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Submission: I strongly oppose this submission. Our current rates are already extraordinarily high and most people that live in a small country town like this are not wealthy or high income earners and are only just managing the high rate costs we are already paying and a 20% increase would be very detrimental to most households. The town revitalisation project is an excellent idea to offset the result of the bypass but it should not be paid for by ratepayers , it should be funded by the State Government. The Federal government recently purchased the Snowy Hydro Scheme from the State Government to inject cash for exactly these sort of projects and our council should be making stronger representations on our behalf rather than putting their hand out locally.