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Submission: As a part owners of a holiday property at Angourie NSW I am totally opposed to the Clarence Valley Council's Special Rates variation (SRV) of 8%pa over the next 3 years which in effect means an increase of approx 26% over that period on top of the already exorbitant rates that are now levied by the Council. The reason for the SRV is said to be used for "General Fund Financial sustainability" and "General Fund Asset sustainability". To me this is a 'wishy washy' non- commercial way of hitting the ratepayers in the absence of specifics. Moreover, what has the Council done to introduce cost cutting measures rather than lean on the ratepayers which they previously tried to do in 2015 that was rightly declined by IPART. The Council's record of managing capital works has been appalling and costly to the ratepayers (e.g Grafton central works). A good business today properly manages its finances and operations within its means and does not lean on the stakeholders as the Council is endeavouring to do with the SRV that I totally reject.