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LETTERS

Land tax claim is misleading

SIR – Your article, Land tax hits (*Examiner* March 2), highlighting increases in land tax bills of 50 per cent in the Port Stephens area is a State-wide phenomenon.

It makes the government's claim in November that only \$12 million extra would be raised in land tax this year grossly misleading and deceptive.

We have estimated \$300 million extra will be raised this year and have lodged a complaint with the Auditor General to prevent this rip off occurring.

The government saw fit to increase the threshold in January.

It should now act to lower the rate of taxation from 1.7 per cent to a level that will enable it to collect what it said it would - and not one cent more.

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