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Submission: I strongly object to the request for a 16% incremental rate increase for the ratepayers of Coffs Harbour LGA. I have lived & paid rates for 35 years in Coffs Harbour and am recently re-trenched. I am paying \$720.00 per quarter. I cannot afford to pay further increases and stay in my home. I speak to many people who feel the same way & have recently voted unanimously NOT to increase the rates. Please do not disregard this democratic process & result. This area has a low socio-economic base, high unemployment, high percentage of retirees. Perhaps Council should look at letting private enterprise take over some areas of business i.e. Sports facilities/promotions; Tourism; Management of community buildings i.e. art galleries etc. Local Govt is trying to do too much these days and needs to get back to basics like kerbing & guttering, footpaths, roads, water & sewer. Regards [REDACTED]