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Submission: Dungog is hurting, we have a population with a large number of pensioners, both aged and other, low income families, how are we going to afford this rise. Dungog council were given opportunities to benefit our area and they were ignored or denied. Business is not booming, it is struggling, any rise in rates will be passed on to the towns people or jobs will go. What are they going to do with the money build a new council chambers has been suggested, look at most of the offices in Dungog, they are not palatial. New growth and business opportunities have been denied by council, developers have left. I do not support this rise.