

Message: 2015/71533

From: [REDACTED]
To: recordsmbx
Cc:
Sent: 3/11/2015 at 1:14 AM
Received: 3/11/2015 at 1:14 AM
Subject: Rate rise

Singleton Council are you for real, people cant even pay their water bill let alone a rate rise. You chose to upgrade the main street which cost millions maybe u should of put that towards everyday costs of running the community, i for one am completly against a rate rise, how dare you spend money on the main street and then flack the burden on rate payers, you should really question the fact you can justify your pay rate, really wake up, our community does not need your narrow minded views that a struggling community can afford a rate rise, grow up n look where your spending money. I object to any rate rise or if it happens feel free to come and maintain my yard once a week, time to start culling council jobs or start doing what our town needs, feel free to have a picnic at Burdekin Park, please forward this at your next meeting

Strongly opposing and extremly dissapointed of the suggestion of a rate rise, singleton deserves much better.

[REDACTED]
Sent from my iPhone

Message: 2015/73054

From: [REDACTED]
To: [recordsmbx](#)
Cc:
Sent: 9/11/2015 at 5:45 PM
Received: 9/11/2015 at 5:46 PM
Subject: Special Rate Variation

Hi, i am a rate payer in Singleton. I object to the proposed increase of almost 10% per year for the next four years.

I am happy to increase rates with inflation or by small percentages to increase services or meet shortfalls in services, however this proposed increase is far too high.

The increased cost on top of cost of living rises makes continuing to live and own a house in singleton unsustainable.

The proposed increase would put myself and many others in financial hardship.

I hope you reconsider this rise.

[REDACTED]

Message: 2015/72853

From: [REDACTED]
To: [recordsmbx](#)
Cc:
Sent: 9/11/2015 at 10:09 AM
Received: 9/11/2015 at 10:10 AM
Subject: Rate Increase

I just writing in regards to something I have been told about a proposed 9.75% rate increase per year for 4 years. Is this true.

Regards
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

Message: 2015/73332

From: [REDACTED]
To: [recordsmbx](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Sent: 10/11/2015 at 2:07 PM
Received: 10/11/2015 at 2:07 PM
Subject: Rates increase 2016/2017

I would like special rate variation I cannot afford my rates to go up any higher. I can't afford the 9.75 increase. This is my voice email to you singleton council. No increase please single income family

[REDACTED]

Message: 2015/73864

From: [REDACTED]
To: recordsmbx
Cc:
Sent: 12/11/2015 at 11:38 AM
Received: 12/11/2015 at 11:38 AM
Subject: OBJECTION - proposed rate rise

The General Manager
Singleton Council
PO Box 314
SINGLETON NSW 2330

Proposed multi-year special rate variation of 9.75% for each year for a period of four years from 1 July 2016

I am writing to you as a rate payer and Singleton resident to voice my strong opposition to the proposed multi-year special rate variation of 9.75% for each year for a period of four years from 1 July 2016. The rate rise as outlined in the Council Improvement Proposal is not acceptable.

Council's mismanagement of funds and inability to undertake projects within a timely manner and within budget constraints should not continue to be pushed upon the rate payers of the Singleton Local Government Area.

Did we not in recent years have a rate increase to cover road repairs? So why are we again being asked to continue to pay higher rates when our properties are not accessible by road due to the fact that Council do not maintain the roads? Particularly RURAL roads. Our road is in a disgraceful state and is virtually accessible via 4WD. Yet, you expect us to continue to put our hands in our pocket to pay for basic services and infrastructure that you are unable to fund due to the inability of the Council to manage funds and projects. Perhaps review of the management system and employees at the Council would be a more appropriate course of action.

I categorically object to the proposed rate rise.

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Message: 2015/74111

From: [REDACTED]
To: [recordsmbx](#)
Cc:
Sent: 13/11/2015 at 2:00 AM
Received: 13/11/2015 at 2:00 AM
Subject: "Special Rate Variation"

The General Manager, Singleton Council,

I have lived in Singleton for pretty much all my life.
I have been a rate payer in Singleton for over 15 years.

I am 100% against any "special" increase in rates.

Singleton Council should be looking at ways to cut costs internally, just like any business that has increasing costs.

Have a look at every coal mine in the area that has had a significant decrease in revenue due to the price of coal falling.
What have they done about this? They have restructured, applied internal cost reduction strategies, reduced waste etc etc.

Expecting the ratepayers of Singleton to just pay more for the same services is unacceptable.

I will be very disappointed in Singleton Council if the increases are applied.

Regards
[REDACTED]

Message: 2015/74112

From: [REDACTED]
To: [recordsmbx](#)
Cc:
Sent: 13/11/2015 at 7:22 AM
Received: 13/11/2015 at 7:24 AM
Subject: Special rate variation

I do not agree with the proposed srv proposal for 2016/17 I think the amount suggested is way to bigger increase especially for the businesses, these are the people that work hard to draw people into the area, and the hardest hit, so for me I say leave it at the 2.5 percent and stop wasting money on unnecessary expenditures, like 1800 compost bins that I'm sure only 1 or 2 percent of would be getting used Regards [REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

Message: 2015/74114

From: [REDACTED]
To: [recordsmbx](#)
Cc:
Sent: 13/11/2015 at 7:59 AM
Received: 13/11/2015 at 7:59 AM
Subject: Rates increase

The rates increasing will impact this town dramatically as home owners are struggling enough with the mining downturn and the costs of living let alone another 9.75% more for the rates and to think when you did the main street upgrade you did not keep the money in town by hiring out of town contractors so for a council that wants more money out of local homeowners but cant support local company's and workers is pretty unreasonable!!!

I hope you listen to peoples reasons and not have already made a definate decision

Yours Sincerely

[REDACTED]

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Message: 2015/74142

From: [REDACTED]
To: [recordsmbx](#)
Cc:
Sent: 13/11/2015 at 10:41 AM
Received: 13/11/2015 at 10:42 AM
Subject: Special Rate Variation

My response in accordance with Council's questionnaire form is

Age - 50

Gender - male

Suburb - Singleton

Preferred option - Base Case

Services/projects changed, reduced or not delivered -

Privatise childcare

Privatise livestock markets

Privatise library

Privatise gym/swim

Planning and development services to be run as customer service with pro development approach with less red tape

Less staff

Less senior managers

Less regulation

Less Loans

Less money wastage on silly projects such as fishing rod lamp poles in John St

Less unnecessary and unwarranted legal expenses

Less expenses on consultants for wasteful projects such as "Placemaking", instinct and reason's Community Engagement Strategy, "Securing our Future" etc

There have been far too many special rate increases in Singleton during the past 15 years.

Council has forgotten that it had special (extraordinary ie above the normal rate increases) rate increased rates in 2002 (about 10%) , 2006 (about 9%) and 2014 (about 5%).

And now it wants to add another 45% to the previous 24% - enough is enough!

Council needs to tighten its belt just as the community has had too in this

difficult economic time.

Unfortunately Council has not taken appropriate measures to secure our local government area for the mining industry downturn which had been foreshadowed in strategic planning from before 2000.

Instead of helping and assisting tourism and other economic drivers to flourish it has done everything over the past 10 years to stymie and thwart development through strategic planning instruments and development policies that have had a devastating impact upon our area. Look at how much development is now prohibited through the current LEP compared to the 1996 version which assisted the local economy to thrive.

Council's development planners have recently taken a total anti-development approach to all applications in the Singleton area.

We are now reaping the results of that incompetence.

15 years ago Cessnock Council was well known as the basket case of the Hunter Region as regards Council performance.

Today it is Singleton whilst Cessnock has had a vast improvement.

It is high time we had proper leadership both at elected and management positions in Singleton.

A 45% total rate rise is not warranted and definitely not wanted.

The ratepayers of Singleton deserve better.

If Council sees that it can only address the Fit for the Future reform by increasing taxes then it is apparent to all that it should surrender (resign) and let more competent people manage our area.

Message: 2015/74279

From: [REDACTED]
To: [recordsmbx](#)
Cc:
Sent: 13/11/2015 at 3:03 PM
Received: 13/11/2015 at 3:03 PM
Subject: Proposed rate increase for Singleton residents

Dear Sir

I have noticed something which is quite misleading in your brochure

"Securing Our Future"

On page 6 you have the proposed annual rate with a 9.75% increase per year for the

next 5 years. You should have stated the annual rate increase on top of what we already pay

so we could get a truer picture of what we will have to pay. At the end of 2020, \$1098.00 on top

of what we already pay for me being a pensioner, would be well over \$2000.00 and you can be sure

it won't end there.

Do you realise that is over \$40.00 per week we would have to take out of the pension just for rates

not to mention electricity, food, car rego/insure. medical funds etc.

Yes we get a pensioner rebate but they would be still over the \$2000 plus mark. Please inform me if I have

worked this out wrong but I don't think so.

I would like you to outline what services would have to go if rates just go up by the base rate of 2.5%

One of the items listed in your brochure is \$11.2 million town centre revitalisation which council kept

telling us was money which they had secured from a special grant and could not be used on anything else.

I don't think that should be listed when the money was already there for that project.

There are many items listed as achievements in the last 4 years. Surely some of these could be cut back.

Why must it be almost 10% why can't it be 5% still making it a fair increase?

I am not in favour of the 9.75% increase in our rates

Yours faithfully



13/11/15

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [recordsmbx](#)
Cc:
Sent: 14/11/2015 at 7:39 PM
Received: 14/11/2015 at 7:39 PM
Subject: Rates increase

With regards to the proposed special rates increase it should be considered that times have and are changing and if it is cheaper for the rate payer where services are still maintained or bettered then I would vote for amalgamation. The time for tradition and sentiment has past and it is no longer a valid argument for sustaining a system that becomes no longer effective in todays economic climate.

Regards [REDACTED]

Message: 2015/74361

From: [REDACTED]
To: [recordsmbx](#)
Cc:
Sent: 15/11/2015 at 3:40 PM
Received: 15/11/2015 at 3:40 PM
Subject: "Special Rate Variation"

Securing our future !

As I do not have a crystal ball & I do not agree with some of your policies I only can tell you about the present .

I have two investment properties in singleton ; over the last 3 years the revenue has dropped by close to 40%

The value of those properties has hardly gone up , but the maintenance cost is gone through the roof , the way I see it there is nothing to ref one about it " I HOPE THE SHORT TERM FUTURE " looks better than that & is secure .

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]

Message: 2015/74557

From: [REDACTED]
To: [recordsmbx](#)
Cc:
Sent: 16/11/2015 at 11:32 AM
Received: 16/11/2015 at 11:32 AM
Subject: Special Rate Variation

Age: 52

Gender: Female

Suburb: Broke, Rural Residential (I live on 25 acres outside of Broke)

My preferred option to secure our future is:

p Base Case - increase rates by the NSW Government's rate peg of approximately 2.5% per year

I don't think many people in the Singleton area will be able to afford your 9.75% per year increase, and it will only drive businesses out of the Singleton area.

Message: 2015/74595

From: [REDACTED]
To: [recordsmbx](#)
Cc:
Sent: 16/11/2015 at 12:30 PM
Received: 16/11/2015 at 12:30 PM
Subject: Proposed multi-year special rate variation of 9.75% for each year for a period of four years from 1 July 2016 - OBJECTION

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Due to the most recent floods we have had major roads and bridges out forcing us to drive longer distances and increased wear and tear as well as extra fuel cost- we are still paying full rates when it should be subsidised until our main road is back in full working order.

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Kind Regards

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To: [recordsmbx](#)
Cc:
Sent: 16/11/2015 at 12:42 PM
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Subject: Proposed multi-year special rate variation of 9.75% for each year for a period of four years from 1 July 2016

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [recordsmbx](#)
Cc:
Sent: 16/11/2015 at 5:16 PM
Received: 16/11/2015 at 5:16 PM
Subject: FW: Rate rise

[REDACTED]

Subject: Rate rise
Date: Mon, 16 Nov 2015 12:33:57 +1100

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SINGLETON NSW 2330

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Did we not in recent years have a rate increase to cover road repairs? So why are we again being asked to continue to pay higher rates when our properties are not accessible by road due to the fact that Council do not maintain the roads? Particularly RURAL roads. the value,s of our properties and homes values are continually falling.

