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Please reject the ARC application for a permanent SRV of 8.5%. There are many reasons why the rise is unjustified, the first being it is not the will of the people. Overwhelmingly, submissions to the council from the public supported the option to not apply for an SRV. However, this was completely ignored by council who voted to seek a permanent increase to serve their own self interests.

The Armidale Regional Council has proven to be reckless, [REDACTED], in regards to their poor financial management. They are dysfunctional and [REDACTED]. As borne out via legal battle between council and councillors and the appointment of administrators. The council have squandered tens of millions of dollar in recent years via going over budget on projects, in many cases not even bothering to project budgets for projects. Also spending cash reserves on large projects rather utilising financing to spread the cost over the long term.

On principle the council sees the SRV as a bail out, which once achieved they plan then begin trying to balance their budget. Well I suggest a more logical approach would be to reign in the spending first! They need to trim back spending and increase their efficiency rather than seeking a handout from the residents. The region has been affected by drought and the covid pandemic and cannot afford any more increases in rates. The council has imposed a punitive rise in water rates from \$2.60/ML to \$4.20/ML since water consumption went down to meet the water restriction imposed by council.

In conclusion, ARC already ranks in the top tier of rates and charges collected per resident and have no justification requesting a further increase before they can prove themselves competent money managers.

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