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Submission: We have serious concerns about the reported strong community support for a Special Rate Variation. The survey material was designed to alarm and present only one real option. Despite this, I am not aware of anyone who was in support of the full increase and saw a large number of letters to the editor in our local paper to the contrary. Some Councillors at BMCC have resigned over financial concerns and others publicly criticised the community survey findings which causes concern about the validity of the survey process. As Blue Mountains residents we are not confident that our Council is fiscally responsible. We do not get a level of services commensurate with neighbouring LGAs or similar size LGAs. Our sporting fields and recreation facilities are substandard and we do not see investment in key facilities such as these. We are not confident all avenues of efficiencies and economies of scale have been implemented at BMCC. While of course we would like to see better provision of services, is this a case of good money after bad? What assurance do residents have an increase is justified and will be responsibly managed?