Eighteen years ago i raised with council the need for Singleton to create a sustainable future , this could have been done by ensuring any mining development or operation sign up to a hardwood forest plantation scheme . we could have been enjoying this now as an alternative to mining. the facts are 50% of those people who work in mining in our area and cause the dust impacts do not have to live here and put up with the dust .

I seen first hand how obstructive your planning department is with its hindering of local businesses in particular existing shops being targeted by your council officers.
the people of Singleton should be subsidized for their rates not burdened by paying more.

Their are quite a few areas funds could be saved ie: New Vehicle purchases each year considering most cars and trucks come with a 5 to 7 year warranty why do we have a need to purchase new staff Vehicles every year or two.

I categorically object to the proposed rate rise.

Kind Regards



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Message: 2015/74702

From: [REDACTED]
To: [recordsmbx](#)
Cc:
Sent: 17/11/2015 at 12:14 AM
Received: 17/11/2015 at 12:15 AM
Subject: Proposed rate increases

General Manager

As a resident of Singleton for 40 years now, as I was born and bread in Sungleton and a family thdt has been in Singleton for 100 years or so, I think the rate rise disgusting.

Singleton is already a costly town to live in, with your rates, tip fees, and fuel etc I'm sure they think because of the mines around us we are doing well. But with the down turn in mining a lot of companies like the one I work for are putting any CPI increases and/or wage increases on hold. So what you are proposing, may just drive families like mine out of the area.

If we need to fit for the future maybe we should have not spent 12 million on the Main Street , or the ridiculous amount on Bridgman/Dunolly roads instead putting that money aside and be already fit for the future.

Regards

[REDACTED]

Message: 2015/74974

From: [Rogers, Ruth](#)
To: [Bourke, Larissa](#)
Cc:
Sent: 13/11/2015 at 9:15 PM
Received: 13/11/2015 at 9:15 PM
Subject: Fwd: Proposed Rate Increases

Hi Larissa

Can you please submit this on trim

Regards

Ruth

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

[REDACTED]
Date: 13 November 2015 7:48:19 am AEDT

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Proposed Rate Increases

To Singleton Councillors,

I commend the Singleton Councillors and Council staff for their good work supporting the community and Council services.

I am however dismayed at the prospect of a rate increase that far exceeds inflation and implore you to keep any rate increases in line with CPI.

You would understand that very few Singleton businesses or residents are in a position to increase their income to offset rate increases, therefore a rate increase is in effect diminishing the standard of living for local residents.

With this in mind, if Council cannot maintain services with productivity increases and rates increasing in line with CPI, which of course should be the priority, then I would wholeheartedly agree with a reduction in services beyond the basics of roads, waste removal and water supply. Many Council services, other than roads, waste removal and water supply, have a small and diminishing user base. As difficult as it may be to reduce or eliminate these services such a reduction is what I support as an alternative to rate increases beyond inflation.

All the best in your deliberations. Â Â

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[REDACTED]

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Message: 2015/75266

From: [REDACTED]
To: [recordsmbx](#)
Cc:
Sent: 18/11/2015 at 2:33 PM
Received: 18/11/2015 at 2:33 PM
Subject: Special Rate Variation

To Whom it may concern

In relation to your letter in regards to the special rate variance, I would like to express my opposition to them.

Having lived in this town for almost 15 years and being a rate payer for the last 6 of those years, I feel that we are getting ripped off.

How are we attract people to this town if we are going to raise rates above rates from towns that are closer to more services etc? It's not really sending

A message to business or people of "come to Singleton" is it?

My other concerns are, in your glossy pamphlet it mentions the average rates are around the \$833 mark. We have purchased

2 homes here and both rates have been well over \$1600, (we only have one home) I feel this is very misleading and confusing. Also on page 6 about the impact of the SRV, its says in one paragraph that the 9.75% per annum from 2016/17 is for the next 4 years, then retained permanently in the rates, the next spreadsheet says the 9.75% commencing in 2016 & then expires in 2017??

Other concerns are, we don't seem to get value for money, i.e.: Although the John street upgrade seems to be Ok, the quality of the road leaves much to be desired as does Pioneer road that has been falling apart since it was built...yes I know this was a problem with the builders, but why is it taking so long to fix? Other councils with lower rates give out free domestic waste vouchers also, but not 1, other councils give their ratepayers up to 4.

Having lived all of our time here in the heights, I cannot believe the total lack of vision for this area. It's disgraceful in this day and age.

More than half the population live in the heights, just about all of the land released has been up here, yet we still only half a small shopping centre with limited provisions and car parking dramas/accidents. All we here is rumours and hearsay about "supposedly" being built structures on Bridgeman road - this should of been thought of years ago.

We came from a town of 5000 people that has better infrastructure than here.

Maybe you need to look at the waste over the years and think about things further down the track before building things and then ripping them up to be rebuilt - i.e.: the money spent on paving in John street that was ultimately redone, and Ryan avenue lighting and guttering, which will also be ripped up and redone as part of the town down revitalisation.

If the rates do go up the amount you want, we will be moving out of the area, it costs more to live here in the first place with goods/services/petrol etc, we might as well live down Newcastle or the Lake & travel for work. A pity because we like the town and people.

Regards



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Message: 2015/75372

From: [REDACTED]
To: [recordsmbx](#)
Cc:
Sent: 18/11/2015 at 4:18 PM
Received: 18/11/2015 at 4:18 PM
Subject: Special Rate Variation

Age: 38
Gender: Male
Suburb: Singleton Heights

I prefer the base case and suggest a reduction in building & infrastructure asset renewal.

Message: 2015/75437

From: [REDACTED]
To: [recordsmbx](#)
Cc:
Sent: 18/11/2015 at 5:08 PM
Received: 18/11/2015 at 5:08 PM
Subject: Special Rate Variation

Hello,

In regard to the special rate variation proposed by council, I have the following submission.

It is not reasonable to expect rate payers to wear an increase in rates of 9.75% per year for four years. Whilst understanding that the council needs to increase rates, surely the burden of additional revenue required should be a balance between rate increases and changes to services/projects.

Why not find a hybrid model, where some unnecessary initiatives are scrapped (e.g. any in the same nature as recent the compost bin initiative) and cut back to the bare necessities like every other business affected by financial problems has done, and only increase rates marginally above the normal peg (e.g. 4% per year for 4 years).

It is clear that not every option has been looked into, since the "have your say" form only includes either/or, rather than a balanced model.

A rise of 9.75% per annum is clearly not taking into consideration the deteriorating financial position of families in our region, who are affected by the downturn of the general economy and mining in particular.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

Message: 2015/75485

From: [REDACTED]
To: recordsmbx
Cc:
Sent: 19/11/2015 at 2:13 AM
Received: 19/11/2015 at 2:13 AM
Subject: question regarding rates

Dear Sir/Madam

I recently received a flyer from council talking about a special rate variation and claiming that the average singleton suburban rates are \$833 pa. therefore with the special rate rise I would be paying \$1127 by 2020. Given that my rates are currently over \$1600 pa I am confused as to where your figures come from? If the rate rises you suggest go ahead what would my rates actually be? Because 40% more on \$1600 is about \$2250 by my reckoning? I cannot support such huge rises especially given the drop in home values since I purchased my house meaning it is currently worth nearly \$70,000 less than I paid for it.

I will be interested to hear your reply.

Regards

[REDACTED]

Message: 2015/75488

From: [REDACTED]
To: [recordsmbx](#)
Cc:
Sent: 19/11/2015 at 5:45 AM
Received: 19/11/2015 at 5:47 AM
Subject: Special rate variation feedback

Hi,

I would be happy to pay extra rates if I knew that the money was going to benefit all residents in singleton, if a shortlist of works to be completed using the extra rates was compiled.

One of those works with immediate priority should be upgrading acacia cct. I live on acacia cct and it is a very unsafe road because of poor design and lack of safety controls. Money needs to be provided to slow vehicles down, give pedestrians safety and residents along acacia cct some respite from the noisy road. I believe it is only a matter of time before a tragedy occurs, the number of mums pushing prams, young children on bikes, mixing with large volumes of traffic is a disaster waiting to happen.

A couple of weeks ago, council painted lines at the intersection of acacia cct and Burbank close, I couldn't believe that council did not mark the rest of acacia cct! This would keep drivers in their lanes and at least make them think about the path they were travelling and hopefully slow them down. My suggestions for acacia cct are as follows, smooth bitumen surface to reduce noise - it is like this further down acacia cct, why can't all residents benefit from this? Line markings, a roundabout at casey drive intersection to slow drivers down and a footpath on the park side for pedestrians to use.

It seems ridiculous to me that with the approval of Burbank estate, upgrading acacia cct hasn't been made a priority. There was an accident at the casey drive intersection a couple of years ago where a resident was t-boned as they tried to exit their driveway and had to be cut out of their car. This is a suburban road, we shouldn't have to be concerned for our children and our own personal safety.

Looking forward to your response.

Kind regards,
[REDACTED]

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To: [recordsmbx](#)
Cc:
Sent: 19/11/2015 at 3:29 PM
Received: 19/11/2015 at 3:29 PM
Subject: Special Rate Variation

Base Case only.

1 There is a reason the State Govt. have kept the increases each year to 2.5%

2 Council cannot expect to go to ratepayers each time for an increase, enough is enough.

3 We have to start living within our means, that is Council and ultimately rate-payers.

Singleton is financially depressed at the moment, and we cannot afford a substantial increase as proposed. The Council has to be even more creative in the services they provide, or services cut. A line has to be drawn in the sand. Council would be well aware of what businesses and rate-payers are going through.

The housing market is a good example, it is really depressed at the moment. I will sell an investment property in town for \$20,000 less than I paid for it 11 years ago.

I believe Council is out of step in asking rate-payers at this time for an increase.

If services are cut, I will leave it to you, you will have your plan B and are better informed on this subject than I.

Keep pushing the tourism strategy for the future, something has to replace our reliance on mining.

A resounding NO.





Message: 2015/75597

From: [REDACTED]
To: [recordsmbx](#)
Cc:
Sent: 19/11/2015 at 4:06 PM
Received: 19/11/2015 at 4:06 PM
Subject: Special Rate Variation

The General Manager,

Lindy Hyam,

My preferred option is for retaining the Base Case.

Reasons for my decision are as follows:-

I am a pensioner who doesn't claim a pensioner rebate residing on [REDACTED] Road Howes Valley and to date none of your achievements over the past 4 years have given me any benefit that I am aware of.

Council currently provides no garbage collection, no sewerage service that I pay a fee for, no electricity supply, no water supply and even though I am approximately 800 metres from [REDACTED] Road I get to enjoy the dust from the road whenever the predominant westerly winds blow.

The only concession I appear to have received is a rather large expensive sign on Commission Road stating that Council doesn't provide any maintenance to the road for the rates all of us out here pay for.

I would also like Council to note I did previously vote in favour of the previous one off special rate variation in the hopes of gaining some maintenance on [REDACTED] Road.

Regards

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 20 November 2015 4:23 PM
To: recordsmbx
Subject: Fwd: Special Rate Variation

Hello General Manager.

I think the statement on Pg 2 of today's Argus pretty much sums up why the majority of residents will tell you to stick your rate increase. Asking people in these current times to increase their payments by 45% while advertising the fact you have \$76.5MAUD squirrelled away in cash and investment is a joke.

Singleton Council's mission statement has the word "efficient" in it. (definition: "achieving maximum productivity with minimum wasted effort or expense") Not really a relevant statement is it if you are asking all rate payers to cough up an extra 45%.

A manager can normally forecast and budget well enough to avoid hitting its customers with a 45% rate increase over 4 years. I'm pretty sure that's why the government has set their cap at 2.5% currently because they expect that should be increase enough with the right management of rates funds.

A manager should be able to look at other ways to reduce costs in his / her business. Extending your company car replacement policy out "up to" 3 years? How about driving your own car to work and sharing vehicles.

How about divesting some of Council's investments?

Cash and investments

Council's overall cash and investments position has increased from \$75.85 million at the end of 2012/13 to \$80.29 million at the end of 2013/14. All of Council's cash is restricted in its use to specific purposes by external bodies, legislation and Council resolutions, with the level of unrestricted cash and investments remaining nil.

