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Submission: As a ratepayer I understand the necessity of infrastructure maintenance & upgrades, however am opposed to the higher rate variation requested. I'm a member of one of the smaller communities in the Shire & feel that many of the reasons for the variation are just not applicable to many residents. Like the majority of smaller villages, we still have dirt roads, no town water & very basic facilities yet the rate increase is to cover town revitalisation works of which we receive virtually no benefit. Especially when there's a bypass to be built so the majority of traffic will go around, rather than through the newly "beautified" town of Scone. My rates should benefit my village & to be told I'd be paying so much extra to fund projects that have no benefit for my community is an insult.