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Dear IPART

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Our Valley CAN NOT afford this rate rise!!!!!! As a rate payer in The Clarence Valley NSW I am disgusted that our rates could rise 37% over 5 years. I am struggling to pay current rates as we are low income earners. Our local council has failed to utilise the revenue already raised from rates paid. There has been a lot of wasted money from our council and the benefits need to stop for all our councillors. (Cups of coffee, extravagant lunches and weekly flights for no good reason). The rate rise would not be necessary if the council has some restructure from The General Manager through to ground level. Cut costs and expenditure and a SRV would not be necessary. Please do not increase our rates as majority of the local residents are already struggling to make ends meet. A significant rate rise will create further financial hardship and disgruntled rate payers.

Please consider the future of our beautiful Clarence Valley not the pockets of the local Council. We are already in the top 1/3 of all NSW rate payers. The 314 cell phones and 182 vehicles provided to councillors and employees are not necessary, reduce these costs and maintenance and this SRV is NOT valid.

Regards

Amanda Bowling