How about reducing your road crew size so only 3 people hold a shovel up instead of 6. How about not resealing roads that don't need resealing? or sealing the dirt section on Pioneer road instead? Roads like Glass Parade are costing your customers extra money in tyres and wear and tear. I know there is a legal matter with Glass Parade but how about you fix the road for your customers and then chase your cost recovery? I'm sure Council would have approved the road design before it was constructed so without facts on the legal problem one can only assume the council is ultimately responsible.

Are you even running the council like a business that has customers? If a business can not afford to operate then it makes harsh decisions internally like the business I work for has constantly over the last few years. It does not ask its customers to pay 45% more for the same service.

Your propaganda / leaflet (Securing Our Future) cost rate payers money to print and distribute so you could sell a sales pitch and pat your own back on what a good job you have done in recent years, Where is the detail on your budget blow outs and poor spending decisions? The printed rate figures are miss calculated. You state Rural Residential will be \$1511.79 via a 34.28% increase in the 2019/20 period!! Our rates for the 15/16 period are already stated @ \$1919.50 yet your reported average is \$1125.82 for the same period. Where are the lucky rural residential owners paying the lowest side of that bell curve @ <\$500.00. And if it wasn't for the mines 35.5% contribution how high would our rates be then and why?

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE

\$1,919.50

what impact would

Proposed average annual rate with a 9.75%

Rate category	2015/16	2016/17
Residential Urban	\$811.95	\$884.95
Residential Rural Residential	\$1,125.82	\$1,237.82
Residential Village	\$541.76	\$592.76
Residential Ordinary	\$810.78	\$886.78

The IPART report that has underpinned this rate hike clearly states:

IPART found that structural changes could achieve similar or larger improvements to council's income and reduce the need for rate increases, limiting the impact of higher rates on the community.

Councils have put up rates rather than merge, and this is not the best option available

Many councils prepared business cases that showed mergers would benefit the community but chose not to proceed.

No one i talk to about the John St upgrade has anything positive to say. The bats have destroyed a beautiful park with a long legacy despite a 69 page paid for GHFF report on the problem with various suggested options of control. You are paying a company to study and report on the towns drainage?? What will you do if they tell you that John St drainage is not up to spec after its just been modified. How much is the cost for this study?

There are repeated messages on social media about Lake St Clair (a possible revenue generator) and you do nothing after paying for a very detailed full report on the area. Council increased nearly 5MAUD in cash and investment over the 12 month period yet a report on St Clair says for 3.8MAUD over 7 years it could be turned around into a must see destination and revenue generator but you cry you can not afford it.

You allow heavy industry (semi trailers, B Doubles, forklifts etc..... to interact with normal traffic on Bridgeman Rd.) The whole road has to stop in both directions when these vehicles enter and exit the property, they do not wait for the right timing they just pull in and out taking up both lanes. Do we need another school bus crash in this area for you to do something? Not that anything appropriate has been done at the Kelso / Church St intersection. Any nuffy can see that Kelso street is a main artery into town yet you left the stop signs affecting that traffic flow.

Ohh surprise surprise the tipping of waste at the tip has reduced so the revenue is down. Maybe a large portion of that is to do with your recent price gouging to tip waste?

You have to improve allot before i trust your judgment on anything, and even further before i want to increase my already high rates paid to you by a further 45%.

My vote is for BASE CASE. I also wish to be sent a detailed list of services you propose will require service level changes or stopped service all together.

Other points

- No right turn light for North traffic exiting Bridgeman Rd onto highway.
- A historical park ruined by bats that get watered by the fire service on hot days. I get that the NPWS act says we cant harm them, It doesn't say we have to intervene with mother nature too try and save them though using rate payers money.

- Glass parade shambles costing users money.
- Kelso/Church street intersection modification not suitable
- Having to pay to register a pet that is already registered and micro chipped with the Vet.
- Miss calculated current and future rates reported in your hand out
- 5% increase already added to base rate this period for road maintenance.
- 9.19% already added for parks and facilities management in 2006. What was the town population in 2006 v 10 years later?
- You knew 15 years ago that your rate variation from 2002 was going to expire.
- An accident waiting to happen on Bridgeman rd with allowed heavy industry operating off it main stream traffic area.
- What happens if Council does not meet its "fit for the future" requirements? What are your perceived negative impacts of merging with other council areas other than job losses for you.
- What is Councils Infrastructure Backlog Ratio and what assets require what upgrades to meet who's definition of "Satisfactory Condition"
- What is Councils current operating expenditure / Population and what is the target for 15/16
- Higher fuel and grocery prices than other towns.
- Lets not forget "the" court case that we paid for over the Code of Conduct issue with Paul Nichols.
- Wattle ponds Rd. New lines marked after several years without any. Weeks later you reseal over the top. That equals non efficient.
- Where can i find the report on the Price Waterhouse Cooper's review on Singleton councils performance against other councils.
- Out of interest, what stage is the Lake St Clair master plan at? \$3.8MAUD over 7 years?? Im sure the community would have voted for that over a 12MAUD town centre cafe strip with dangerous parking.

Improvement Program

To achieve the desired outcomes an improvement program capital investment of \$3.8m over 7 years.

Looking Forward to your timely reply

Best regards



Message: 2015/76115

From: [REDACTED]
To: [recordsmbx](#)
Cc:
Sent: 21/11/2015 at 8:38 AM
Received: 21/11/2015 at 8:38 AM
Subject: Special Rate Variation

Singleton Council,

I don't have problems with the 9.75% increase on \$811.95, however the rates at this address are \$1768.28, so will work out at lot more per week than\$084.

I do believe we need to maintain the services we have for as long as possible, however very high rates will have residents looking at other areas to live.

We do have wonderful assets in this town, hopefully we can keep them. Would hate to see a merger.

So, this increase means no other chargers will rise in this time?Â

What area in Singleton are paying \$811.95, I'm living in the wrong area?

Thank you [REDACTED]

Message: 2015/76352

From: [REDACTED]
To: [recordsmbx](#)
Cc:
Sent: 23/11/2015 at 3:04 PM
Received: 23/11/2015 at 3:05 PM
Subject: Special Rate Variation

My preference is the BASE CASE. Singleton rate payers should not have to pay additional rates because of the Singleton Council mismanagement of their finances.

In the "Securing Our Future" pamphlet there is discussion regards the SRV - Road infrastructure maintenance, renewals and new works. At that time I attended a community information session because I had concerns with what I believed to be a very rubbery proposal. Anthony Egan presented a financial spreadsheet that I pointed out did not add up. He could not explain the reason why, it is a concern that a Singleton Council presentation to the rate payers could not get the simple mathematics correct. My concern with the council proposal was that the funding numbers seemed to be pulled out of the air. In response to this concern I was provided with the Jeff Roorda and Associates "Services: Transport" report as the document that Council used to determine the costings. The two important funding categories were regards Heavy Patching of Sealed Roads and Sealing of Unsealed Roads.

The consultant's report "Asset Activity : Sealed Roads" (Page 3) Condition - 10 year - SRV5% determined that the road condition would deteriorate with the additional funding. The "Asset Activity : Unsealed Roads" (Page 4) determined that the road condition would improve with the additional funding. Because these two categories were magically attracting the exact same funding they cancelled each other out. In other words the Special Rate Variation should not have proceeded, based on the consultant report. I believed that the consultant report findings were nonsense and decided to attend the designated council meeting to address my concerns regards the Singleton Council mismanagement of the SRV proposal.

At the meeting, with the consultant report in hand, I informed the council that the consultant report determined that the sealed road conditions would deteriorate and unsealed road condition would improve with the SRV proposal. I also pointed out that the council financial spreadsheet that was presented was inaccurate. The explanation given for the spreadsheet was that it was due to a typo, whatever the case it was sloppy work by those responsible. I was not allowed to continue with my submission when I started to provide evidence of council mismanagement. After I had sat down Council Management made a note to the meeting minutes of their support for the consultant. The council therefore supported the consultant, and the consultant report that did not determine that the SRV was of any benefit, then proceeded to endorse the SRV proposal. This along with not being able to present an accurate financial report highlights mismanagement, incompetence of those involved and dishonesty. With this background I was interested to scrutinise the new "Securing Our Future" pamphlet.

As I said at the start, rate payers should not have to pay additional rates because of the Singleton Council mismanagement of their finances. I will discuss my concerns by going through the areas of concern in the "Securing Our Future"

pamphlet.

What are the challenges? It is evident that the Singleton Council has missed the point because the challenges are about reducing Operating Expenses, not increasing them.

In this section the council discusses constraints of which none are structural. Generally the constraints that are mentioned are short term or one off constraints, and of those mentioned I consider them to be minor. Clearly the Federal Government Grant is a one off event. The rate pegging issue is that the NSW State Award provides for a 2.7% wage increase, something that most other Australian workers can only dream of, and the pegging rate is at approximately 2.5%. In other words the wages bill will be approximately 0.2% higher than funded. To address this the council should, by natural attrition, reduce the workforce by 0.2%. I would suggest that the need for an Assistant General Manager to hold the hands of the General Manager is superfluous, these types of positions were removed successfully in the industry that I worked in decades ago. Problem solved!

The interest rate drop of 1% is not structural, what happens when it increases do we get a rate reduction? There is no mention of Singleton Council loans, these were mentioned in the "For a better Future" document. It is reasonable to expect that one could cancel the other out. What are the Councils assumptions for future interest rates? I refer to the statement that the cost of some materials and equipment exceeds the peg rate, I assume that this means that other materials and equipment are at or below the peg rate. The council should provide detailed costings if they believe that this is significant?

Similarly fees and charges are not structural and will ebb and flow as will the interest rates. It is noted that there has been a reduction in waste going to land fill which means less income (less free vouchers as well?). This may well be the case but if the council is handling less waste going to landfill then there must be less man hours and equipment hours used when handling the waste. This means cost savings that council should have realised. The question is what savings were realised and how much does this offset the loss of income?

The funds held in reserve is not worth discussing and assumes that there will be no future funds held in reserve.

One area that is structural is the recycling contract. This has been in place for years now, has there been a post completion review of this project to determine if in fact the savings as predicted are actual? What have been the savings and where has this money gone?

It appears to me that the so called constraints are generally one off constraints and of a minor nature. If they are of some significance I suggest that the Singleton Council should detail the cost of these constraints. To discuss a 1% drop in interest of \$100M is worth talking about, on \$1M is insignificant.

The IPART chart is interesting. Starting with the "Efficiency" KPI. This is about

decreasing Operating Expenditure per capita. Currently the council does not meet this indicator and has no plan to decrease Operating Expenditure, in fact the SRV plan is to increase Operating Expenditure. The council will not meet this KPI if it increases operating expenditure unless they intend to bring in a few thousand more people. The handling of this KPI demonstrates mismanagement and incompetence. Because this KPI is about reducing operating expenditure it is dishonest for the council not to discuss future efficiencies (reducing expenditure) in the "Securing our Future" proposal. Similarly the "Operating Performance Ratio" is about reducing operating expenses as a ratio of operating revenue. The statement that the SRV of 9.75% per year "would enable us to meet all seven indicators" is clearly nonsense if operating expenditure is not reduced.

How do our rates compare to other councils? Because of the mining category these comparisons are basically meaningless. If you simply adjust for the Singleton council mining rate across the residential rate then we would have the highest rates assessment council. In the "For a better future" pamphlet the rates were against a comparative group (seven other councils). The current pamphlet comparison is against a different group of which only Cessnock City Council and Port Stephens Council are common to both pamphlets. The business rate in 2011/12 was \$1352 and has been reduced to \$1127 for 2014/15. The business rate in Singleton was already significantly lower than the comparative group and is now a fraction of those in the new comparison. The question is why has Singleton Council been looking after Businesses at the expense of the residents? This is a serious question that may need an independent review to provide an impartial answer.

In summary the pamphlet does not provide any plans for improved efficiency, and no effort to reduce Operating Expenditure to meet the IPART requirements. The council has preferentially looked after Business rates at the expense of Residential rates and has in fact reduced Business rates at a time when Residents have had a 25% increase. The stated constraints to developing future budgets are not significant and in general they are not structural. If the Council believes that they are significant then they should quantify them, and they must take into account any offsets and savings that were avoided in the pamphlet. The SRV proposal is simply a dash for cash by a council that is not prepared to do the hard work of becoming more efficient. This is mismanagement and rate payers should not be called upon to subsidise mismanagement.

