeds get dropped on my property. The toddler pool was shut all summer in Creswick. Our rubbish pick up has been halved, and we are forced to pay for a green bin when we live in the country and many of us make our own compost, yet the council always talks about sustainability? What am I paying for?

The people will not stand for this.