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Submission: As a local resident who does not receive water or garbage services despite only being 5km from Bellingen town centre, I oppose to the proposed rate increase. Also, I am aware that council proposes to replace a number of local wooden bridges with concrete structures. I love the old-style bridges in the Bellingen shire and believe they contribute to the local atmosphere and appeal. I would be very sad to see these wooden bridges go (I did support the removal of the camper laurels in Church street). I often receive visitors from overseas and every single visitor expresses their delight on seeing these beautiful wooden bridges.