Many of the matters/questions raised need to be addressed and responded to. These questions and responses need to be made available to the Singleton Council rate payers. The local newspaper is most probably the best vehicle for open and honest government for the SRV proposal. I expect a response to my questions by the Singleton Council.



Message: 2015/76793

From: [REDACTED]
To: [recordsmbx](#)
Cc:
Sent: 25/11/2015 at 10:32 AM
Received: 25/11/2015 at 10:33 AM
Subject: Submission For special rate increase

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.Our rates this year cost us 1102.67. With the rate rise we will pay 1210.18 in 2016 then 1328.17 in 2017, 1457.67 in 2018 and 1599.79 in 2019. That is 497.12 more than we are currently paying and then who is to stop them increasing it for longer. Its about time Singleton Council realises that we are no longer a rich mining community. If this increase takes place you will put more and more people into financial difficulty which will then see an increase in issues such as depression, and suicide. And considering our town no longer has a free psychologist through hunter health I would think what you are ultimately doing is extremely irresponsible. I know personally for my family, with the increasing cost of medical expenses and travel to medical specialist because our town does not have the required government funded help my child (and many others) require an increase such as this will see my partner and I lose our home and put us in the position where we could never purchase another. I am sure our family would not be the only family put into this position by your rate increase. The CPI increased by 1.5 % the last 12 months. That is a responsible increase at least for the next 12 months. This will adversely effect many businesses as well. because with this increase they will then have to increase the costs of their services and goods to be able to cover the rate increase. People will then even more than ever look elsewhere for their goods and services making it even more likely that small local businesses will need to close their doors. Meaning more and more people will move away from our community to give them selves an opportunity to have a successful business. I know for myself where I live I wont see any of our increase. Would council like to see their community prosper or would council prefer to see our community dwindle to a town with designer lights in the main street and empty buildings everywhere. I believe it would be extremely irresponsible of council to go ahead with such a big increase. Maybe you should re look at the budget you have. Take into consideration that NO ONE is getting increases in wages of a portion of that percentage. We have insecure industries that are laying off people left right and centre and this is putting huge financial stress on home owners as it is. An increase in rates will see our community have an increase in Depression and financial anxiety and since we no longer actually have enough support services in our town that will cause an increase in suicide attempts. Is that what our council wants to see. Be responsible to your community. Do NOT increase our rates by this percentage. It is ridiculous considering you have only just had an 5% increase just last year. Find money elsewhere.

[REDACTED]

Message: 2015/76666

From: [REDACTED]
To: [recordsmbx](#)
Cc:
Sent: 24/11/2015 at 2:13 PM
Received: 24/11/2015 at 2:15 PM
Subject: FW: SPECIAL RATE VARIATION

Hi Singleton Council

I wish to express my strong opposition to the proposed 9.75% rate increase.

I SUPPORT THE BASE CASE.

Age = 36

Gender = Female

Suburb = Hunterview

Services/projects that should be changed, reduced or no longer delivered under the base case?

1. A review of the children services (ie day care centre, out of school hours care and mobile preschool) needs to be undertaken. These services need to run at a breakeven or have their structures changes to ensure they breakeven. I suspect that the mobile preschool is not breaking even - if this is the case then this service needs to be ceased. Families in these areas need to bring their children into the larger preschool facilities in Singleton or they need to pay more for the privilege of having the service provided in their location.

2. Council needs to be far more proactive in embracing the Mining operations and see what additional support they can get from these entities. Council needs to reach VPA's with each and every mine within the shire before the local residents are asked to pay more in rates.

Regards

Message: 2015/76827

From: [REDACTED]
To: [recordsmbx](#)
Cc:
Sent: 24/11/2015 at 9:24 PM
Received: 24/11/2015 at 9:24 PM
Subject: Special Rate Variation

Disgusting!

As a rate payer on a single income, and NOT a mining income as many assume as a Singleton resident, I have a young family; children who require food, clothes and schooling as well as stable housing.

Such an increase to rates over a 4year period is ridiculous. How can families afford to give their children the best possible opportunities when such money is expected for the roof that is over their head!

Council finance dept seriously needs to be refreshed or educated!! council should be budgeting and prioritising where money is most needed....the upgrade to the main street was money that im sure most would agree would of preferred to see taken off rates than the unnecessary upgrade!

At 28 years of age the "savings account" is not built to accommodate such a rate rise...and have nothing to show for the increased payments being given back to the rate payers.

Message: 2015/76888

From: [REDACTED]
To: [recordsmbx](#)
Cc: [General Manager](#)
Sent: 25/11/2015 at 12:50 PM
Received: 25/11/2015 at 12:50 PM
Subject: "â Special Rate Variation"

I wish to lodge my objection to any rate increment being made by Council under the guise of "Securing for the Future".

This State Government driven belief needs to be looked at realistically by Council rather than blindly pushing at ratepayers. The amalgamations will follow regardless despite assurances to the contrary- look at the stealth that led from local PP Board (Pasture Protection Boards) to the now LLS (Local Land Services) and reflect on what are now the local benefits and then apply to what will be our newly formed LGC (Local Government Communities).

I am surprised that Councillors have forgotten the amalgamation of the shire and municipal councils. This happened to the detriment of the shire ratepayers of the day.

The brochure, finally mailed out, simply delivers a justification for the long standing misuse of funding and the need to increase rates. The form provided does not give space to meet the invitation on page 1, "We invite you to tell us what you think." And simply replaces the request with a potential indicator as to what projects to change, what to reduce or delete.

As a ratepayer I have seen a large number of projects undertaken by Council that simply followed the whims and desires of councillors and staff and many of these have really been unnecessary.

As a rural ratepayer we have consistently seen reduced value for the rates paid. This has been evident since the amalgamation of the Singleton Shire Council and the Singleton Municipal Council. A specific example of this is the state of Wambo Road.

There is a blind narrow bridge on a sharp bend, a sharp bend onto a ramp at the end of the bitumen, a poor gravel surface with an inferior poorly repaired ramp in the middle of the gravel. The entire road was meant to be properly surfaced when the road swap was made in the area referred to as Pikes Estate in approximately 1960.

It is about time that reality reaches Council. Unnecessary spending needs to be stopped. There needs to be a more rational reduction in executive staffing on all levels and particular focus on entitlements such as vehicle provisions and allowances. Council needs to focus on genuine cost reductions and savings rather than simply seek rate variations to meet the shortfalls.

"We have brought in \$31.92 million in Resources for Regions funding, \$5.71 million in Hunter Infrastructure Investment funding and new loan borrowings totaling \$6.2 million to address our infrastructure backlog." Why borrow? There are interests to repay for a considerable time.

"Extended the life of our landfill by increasing recycling and diversion rates" Another increase of cost to the residents to use the facility - what are the benefits to council from recycling?

"This was supported by a special rate variation introduced last year to tackle the identified infrastructure backlog for roads and culverts." This increase only benefits special cases, and does not consider the wastage present with inappropriate roadworks, fees and legal expenses.

âA new recycling contract with Hunter resource recovery...â.â Why is this more efficient than having collections made by Council?

The most recent Special Rate Variation implemented by Singleton Council was a one-off permanent variation of 5% in 2014/15 for the purpose of funding road maintenance and sealing. This variation raised an additional \$700,000 in the 2014/14 financial year. This money can only be spent on the purpose for which it was applied for.â All rate payers had to pay this but most received no benefit from it.

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Our land has been devalued by the impact of mining and the failure of Council to enforce conditions of consent [REDACTED] that were intended to protect our land.

Our creek and aquifers have been destroyed. â We have seen no reduction in the property valuation on our rates, and no reduction in the rates we have to pay for the property which is not nearly as productive as it was pre-mining.

We have to pay Council for a septic system that council had nothing to do with and this is alleges to be necessary for protect our waterways which have been destroyed by mining.

We have to pay council for approval to build on our land and there is no proper inspection of these buildings.

Our right to travel on local roads has been compromised by the permissions given to mines to close roads for blasting and the control of these roads by the mines during the restrictions.

We are losing the right to travel on Wallaby Scrub Road with the provision that Council is paid for the right of the mine to destroy the road and the amenity of the area.

Instead of wasting more resources and time pushing to save an inefficient council, refuse to accept the base case and the programmed alternative and leave the rates as they are.

Convert the invested funds from many years and put these towards future needs. Make further staff reductions.â Be honest, if the jobs are nor done make the decisions.

Enforcement of consent conditions and other commitments need to be done.

Make reductions in senior and middle management based on efficiency and need. Spend within a budget and reduce reliance on loans.

Drastically reduce the wastage on legal representation and expenses- stop the stupidity of code of conduct proceeds and harassing residents.

No more signs and banners - we know where Singleton is.

No more bandwagon schemes- provision for indigenous developments and programs that appear.â This is not what Council needs to do.

Stop the wastage on consultants, special advisers with interests to benefit other than Singleton. â

Resist the urge to waste on projects, displays (including fireworks) celebrations and ceremonies.â Place-making schemes, business development including tourism and advertising the mining industry need to be shelved in favour of providing services that to be provided.â Look to the responsibilities of council without changing focus on whims such as the need to link to country and to the community needs of villages.

Ignore the Fit for the Future then, face reality and prepare for the inevitable.

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If youâ wish to have these points expanded/clarified please call on 65745182

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regards



Message: 2015/77645

From: [REDACTED]
To: [recordsmbx](#)
Cc:
Sent: 29/11/2015 at 10:48 PM
Received: 29/11/2015 at 10:48 PM
Subject: Special Rate Variation

Singleton Council

I oppose the programmed rate rise of 9.75% on the grounds of:

John St. Upgrade has created a safety hazard

Is impractical

Will not attract people to town

Is a waste of rate payers monies

Your figures of \$883 average rate assessment for residential rates is misleading { expect it to be a mistruth}.

The phone survey you organised is discrimitive as it targeted persons 47 year old & under, not all rate payers

There are a lot of low income families , pensioners, small business owners, young couples/families & long term rate paying persons in this town that have no control over council wastages, junkets, decisions & very poor prioritisations that should not have to foot the bill for your inadequacies over the years. I feel that if this rate rise happens you will run the risk of people relocating to other areas that will treat them fairer & with a bit more respect.

Why upgrade Ryan Avenue?

Why give money for Shopfront upgrades? Let the owners/companies fund it if they see fit.

Villages Place making, what is it, do we need it ?

Don't base all your costings on Miners wages as these are falling with the increase of contract labour, reduced manning levels & a large percentage of employees living in other Districts.

Why don't we get the Fuel stations to cough up as they are ripping the public & probably the council of with their high fuel prices.

Thankyou
[REDACTED]

Please acknowledge so that I know that you have actually read this & not just treated the issue as a feel good or to satisfy requirements.

Message: 2015/77646

From: [REDACTED]
To: [recordsmbx](#)
Cc:
Sent: 29/11/2015 at 8:02 PM
Received: 29/11/2015 at 8:02 PM
Subject: Fit for the Future Comment

I do not believe Singleton Council are being fiscally reasonable and fair to rate payers with the requested Special Rate Variation of 9.75% annual increase each year for four years under the Fit for the Future review. Taking into account the additional 5% (7.3% total) permanent rise factored in 2014/15, rates for the year 2019/20 will have increased across the period by just under 60%. This assumes compounding increases and does not allow for rises in other charges that are not included or covered by the proposed rate rises. There is the removal of a historic rate variation but this was not really well outlined in my opinion. So allow for a 4% change (stated as 3.1% impact) we will still see an increase of around 55% in around six years. With projects such as the proposed John Street park and other spending it seems that residents are being expected to prop up this council's spending culture. With more houses on the market and jobs now even harder to come by it is time council realised the rate payer cash cow is dry.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

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Message: 2015/77647

From: [REDACTED]
To: [recordsmbx](#)
Cc:
Sent: 29/11/2015 at 11:58 AM
Received: 29/11/2015 at 11:58 AM
Subject: FW: Special Rate Variation

Dear Council

I do NOT agree with the special rate variation, or in other words I support the Base Case.

Male, over 50 years, Singleton town

· How to manage with Base Case increases, do what every other organisation and family does in the same circumstances, figure out where your inefficiencies are and reduce them or cut them out altogether.

· Capital replacement spend nil or minimal.

· Motor vehicle fleet life extended up to 3 years. Is this one a joke? Vehicle fleet life change-out earliest 4 years should be standard.

