

Name	Have your say
David Sherlock	<p>In reference to the doubling of the fire and emergency levy by the State Government and the lack of consultation with our councils. I would like to comment on this issue.</p> <p>There seems to be only one answer to all service providers, may it be government, councils and other utility providers, that is to increase cost substantially. This is not helpful to the cost of living, where do you think people are going to find the money for all these extra costs.</p> <p>The Fire and Emergency should not be on our rates notices at all. People pay enough taxes to State and Federal Governments to fund this service without people having to pay extra.</p> <p>It is all about getting your priorities in order, it would better to fund emergency services for all the people of Tasmania rather than build a stadium for only a handful of people. This project will only run the State Government into greater debt than it is already in, because of bad management. Look after what you have, not what you want, get your priorities right and move away from greed.</p> <p>Over the past two decades with all of the adversity of flood and fire, there has been many inquests relating to these incidents, it all comes back to lack of funding by state and federal governments for these services. Why? You have ample taxpayers' money to fund a proper fire and emergency service, but you choose not to put this as a priority, you bleed our pockets for more money and still these services do not improve. People's lives, properties and infrastructures are all lost, and lives shattered.</p> <p>One day the insurance companies will throw their hands in the air and say no more. There are already many people with no insurance because it is unaffordable. As governments your job it is to look after your people, who fund everything, your job is to use our tax money in a proper manner, not waste it on things of no real value. You only add to the stress of our lives, what is wrong with you people?</p> <p>State and Federal Governments have become distracted and distant from your people.</p> <p>Regards from an ordinary rate paying person David William Sherlock</p>