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Submission: I wish to record my disagreement with the proposed increase by way of a Special Rate Variation. I am nearing retirement and my rates will over time increase from \$1,664 per year to \$3,294 per year. I am aware of the poor state of the roads and would agree to a far smaller increase, the fact is that Dungog has seriously been let down in terms of funding from the State Government for roads. It is not appropriate for the small rate paying number of citizens to pay the full cost of maintaining our roads. I'm fed up with watching the news or reading the paper of all the public money that is thrown at the Sydney region. Very little money comes to the regions and when it does it's usually at election time.

So my request is that the SRV not be agreed to, certainly not to the extent proposed.