· Performance manage people working for council like every other organisation does to ensure effective outputs - how do staff sick leave rates compare to commercial businesses.

· Do the work yourselves rather than get consultants in to do it. Easy but expensive 'out' for council to employ consultants.

· Do you have procurement professionals working in the council who know how to negotiate reduced spend rates with major suppliers, if not get somebody who has been working for the mines over the last 3 years. Price reductions have been the norm in extremely difficult financial times.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

Message: 2015/77648

From: [REDACTED]
To: [recordsmbx](#)
Cc:
Sent: 29/11/2015 at 9:10 AM
Received: 29/11/2015 at 9:10 AM
Subject: SPECIAL RATE VARIATION

Age: 67

Gender: Male

Suburb: Carrowbrook

My preferred option is the BASE CASE.

REASON: The information provided is confusing for the following:

1. Is the proposed (Programmed) rate increase on the 'Ad Valorem Rate' or the 'Base Amount' or both?
2. Averaging rates does not give a clear view as to the impact on individual land holders?
3. What other efficiencies (or waste) can council pursue? Or is council that efficient that it has no where else to go?
4. Why has there not been other options put forward (eg a sliding scale of increased rates say from 10% to 2.5% over 4 or 5 years while council introduces further cost effective and efficient processes and objectives)?
5. Some cost increases to council have resulted from state government shifting responsibilities onto council. Why has state government not funded these? Why does landholder have to?

I would be more prepared to endorse some sort of rate increase (not necessarily councils proposed option of 9.75% over 4 years) if I felt better informed.

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Message: 2015/77784

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To: [recordsmbx](#)
Cc:
Sent: 30/11/2015 at 11:20 AM
Received: 30/11/2015 at 11:20 AM
Subject: Re: Proposed rate increase

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To the General Manager. Singleton Council.

It seems unreasonable that Council can put forward a proposal to increase the general rate by such a whopping amount when most people's wages are not even increasing at all. Why is this proposal, all or nothing surely there must be a middle way?Â In the past Council have frittered away millions of dollars to solicitors, Spark and Helmore being the foremost, on stupid code of conduct cases and employee disputes, the Belinda Charlton case comes to mind. That was a total waste of ratepayersâ money.Â When Harvison was Mayor the town went backwards by a decade in my opinion, totally anti-development with many opportunities lost.

Not only this, the Council seems to be unable to function without engaging the services of a myriad of highly paid consultants. Why can't Councillors and Council staff make decisions without having to cover themselves by paying people from outside the town?Â Surely, there are qualified paid staff members who can deliver the goods, even if they have to be shared between other Councils in the Hunter. The State Govt is taking millions of dollars in coal royalties from the Singleton Shire, it is time that some of this cash came back to the community, instead of this neo-liberal ideology of user pays which will see rates being hiked out of sight...especially for businesses in town which are doing it tough.

I would like to know what happened to all the cash that the Council lost in the GFC because of dodgy investments that had State Govt approval...did any cash ever come back from the State to compensate Council?

Finally, if increasing the rates is the only way that Council can meet IPART's dubious criteria, then maybe Singleton should be combining with Muswellbrook and make a super council.Â Â I don't suppose it matters what people in town say Council will increase the rates whether we like it or not.Â Most people are too apathetic to care one way or another until it hits their pockets.Â

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Age: 19

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: Hunterview

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Stop wasting money
on stupid activities
in the parks like
Christmas Fair, pictures
in the park etc.

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Suburb: Runterview

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Cut out the duplication!
Why does the library also
have to be a youth centre,
senior citizens centre +
community centre? The town
has these facilities in their
own right already!!!

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Suburb: Muntaring

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STOP WASTING MONEY ON
NONSENSE ACTIVITIES PROMOTING
LOCAL TOURISM - NO ONE WANTS
TO HOLIDAY IN SINGLETON!

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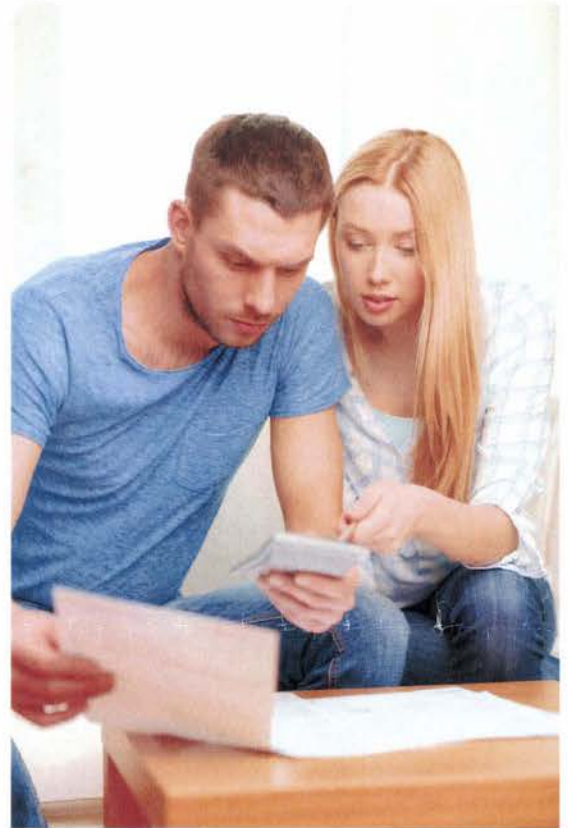
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Gender: Male Female

Suburb: HUNTERVIEW

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JUST CONTINUE TO LOOK
AFTER PARKS, ROADS,
RUBBISH TIP, LIBRARY +
CIVIC CENTRE - ALL THE
REST CAN GO.

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Gender: Male Female

Suburb: SINGLETON

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The Christmas street event
is an example of wasted spending!
Let businesses & community
groups do this sort of thing.

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Gender: Male Female

Suburb: SINGLETON

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COUNCIL SHOULD HAVE ENGAGED
WITH THE GALMINES MORE
WHEN THEY HAD THE CHANCE
eg. PREVIOUS COUNCIL SHOULD HAVE
OPENLY SUPPORTED MT MORLEY
WARRKORTH MINE EXTENSION.
CUT SPENDING NOW - MAYOR &
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COUNCILLORS SALARIES + EXPENSES.

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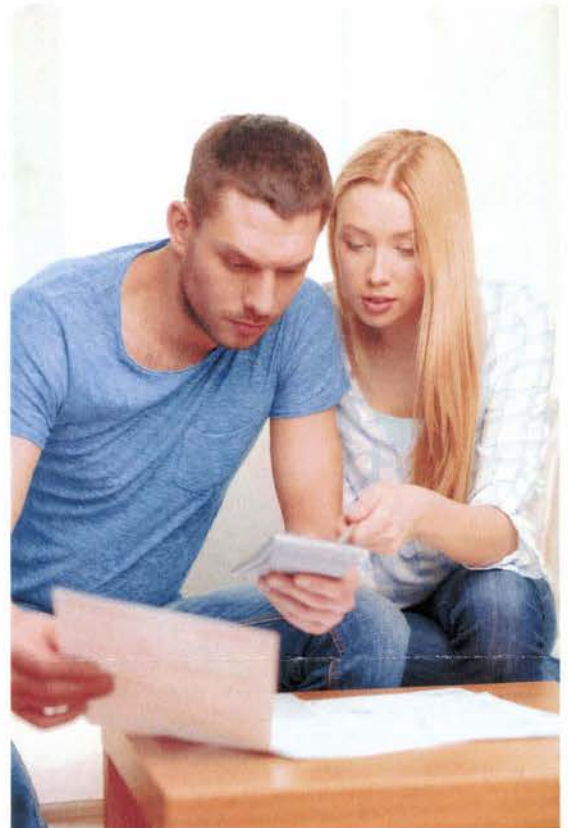
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Age: 35

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: HUNTERVIEW



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CUT OUT FUNDED
COMMUNITY EVENTS. LET
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Gender: Male Female

Suburb: Hunterview



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EVERYTHING OTHER THAN
INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE,
RUBBISH + WASTE MANAGEMENT,
LIBRARY + CIVIC CENTRE,
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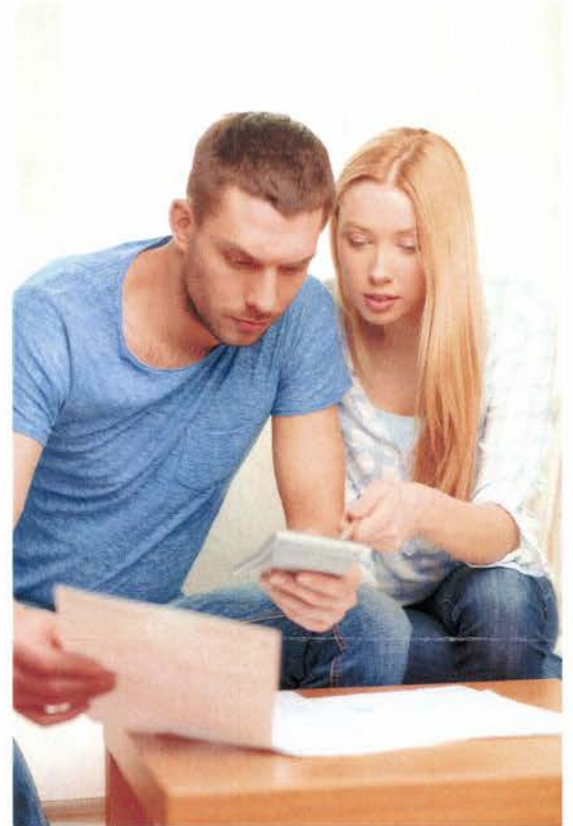
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Gender: Male Female

Suburb: Bulga

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Age: 63

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: BULGA



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What the heck is Place Making?
Cut it.

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Authorised by Lindy Hyam, Singleton Council General Manager

have your say - SECURING OUR FUTURE

Age: 77

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: SINGLETON

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If you prefer the **Base Case**, what services or projects would you like to see changed, reduced or no longer delivered?

DO NOT SEND ANY COUNCELLORS OR ANY STAFF TO SEMINARS, TALK-FESTS, THINK-TANKS. START WORK AT 7AM OR EARLIER THE SAME AS US TRADIES. WORK TILL DARK.

YOUR PRODUCTIVITY WILL RISE YOU WILL GET SATISFACTION YOUR IN-TRAY WILL BE EMPTY

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Age: 31

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: Singleton



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Gender: Male Female

Suburb: Jerrys Plains

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Manage the money
better or increase
charges to all the
mines in the area
who are taking huge
profits out of the area.

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Age: 49

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: Singleton Hts

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Cheaper green
waste disposal.

NOMORE \$ wasted
on the main street.

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Age: 46

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: HEIGHTS



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DON'T INCREASE AT ALL, LET THE BATS FROM BURROEKIN BECOME COUNCILLORS & PUT ALL THE ALDERMEN UP THE TREES.

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Age: 41

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: Mitchells Flat

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Age: 74

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: LOWER BELFORD

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SWIMMING POOLS REDUCED.

CHILD CARE REDUCED.

REDUCTION IN ADMIN.

ANIMAL SERVICES

WORK TO YOUR INCOME

DO NOT OVER SPEND.

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Age: 55

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: REDBOURNBERRY

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Why NOT INCREASE THE
35.5% MINING COMPANIES
CONTRIBUTE, AS THEY NO
LONGER PAY THE RENT
RESOURCES TAX.

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Age: 69

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: SINGLETON HTS

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Age: 40

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: Hunterview



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Swimming Pool / Gym
To many sporting fields / ^{Get rid} of bats.
Child care / Places.
Youth weekly Activities
Youth → ALL
* Idea = Employ parking/enforcement officer/s.

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Age: 74 & 77

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: BRANXTON

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We live on the edge of the shire & being elderly rarely get into Singleton where most of the rate money is spent. It would be of no benefit to us to pay extra rates

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Age: 73

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: Dalwood



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Putting farm rates up 9.75 make a big rise to the amount you pay on them income to me in 4 years approx 1000 will be the rise a year residential owners in most case earn more than farmers a year so why do farms pay more The only service we have waste service The council needs to get in the real world and do what we have to do tighten there spending if you wish to talk to me ring

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Age: 75

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: Koowonga

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Age: 42

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: HUNTERVIEW



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REDUCE SPENDING ON PROJECTS
AND SERVICES. RENEGOTIATE
CONTRACTS. RATES ARE
SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER THAN
NEWCASTLE.

