

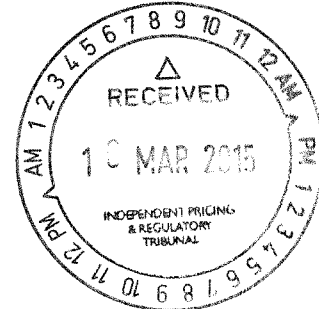
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BALLINA SHIRE COUNCIL PROPOSED RATE INCREASE

Dear Sir,

I am taking the time and effort to write to you about my objections to any further rate increase. This year I am paying \$2067.08 for rates per annum. I am a single Pensioner and finding it more and more difficult to keep up with these increases. When we moved here from Manly (Sydney) Council area - my husband was still with me, and with the 2 pensions we could keep our heads above water. Now that my husband died nearly 2 years ago, I am really struggling financially, and considering moving into a Retirement Village. I do not want to do this as my home is comfortable and has all the memories that go with it.

May I also add that living in the Manly area in Sydney our rates were much cheaper than Ballina plus we got many more services for our rates. Like 2 garbage collections each week, Street sweeping weekly plus an extra big clean up collection every 3 months at no extra cost. We get no such benefits in Ballina. It costs at least \$16 to take a small amount of excess to our Council Tip here if necessary.

I feel Ballina Shire Council must be inept at managing our money. Not planning ahead and putting funds aside to cope with extra expenses that normally crop up each year. We the poor rate payers have got to foot the bill for their poor management.

In short I am opposed to the Rate increase.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours faithfully,

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