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Your submission for this review:

I have followed reports of the council management's incompetence (to be kind) in the handling of Central Coast's finances. It appears that those responsible are to escaped scot-free and retain their gains. I am concerned by the application for an extension to the IPART concession on water, sewerage and stormwater drainage rates. This part of the council's expenditure is for critical services and should receive priority over less critical services activities. I propose that a part of the general rates should be used to support critical projects related to water, sewerage and stormwater drainage, especially if the desalination plant is to be designed and constructed. It seems to me that the current application for an extension is a part of as strategy to gain long term support for permanently raising the cost of essential services separate from the general rates expenditure thereby easing pressure to improve efficiency and oversight of the latter. I'm sorry if this message appears pessimistic regarding councillors competence - however the residents have been exposed to the consequences of poor performance and do not believe that this will not be repeated. Greater dissemination of and comment on detailed and strategic financial information. Also, designated responsibility must be written into all of the councillors activities and councils contracts then we may gain a degree of trust. This may complicate the appointment of employees but we should finish up with a better, more responsible council reporting to residents and not political masters.