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Age: 50

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: Reedy Creek

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This area does not seem to benefit from any of the roadworks eg Hamilton's Crossing is still gravel and there is a lot of traffic

Still using the road. Some at great speeds - which are dangerous + its only a matter of time before there is a fatality. So there
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not seem to be any benefit in paying extra

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Age: 60

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: JERRY'S PLAINS

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LEAVE THIS UP TO
THE COUNCIL OF THE
DAY -!



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Age: 45

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: MIRANNIE

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Age: _____

Gender: Male Female

2 PEOPLE

Suburb: STANITOPPE

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Age: 42

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: Maison Dieu

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Done on behalf of
landlord who lives
in America.

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Age: _____

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: _____

GLENRIDDING

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NO RATES INCREASE

RESIDENT & RATE PAYER FOR OVER 40 YRS, IN GLENRIDDING

NEEDED - COMPLETE LEVIE BANK

STORM WATER MANAGEMENT

SEAL GRAVEL RD - END OF VICTORIA ST

EXCETRA - EXCETRA -

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Age: _____

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: SINGLETON

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What ever increase in rates is applied - please make sure a lasting & more professional job is done on our streets & roads. Munroe Street is an example of sloppy construction.

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Age: [REDACTED] (78-79)

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: Singleton HTS

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make the people there work, like the Prinet Section



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Age: 35

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: COUNTRY

WHAT!
FREE POSTAGE
MORE MONEY
"GET BACK TO
BASICS"

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AND DEAD END JOBS CREATED
BY ANOTHER SERVICE

If you prefer the **Base Case**, what services or projects would you like to see changed, reduced or no longer delivered?

WHO ARE YOU NOT TRYING
TO KID?

WHAT ABOUT THE INVESTED
\$'S LOST OVERSEAS IN THE
STOCK MARKET CRASH 2008

JOBS FOR THE BOYS - TOP HEAVY
COUNCIL - ASSISTANTS WITH ASSISTANTS

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Age: 80

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: BROCK

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Age: 58

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: Town

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Age: 66

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: SINGLETON



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I DON'T THINK IT MATTERS WHAT WE THINK AFTER THE MESS MADE OF MAIN ST, WASTED 2.2 MILL OF RATEPAYERS MONEY. YOU WILL SEE WHAT PEOPLE THINK NEXT ELECTION.

I WILL NOT VOTE FOR ANY OF CURRENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.

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Age: 78

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: SINGLETON

Why so
MANY
GRANTS?
WE ARE NOT
FIT!!!

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ALREADY 10 YR RATE RISE!!!

If you prefer the **Base Case**, what services or projects would you like to see changed, reduced or no longer delivered?

NONE x ALREADY LACKING
NORMAL SERVICES - GOING BACKWARDS!
LIME MARKING; TOWN, COUNTRY -
PROPER RESALINE; TOWN
DRAINAGE - GRATES, ETC;
PARK SURROUNDS - ROYAL PT DISCARDS
MORE THAN JUST MOWING

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Age: 70 yrs.

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: SINGLETON

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NO NEED FOR REMINDING OF RATE NOTICES.

NO NEED FOR STREET SWEEPER IN RESIDENTIAL AREA.

LESS COUNCILLORS and MORE KNOWLEDGE OF ELECTORATE
FIX BRIDGE-GRESFORD ROAD

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Age: 63

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: JERRYS PLAINS



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Age: 56

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: HOWES VALLEY



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YOU PROVIDE LITTLE OR NO SERVICES
TO MY AREA AND THE RATIO
INCREASED TO RURAL AREAS SEEMS
EXCESSIVE. AN INCREASE OF 9.75%
WOULD BE AT LEAST 3 TIMES
INFLATION AND IS CRIMINAL

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Gender: Male Female

Suburb: Singleton

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Review Council's costs
+ remove waste. Reduce those
employees not directly involved
in the main services = waste,
water, planning, parks +
facilities.

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Reduce and remove all the
tourism spending - people
don't come to Singleton
for a holiday.

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Age: _____

80's

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: _____

HUNTERVIEW.

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NORATE RISK NEEDED IF GROSS MISS
MANAGED FUNDS WERE CORRECTED.
CUT OUT THESE HIRE CONSULTING CO'S &
THIS WOULD CUT OUT KICK BACKS ETC
HIRE ELABORATE STAFF TO DO A JOB & LET
THEM DO IT. NOTHING IS SAID ABOUT
WASTED MONEY WITH THE GREAT COURT
CASE - HOW MUCH DID THAT COST. A
BIG SECRET? IF BUSINESSES PAY LESS THAN
OTHERS INCREASE THEIR RATES.
FAIR IS FAIR SPEND WISELY.
COUNCIL YEARLY BALANCE SHEET TO BE
PRINTED IN ARBUS EACH YEAR.
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Age: 57

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: SINGLETON



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the ^{proposed} rate is too high

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Gender: Male Female

Suburb: Singleton

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ARROGANT

Bullying

INAPPROPRIATE

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Gender: Male Female

Suburb: Singleton



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Are you serious you ask us what
Service we want cut how
about you Stop wasting money
1e thousands on stinking bats
Studies and how about you
make Multi National mine Companies
Pay Correctly before blaming us

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Gender: Male Female

Suburb: Singleton

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STOP Rate Hikes Your Phone
Survey cost 10,000 and how much
for this glossy leaflet. Get real
STOP WASTE. Poor rate payer
gets hit every time. Your
house is not in order! The
G.M. has a lot to answer for.

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Age: 82- [REDACTED]

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: Whittingham

What is your preferred option to secure our future?

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If you prefer the **Base Case**, what services or projects would you like to see changed, reduced or no longer delivered?

Curb your unnecessary spending.

John St, reducing parking

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Age: 69

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: Wattle Ponds

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If you prefer the **Base Case**, what services or projects would you like to see changed, reduced or no longer delivered?

Learn to live within
your budget as I am
forced to do. My
self-funded retirement
is not increasing by
9.75% per year.

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Age: 44

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: MILBROODALE 2330

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Town Services



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Age: _____

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: _____

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If you prefer the **Base Case**, what services or projects would you like to see changed, reduced or no longer delivered?

*Note
Letter
Employed*

*I would suggest
strongly 5% increase
at the present time
should allow Council
to maintain present services
and urgent services to
be addressed*

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Age: 57

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: SINGLETON



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If you prefer the **Base Case**, what services or projects would you like to see changed, reduced or no longer delivered?

CANCEL RYAN AVE UPGRADE

CANCEL SHOPFRONT UPGRADE

MULTI-CULTURAL PLAN ?

VILLAGE'S PLACE MAKING ?

AVERAGE RATE ASSESSMENT OF \$883 IS A
h1E

JOHN ST. UPGRADE IS RIDICULOUS

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Age: 65

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: Whittingham

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Age: 63

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: BULGA



What is your preferred option to secure our future?

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If you prefer the **Base Case**, what services or projects would you like to see changed, reduced or no longer delivered?

I live in Bulga in my own home.
With the devaluation of
property here due to mining
please REDUCE my rates.
I expect any financial benefits
from the mine will All be sent
here.

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Age: 37

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: Singleton

What is your preferred option to secure our future?

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If you prefer the **Base Case**, what services or projects would you like to see changed, reduced or no longer delivered?

Save money and not
have Christmas in the
park, fireworks
Stop waisting money on
Sponsorship of events!!

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Age: 68

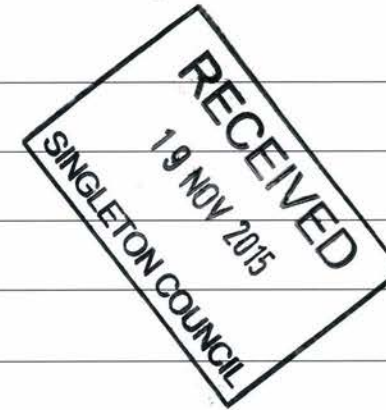
Gender: Male Female

Suburb: hambro Valley

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Age: 59

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: Wattle Ponds

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If you prefer the **Base Case**, what services or projects would you like to see changed, reduced or no longer delivered?

- extending motor vehicle
fleet renewal further

- reduce or halt mowing of
edges of road in areas (e.g. Wattle
Ponds) that residents already
maintain.

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Age: 48

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: Singleton Heights

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If you prefer the **Base Case**, what services or projects would you like to see changed, reduced or no longer delivered?

I have not had a pay rise for years, 9.75% per year for four year, Do more with less. You pay consultants WHY - We pay good money for you to manage -

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Age: 60

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: SINGLETON

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If you prefer the **Base Case**, what services or projects would you like to see changed, reduced or no longer delivered?

WASTE DISPOSAL - WE DESPERATELY
NEED GREEN WASTE BINS. WE ARE
THE ONLY COUNTRY TOWN WITHOUT
THESE. US RESIDENTS COMPLETED A
SURVEY ON THIS ISSUE SOME TIME AGO
WITH NO FEEDBACK FROM THE COUNCIL!
ALSO OUR PARKS ARE A DISGRACE!

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Age: 71

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: Belford

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If you prefer the **Base Case**, what services or projects would you like to see changed, reduced or no longer delivered?

Don't get much out
our way anyhow.

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Age: 55

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: _____

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Age: 67

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: SINGLETON

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If you prefer the **Base Case**, what services or projects would you like to see changed, reduced or no longer delivered?

Any increase will impact on pensioners and pensions. Our modest increment never matches commodity increases - more the pity.

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Age: 62

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: SINGLETON

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If you prefer the **Base Case**, what services or projects would you like to see changed, reduced or no longer delivered?

AMALGAMATION WOULD
SAVE MILLIONS IN COUNCIL
COSTS.
ONE MILLION DOLLARS WAS
WASTED ON A FRIVOLOUS
COURT CASE

What is your preferred option to secure our future?

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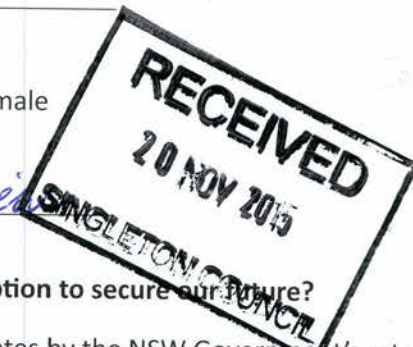
Age: 30

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: Marberry

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If you prefer the **Base Case**, what services or projects would you like to see changed, reduced or no longer delivered?

We currently own a property in a similar town with rates the same as what we pay here. There is no comparison for what we get for our money. In this other town we have footpaths on every street, a green waste bin collected each fortnight and many more advantages.

Further explanation as to where the rate figures are taken from with our residential rates being \$1800/p/a, this says average is \$833. We live on an average size block. I believe we are being ripped off.

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Age: 80

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: DARLINGTON

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If you prefer the **Base Case**, what services or projects would you like to see changed, reduced or no longer delivered?



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Age: 33

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: BRANXTON

What is your preferred option to secure our future?

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Age: 75

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: SINGLETON EAST

What is your preferred option to secure our future?

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If you prefer the **Base Case**, what services or projects would you like to see changed, reduced or no longer delivered?

I agree with the letter to Edeter
angles 17111
Council employees are
public servants not a
privileged class.
The head office is overstuffed
& dictatorial. The elected
Council gives very poor
leadership. It would be
best for Singleton if the Council
was dismissed & run by an
administrator

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Age: Private

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: Singleton



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If you prefer the **Base Case**, what services or projects would you like to see changed, reduced or no longer delivered?

Council staff being given
cars & fuel to drive to work
and take family trips on
weekends and holidays.
giving shops money to paint
shop fronts & xmas lights

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Age: 72

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: RED BOURNEBERRY

What is your preferred option to secure our future?

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Age:

61

Gender: Male Female

Suburb:

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If you prefer the **Base Case**, what services or projects would you like to see changed, reduced or no longer delivered?

CAN'T FUND MAINTENANCE OF ASSETS
THEN SELL THEM OFF.

NO MORE BIG SELF GRATIFICATION
PROJECTS THAT RATEPAYERS
DON'T WANT OR NEED.

