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DEAR SIR / MADAM

RE : BELLINGER RIVER'S COUNCIL PROPOSAL TO IMPOSE A 20% RATE INCREASE ON THE RATE PAYERS.

AS PROPERTY HOLDERS AND LARGE SCALE RATE PAYERS,

WE WISH TO EXPRESS OUR DEEP CONCERN FOR THE BELLINGER RIVER'S COUNCIL PROPOSAL TO IMPOSE A 20% RATE INCREASE ON THE RATE PAYERS.

THE SOURCE OF THE DIFFICULTY IS TWOFOLD.

THE MAJORITY OF RATE PAYERS ARE FINDING IT A CHALLENGE TO PAY COUNCIL RATES ALREADY.

THE ELECTED COUNCIL HAS SHOWN IN MULTIPLE WAYS THAT IT CANNOT HANDLE THE MONEY THAT THE RATE PAYERS HAVE ENTRUSTED TO IT, LEAVING SCORES OF MAINTENANCE JOBS AND INFRASTRUCTURE REPAIRS INCOMPLETE OR SO SHODDILY DONE THAT THE "REPAIRS" USUALLY BREAK DOWN WITHIN THE NEXT TWO YEARS. A GOOD EXAMPLE OF THIS WOULD BE GUESSES BRIDGE EASTERN APPROACHES. EVERY DAY WE ARE FORCED TO CROSS THESE APPROACHES WITH DAMAGING DEEP POTHoles AND A SINGLE LANE OF BROKEN TAR. WE HAVE SEEN LITTLE SHIRE WIDE FROM RECENT LARGE SPECIAL RATE VARIATIONS FOR ROADS. WE HAVE SEEN MUCH DAMAGE TO THE UNDERCARRIAGE OF OUR CARS.

IT IS CLEAR THAT BELLINGEN COUNCILLORS HOLD RATE PAYERS IN CONTEMPT WHEN THEY SPEND EXCESSIVE AMOUNTS OF MONEY ON SOCIAL ISSUES WHICH ARE NOT RELEVANT TO COUNCIL.

FINALLY THE APPOINTMENT OF TWO ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGERS WHEN ONE WAS EASILY ABLE TO ATTEND TO THE JOBS IN HAND IS A FINAL INDITMENT OF THE REASONS WHY THE COUNCIL SHOULD NEVER BE ENTRUSTED WITH A 20% RATE INCREASE WHICH WILL SURELY RESULT IN GREAT HARDSHIP IN THE FUTURE AS CPI INDEX INCREASES CAUSE EVERYDAY COSTS TO BLOW OUT.

WE URGE YOU TO PLEASE TREAT THIS MATTER WITH ALL DUE EMERGENCY SO THAT A MEANINGFUL DISCUSSION CAN TAKE PLACE.

YOURS SINCERELY

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