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THE ARGUMENT AGAINST COUNCIL RATE CAPS

This article provides an opinion from the Mayor of New Plymouth District that rates capping is not the way to address the country's infrastructure debt and proposes his own solution which starts with the consolidation of government departments and combining regional functions.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

[The argument against council rate caps | The Post](#)

COUNCIL RATE INCREASES OF UP TO 65% TOO MUCH, TAXPAYERS' UNION SAYS

This article announces that the Taxpayers' Union have released their annual report on the increases in Council Rates across the country. The article looks at councils with the highest increases and suggests that they should be economising.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

[Council rate increases of up to 65% too much, Taxpayers' Union says | RNZ News](#)

RATE CAPPING: 'YOU'VE GOT TO BE ABLE TO CONTROL THE COSTS FIRST' - ACT LEADER DAVID SEYMOUR

This article reports that the government is currently looking at ways to control rate rises and questions whether rate capping is an appropriate method.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

[Rate capping: 'You've got to be able to control the costs first' - ACT leader David Seymour | RNZ News](#)

COUNCIL'S \$3.1M RATES BLUNDER: NEW PLYMOUTH HOUSEHOLDS OVERCHARGED BY \$102

This article reports on a mistake made by New Plymouth District Council who incorrectly increased residential rates by 12.8% instead of 9.9%. The article advises that an extraordinary general meeting will shortly be held to consider the council's options.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

[Council's \\$3.1m rates blunder: New Plymouth households overcharged by \\$102 | Stuff](#)

COUNCIL RATES SINGLE LARGEST CONTRIBUTOR TO INFLATION

This article provides information about the rate of inflation including that a report by Stats NZ states that local authority rates and payments, which rose 12.2% in the year, were the largest single contributor to annual inflation.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

[Council rates single largest contributor to inflation - Inside Government NZ](#)

YOUR WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL RATES EXPLAINED

This article provides information for Wellington City Council ratepayers in advance of the issue of rates notices for the new financial year. The information includes: what rates pay for; how rates are set; how rates are calculated; whether there is help for financial hardship; all about revaluations etc.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

[Your Wellington City Council rates explained - News and information - Wellington City Council](#)

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