IE: JOHN STREET (A NICE PLACE
DESTROYED)

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Age: 77

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: SINGLETON

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If you prefer the **Base Case**, what services or projects would you like to see changed, reduced or no longer delivered?

I will leave it to the Council to decide - I am sure they have more knowledge than me.

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Age: 60

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: Singleton

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If you prefer the **Base Case**, what services or projects would you like to see changed, reduced or no longer delivered?

Council needs to work a lot
smarter and cut the excessive
WASTE in all areas. We pay
for our services. Stop! leave
Rates at the Base Case.

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Age: 30

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: Gowrie



What is your preferred option to secure our future?

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If you prefer the **Base Case**, what services or projects would you like to see changed, reduced or no longer delivered?

Reduce Resurfacing
of small residential
Streets where it isn't
needed - we have seen
many examples while other
rural roads remain unsealed
or full of pot-holes.

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Age: 55

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: GLENDON



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Age: 33

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: Singleton

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Age: 77

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: SINGLETON



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BE MORE COST EFFECTIVE
IN ALL AREAS

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Age: 33

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: Singleton Heights

What is your preferred option to secure our future?

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- Programmed** - increase rates by 9.75% per year for four years and meet our asset maintenance renewal requirements and retain existing service levels

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If you prefer the **Base Case**, what services or projects would you like to see changed, reduced or no longer delivered?

Sports
replacement of things that are
fine such as mainst, busshelters
museum.

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Age: 71

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: SINGLETON



If you prefer the **Base Case**, what services or projects would you like to see changed, reduced or no longer delivered?

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Age: 52

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: DRAPER POINT



What is your preferred option to secure our future?

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If you prefer the **Base Case**, what services or projects would you like to see changed, reduced or no longer delivered?

WE GET VERY LITTLE FOR
OUR MONEY. I SUGGEST YOU
FOCUS ON IMPROVED EFFICIENCY
RATHER THAN CONTINUING TO
WASTE MONEY. EA THIS SURVEY?
OUTRAGEOUS!

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Age: 49

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: Singleton

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Age: 54 to 64

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: Branxton



What is your preferred option to secure our future?

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If you prefer the **Base Case**, what services or projects would you like to see changed, reduced or no longer delivered?

Reduce what services, We
only get rubbish service
in Branxton. Don't see
anyone! only on election
day.

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Age: 69

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: HOWES VALLEY

What is your preferred option to secure our future?

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Age: 63

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: SINGLETON

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If you prefer the **Base Case**, what services or projects would you like to see changed, reduced or no longer delivered?

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Age: Senior

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: Town

What is your preferred option to secure our future?

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Programmed - increase rates by 9.75% per year for four years and meet our asset maintenance renewal requirements and retain existing service levels

If you prefer the **Base Case**, what services or projects would you like to see changed, reduced or no longer delivered?

STOP EMPIRE BUILDING

REDUCE COUNCIL STAFF

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Gender: Male Female

Suburb: SINGLETON

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Age: 49

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: SINGLETON

What is your preferred option to secure our future?

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If you prefer the **Base Case**, what services or projects would you like to see changed, reduced or no longer delivered?

cycleways
free compost bins
Renewable
Energy
Increase Mining Rates

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Suburb: SINGLETON

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Gender: Male Female

Suburb: PAYNES CROSSING

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If you prefer the ~~Base Case~~, what services or projects would you like to see changed, reduced or no longer delivered?

COUNCIL NEEDS TO CONTINUE
TO REDUCE WASTAGE + IMPROVE
PRODUCTIVITY OF COUNCIL STAFF.



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Age: 39

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: Singleton



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If you prefer the **Base Case**, what services or projects would you like to see changed, reduced or no longer delivered?

Council has too many
staff doing non-productive
jobs. Leave this to
businesses + charities.
eg PlaceMakng + picnics
+ fun-fairs

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Age: 50

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: Singlebina Redbankberry

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simple reply paid questionnaires that won't make a difference!
If you prefer the **Base Case**, what services or projects would you like to see changed, reduced or no longer delivered?

You could start with all non necessary council freebies - council dinners, drinks, travel costs etc. And particularly legal cost associated with dodgy councillors.

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Age: 52

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: Redbarnburn



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stop a reply paid questionnaire that will make no difference!

If you prefer the **Base Case**, what services or projects would you like to see changed, reduced or no longer delivered?

Radicalous projects like resurfacing roads in town that need no maintenance (in front of council chambers). Cancel Cars & Counciller perks. If they want to be Councillers they shouldnt be looking for extra income!

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Age: 79

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: ARDERSIER

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If you prefer the **Base Case**, what services or projects would you like to see changed, reduced or no longer delivered?

Would be great if Council had to tighten their finances the same as I will need to to enable me to continue to pay my ever increasing rates! Our services are adequate except for perhaps an Art Gallery.

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Age: 66

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: BROKE

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If you prefer the **Base Case**, what services or projects would you like to see changed, reduced or no longer delivered?

* A fortnightly garbage 'red top' pick up. No need for weekly. * Recycled could be monthly or 3 weekly.
* Less Council mtgs. * No more expensive Consultative fees that could be done locally.

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Age: 42

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: BROKE



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PS, change catavans at Broke Park pay for amenities & maintenance

If you prefer the **Base Case**, what services or projects would you like to see changed, reduced or no longer delivered?

Reduction in Admin staff at Council. No more John Street renovation & upgrading. More affordable social housing

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Gender: Male Female

Suburb: Darlington

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If you prefer the **Base Case**, what services or projects would you like to see changed, reduced or no longer delivered?

From your list of achievements cut things like playground + no reserve upgrades + developments, netball clubhouse, ANZAC plinth, all the studies! Keep Council business to the services such as waste water roads + facilities - Cut the "waaa" + fuzzy" stuff.

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Age: 58

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: HUNTERBURY

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If you prefer the **Base Case**, what services or projects would you like to see changed, reduced or no longer delivered?

PULL YOUR HEADS OUT GUYS

10% - RIDICULOUS. IF YOU

STOP RESURFACING PERFECTLY

GOOD ROADS YOU CAN

MAKE HUGE SAVINGS IN

YOUR BUDGET - WORK SMARTER

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Age: 34

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: Glenriabling

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If you prefer the **Base Case**, what services or projects would you like to see changed, reduced or no longer delivered?

No change to our
services as we have
a vacant Block and do
not receive any services
anyway.

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Age: 47

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: DARLINGTON

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If you prefer the **Base Case**, what services or projects would you like to see changed, reduced or no longer delivered?

Keep using grants + Corporate
sponsorship for all the programs
that are not covered by
the current rates. It doesn't
make sense to just keep spending
+ spending.

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Age: 81 yrs

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: SINGLETON



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If you prefer the **Base Case**, what services or projects would you like to see changed, reduced or no longer delivered?

*As an aged pensioner I do not
enjoy being able to sustain
the increase in rates as proposed
by council. Surely there is some
discount council can supply to
pensioners - apart from the Gov.
rebate allowed.*

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Age: 30

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: BREDGMAN



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If you prefer the **Base Case**, what services or projects would you like to see changed, reduced or no longer delivered?

POOR QUALITY OF THE MAIN
STREET (START THERE).
RECOVER SOME OF THE COST
FROM THIS POORLY FINISHED
PROJECT. 11.2 MILLION??
????

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Age: 40

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: Singleton Heights

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If you prefer the **Base Case**, what services or projects would you like to see changed, reduced or no longer delivered?

The services/projects in
Singleton are below average
at best so it wouldn't
matter where funding is
cut. The 9.75% rise
is totally unacceptable

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Age: 63

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: PUTTY

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If you prefer the **Base Case**, what services or projects would you like to see changed, reduced or no longer delivered?

GENERAL REDUCTION TO
"USER PAYS" ^{SYSTEM} SPORTS TEAM PAY
FOR USE OF GROUNDS. RATES
SHOULD BE FOR ESSENTIAL SERVICES
WE HAVE eg FEDERAL + STATE +
COUNCIL HEALTH DEPTS -
REPLICATION IS RAMPANT

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Age: 26

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: Singleton Heights

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Age:

44

Gender:

Male

Female

Suburb:

Singleton

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If you prefer the **Base Case**, what services or projects would you like to see changed, reduced or no longer delivered?

Council needs to deliver there services with funds they have. Not increase rates to cover there incompetence and the millions they have wasted

Wages & rental incomes aren't increasing - so why should rates?

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Age: 72

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: GLENDONBROOK

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If you prefer the **Base Case**, what services or projects would you like to see changed, reduced or no longer delivered?

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BUT PLEASE PUT MORE
RESOURCES INTO RURAL ROADS
TO IMPROVE SAFETY, AND
WEEDS MANAEMENTS

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Age: 68

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: SINGLETON HEIGHTS

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If you prefer the ~~Base Case~~, what services or projects would you like to see changed, reduced or no longer delivered?

"PROGRAMMED" ENDORSED AS
INVESTMENT IN COMMUNITY

STRONGLY SUGGEST THAT
COUNCIL LIQUIDATE CURRENT
INVESTMENTS & MOBILISE
THE CASH AS A COMPLEMENTARY
ACT OF FAITH.

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Age: 58

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: Potty



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If you prefer the **Base Case**, what services or projects would you like to see changed, reduced or no longer delivered?

How should we afford to pay more?

The service in the Potty area is very basic anyway. It worked over so many years why not now anymore.?

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Age: 74

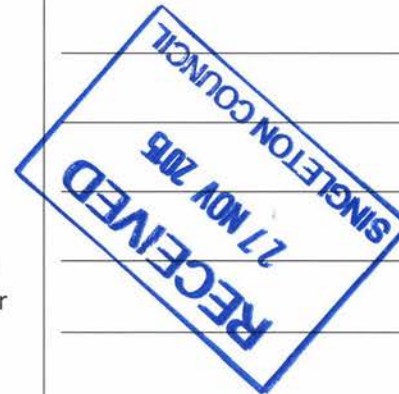
Gender: Male Female

Suburb: SINGLETON

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Gender: Male Female

Suburb: SINGLETON HEIGHTS

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Age: 58 yrs

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: Greenlands

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If you prefer the **Base Case**, what services or projects would you like to see changed, reduced or no longer delivered?

Less Senior managers +

reduce staff x 25% +

Less expenditure on
consultants & legal services

Council should return to
supplying basic services only

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Age: 29

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: HUNTER VIEW

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NO RATE RISE

If you prefer the **Base Case**, what services or projects would you like to see changed, reduced or no longer delivered?

STOP THE WASTAGE; MONEY
SPENT ON SWIM AND GYM, RYAN
AVENUE, JOAN STREET, PURCHASE
OF OLD STONES.

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Age:

50

Gender:

Male

Female

Suburb:

Broke



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If you prefer the **Base Case**, what services or projects would you like to see changed, reduced or no longer delivered?

1) lets start with

an independant audit

on the management

of the capital works

programme

2) then a review on mining taxation

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Suburb: SINGLETON

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Age: 60

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: SINGLETON



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If you prefer the **Base Case**, what services or projects would you like to see changed, reduced or no longer delivered?

Privatise Swim & Gym;
less unnecessary legal
costs - learn to mediate
among council; change
ideas on approach to
encouraging MORE tourism and
MORE INDUSTRIES to locate here.

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Gender: Male Female

Suburb: SINGLETON

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waste collections a
roads as that is
all the council give the
farmers.

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Age: 67

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: Whittingham



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*What to you give
the farmer other than
make them pay more
in everything.*

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Age: 49

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: Hunterview



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If you prefer the **Base Case**, what services or projects would you like to see changed, reduced or no longer delivered?

Council not wasting money on upgrades to unnecessary projects.

Many people are struggling and a rate rise would be more stress for people.

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Age: 52

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: Belford



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If you prefer the **Base Case**, what services or projects would you like to see changed, reduced or no longer delivered?

RYAN AVENUE

TIP - HOW ABOUT JUST

FORGETTING ABOUT IT

NEITHER. I DO NOT WANT A RATE

RISE!

THE PRICES ARE TOO

EXPENSIVE!!!

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Gender: Male Female

Suburb: SINGLETON

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*Rates get to high for pensioners
Council will own at lot of items
from back rates
grab for money
We want to eat
Council cost us a enough*

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Age: 70

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: DUNOLLY

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Suburb: Hunterview

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- none! At all!
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Library

Swim & Gym.

