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Subject: Dungog Council Special Rate Variation

I am totally opposed to the increase as follows.

- There was minimal consultation by the council with the rate payers of Dungog.
- Council has made little effort to sell off unused assets as there is land and properties that are owned by council that have not been used since they were purchased. Some of these have been sitting vacant for well over 10 years. Even more recently council has continued to purchase properties with no plan to use them even with there current financial position of the council.
- Council has continued to waste rate payers money and grants that have been provided and are still planing to waste more with so called beautification in the main street while closing down public facilities within the shire.
- Council provided a facts sheet to rate payers setting out income and costs. They could not even get this right as there was over \$167,000 missing and not accounted for.
- Council states that the increase is for roads and bridges, but these are not just used by rate payers they are there and used by all Australians.
- A 97.8% increase is totally unjustified when the CPI for the last 12 months was only 1.9% I feel that council is taking advantage of the rate payers and just wants an easy way out of the position they have put the council in, as the present council has made little effort to correct the councils financial position.

Regards

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My submission can be published but my name is to remain anonymous.