Burdett Park - the bats.

own it now

Suttons purchase.

main street.

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Age:

76

"TIGHTEN YOUR BELTS"

Gender: Male Female

Suburb:

WATTLE POND'S

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If you prefer the **Base Case**, what services or projects would you like to see changed, reduced or no longer delivered?

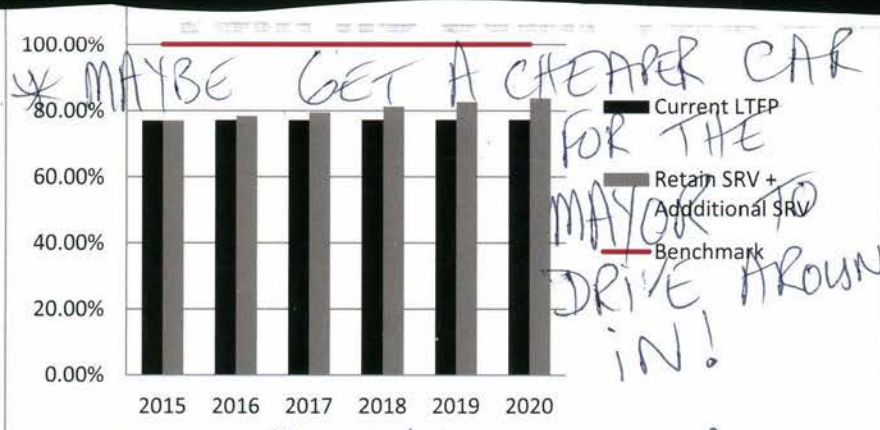
You should tighten your belts (pay cuts) like the rest of us had to do in the Mines. Also, Glass Parade is a disgrace. Shame on you & your Engineer who accepted

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the piece of garbage (NOT

*WE HAD TO ACCEPT A 20% PAY CUT WITH THE MINES.
*HOW ABOUT CUTTING ALL PAY?

MUSHYBROOK COUNCIL



LTFP = Long Term Financial Plan

Why waste A ROADS. Money re-surfacing Watte Ponds Road? Another waste OF MONEY.

In June 2002, Council received approval for a Special Rate Variation to repay a loan for infrastructure renewal for a period of 15 years. The variation provided an additional \$343,497 in revenue per year.

A \$4.65 million loan was taken out to fund construction of the new library, stormwater works, rural roads, streetscape works and refurbishment of the administration building.

These funds have been fully expended on the projects identified and the projects are complete.

On 30 June 2017, this special rate variation will cease and reduce Council's general rate income by \$501,000 or 3.1% from the 2017/18 financial year. This equates to a decrease of between \$6 and \$12 per annum in general rates.

UTURE

If you prefer the **Base Case**, what services or projects would you like to see changed, reduced or no longer delivered?

Keep the Base Case & learn to spend the money in a better way.

How do you think people on a pension or low income can afford to pay the extra money for

rates. We cannot get barking dogs attended to, so we don't get much

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us

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Age: 65

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: SINGLETON

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Would prefer
Base Case option
as a pensioner even
with the discount
it is hard at times
everyone at the
moment has to
privatise their

Wants and needs

From our Council

Will do its best

Keep us moving

forward even if

we have to lose

a few benefits to

the town

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Age: 80

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: DUNNALLY

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Neither Leave Things as
is



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Age: 34

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: Dalwood

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If you prefer the **Base Case**, what services or projects would you like to see changed, reduced or no longer delivered?

The only service we
get is our road
anything else is done
in town we only
get a fortnight garbage

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If you did a survey you would find people from Dalwood never go to Singleton only to pass through

I could not name the mayor or any councillors nor have ever seen any.

We shop at Rotherford because its closer easier to Park and cheaper as do most people.

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Age: 40

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: Singleton

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If you prefer the **Base Case**, what services or projects would you like to see changed, reduced or no longer delivered?

We have enough parks for children
10yrs and under. Like to see

an amalgamation of councils.

Cut some service's for
example long day care,
sell off. Learn from other
Councils.

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No to 10% rise a year.
TO Singleton Council,

This is a letter in regards to the rate variation. We are currently paying \$2,300. approx for our residential block, we plan on living here for another 10yrs. To see it go up 10% during this time is a huge sum from our wage each year.

- Firstly there are so many parks here for children under 10 yrs. We do not need anymore.
- Reduced waste going to landfill should mean less costs to manage the waste not just less income.
- Learn from other councils, why use consultants? How do other councils without the mining industry manage to have rates charges similar and keep them down and survive.
- Become leaner as a council, reduce council size, sell off day care centre. C.C.C.C.
Amalgamation with Cessnock council to keep our rates down, or cut some services.
- I do not agree with a massive 10% rise per year, at all. The town is suffering enough with mining downturn.

Regards

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Age: 57

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: McDougalls Hill

What is your preferred option to secure our future?

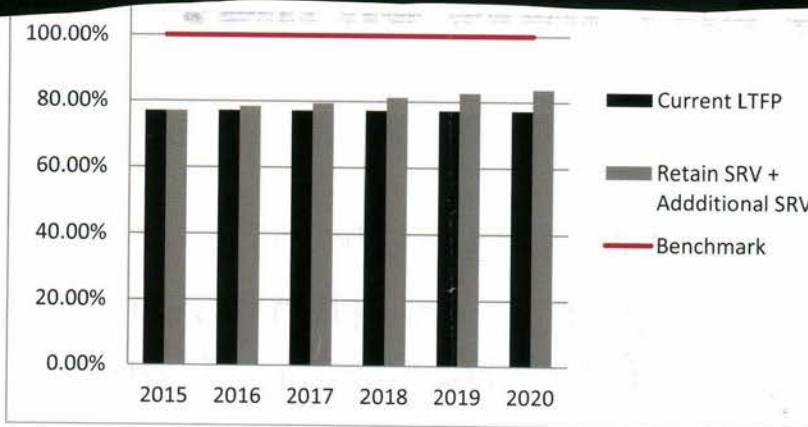
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Refer to letter to the
Editor, Singleton Argus
Nov 17th; says it all
really, and no I'm not
the author of the letter, just
agree with it 100%.

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P.S. The Xmas tree and decorations you have provided at a cost of ?? are nothing short of tacky to say the least.

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Age: 37.

Sender: Male Female

Suburb: SINGLETON

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If you prefer the **Base Case**, what services or projects would you like to see changed, reduced or no longer delivered?

WITH The money that comes
to council if you cant budget
it proves you are wasteful
& incompetant - stop
coloured brechures - in
recycle unread - less
feasability studies ETC
it can be a start.

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We are a single income family (not in the mines) with a mortgage - family to educate etc. our council rates are always paid on time only because we budget & don't waste. Have a really good look at your finances before you say "we'll put up the rates" 2.5% Govt. increase enough.

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have your say - SECURING OUR FUTURE

Age: 69

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: Branxton East

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look at the office
staff to ensure
efficiency no double
of duties. See
attached letter

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Thank you for allowing the community to have a say, when probably you will increase the rates anyway.

Living here at Branxton, we have a pool and sports fields, I don't know which Council is responsible for the maintenance of these.

We are between two councils and is Cessnock in the same position?

The services we receive are garbage and recycling and at times cleaning up after a storm. We are already paying huge rates and I am not comfortable increasing these when I don't know if this will stop after 4 years.

I calculated I would be paying \$160.00 per year and over 4 years that would be \$640.00, a huge amount of money on top of the rates already paid and I don't believe this area receives any near the services in Singleton.

I feel that maybe you are taking the easy way out by expecting the community to pay extra for the same services.

have your say
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Age: _____
Gender: Male Female

Suburb: Boorangoola

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Reduce staff, the number of cars parked seems to me like an iron lung, keeping a lot of people alive, do away with those big cars, smaller cheaper to run & registers also insure. No need for as many staff cars pay a mileage, reduce the times the moving of parks
Pay more for use of swimming & fitness centre and other facilities

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Age: 30

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: Town

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I think Broke ~~road~~ should not cost Council any money. The coal mines should pay all up keep of the road as they do all damage and moving of the rd.

I think Rates should not go up if it does should come from the coal mines as we put up enough with the high cost of Fuel and all the dust and dirt from them.



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Age: ~~65~~ *Is this relevant?*

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: *GOWRIE*



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see attachment.

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Our council proclaims 'we are fit for the future' but then proposes a 45% increase in rates. How brazen is that!

If the situation is as grave as the brochure sets out we wonder why amalgamation has not been considered. We the ratepayers have not been given the opportunity to comment on that. Isn't this the very reason the state government is asking councils to amalgamate; to reduce costs to rate payers; to cut back on all those top salaries. But of course the managers prefer that doesn't happen.

An amalgamation of Singleton and Cessnock council surely makes sense. Apart from uniting the vineyards, we have much in common, more for us to gain than to lose, a mid-Hunter council.

Let us have a debate about that before we consider an over-the-top rate increase.



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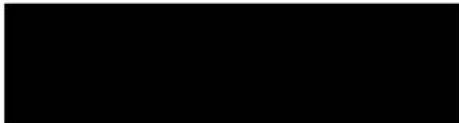
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I AM NOW A WIDOW, IT IS HARD
TO MANAGE ON A PENSION, (A SINGLE ONE)
IT IS COSTING OVER \$100 A MONTH NOW.
IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO SECURE A SRV
YOU MAY HAVE TO CUT SERVICES JUST AS I HAVE.
CAN YOU TELL ME HOW MUCH ~~OF~~ COUNCIL HAVE
INVESTED IN THE RISKY MONEY MARKET. I SUSPECT
IT MUST BE MILLIONS, WHY NOT GET IT BACK
BEFORE IT GETS LOST IN THE NEXT GFC PUT IT
BACK INTO SUCH AS NEWCASTLE PERMANATE 90 DAYS
AND USE THIS TO ~~KEEP~~ KEEP COUNCIL FIT. SORRY
I CANNOT GO ALONG WITH THE SRV

Yours



how we plan to consult

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Age: 62

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: MT. OLIVE.



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SPORT + REC.

IF PEOPLE WANT TO PLAY SPORT - USER PAYS

IF BUSINESS WANT MORE FACILITIES / BETTER

STREET SCAPE - BUSINESS PAYS

IF MINES WANT TO MINE, THEY SHOULD

PAY MUCH MORE. / ITS EASY TO DO ALL THESE

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ITS EASY TO PROVIDE LOTS OF FACILITIES/SERVICES IF YOU JUST LOOK AT THE RATE-PAYERS AS AN ENDLESS SUPPLY OF MONEY - BUT THEY HAVE TO EARN THEIR INCOME. TO LIVE IN THIS COMMUNITY AND THEIR INCOME. DOESN'T GO UP 9% P.A. IN SOME CASES THEIR INCOME HAS GONE DOWN. THEY HAVE TO LIVE WITHIN THEIR MEANS. AND I THINK COUNCIL SHOULD TOO.

IF SMALL SECTIONS OF THE COMMUNITY WANT SPECIAL SERVICES THEY SHOULD BE PREPARED TO PAY FOR IT THEMSELVES



General Manager
Singleton Shire Council
Singleton.

Dear Madame.

I feel that the reason we need at 9.75% rate rise is the State Government's fault.

It ~~is~~ pegged rate increases of manageable amounts for the last 20 to 30 years

yours faithfully



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Age: 74

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: Down Town.

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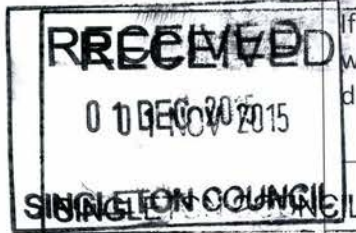
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Gender: Male Female

Suburb: Singleton

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If you prefer the **Base Case**, what services or projects would you like to see changed, reduced or no longer delivered?

Money should have
been spent on
roads / drainage
instead of "new" John
St. Councils priorities
are WRONG

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Age: _____

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: Singleton

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Age: 24

Gender: Male Female

Suburb: Hunterview

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Pointless, detrimental and poorly planned projects such as \$11m town centre revitalisation project which has done nothing to benefit town or community and has negatively impacted local businesses.

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Age: _____

Gender: Male Female

^Suburb: _____

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I think Residential rates should be kept low a possible if we are to increase our population.

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