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Submission: I write to support the SRV submitted by Eurobodalla Shire Council. This LGA and its residents need the works and services the SRV will fund. Opponents of the SRV will argue that ratepayers are unable to afford the increases but if ABS Census data is correct then 37% of ratepayers do not even live in the Shire. I can only assume those properties must be their 2nd, 3rd or 4th properties so to argue those ratepayers can't afford a small rate increase is disingenuous to say the least. It may well be that poor practices in the past meant council assets and infrastructure were not dealt with by a proper schedule of maintenance but the current Council should be given the necessary funds to bring our assets up to scratch within a reasonable timeframe. As a community representative on Council's Disability Advisory I think Council must be congratulated for seeking to use part of the SRV to improve accessibility throughout the Shire. In the 21st century it is scandalous that a child with disability cannot use play equipment or mix with non-disabled peers in an inclusive environment. Why should a taxpayer (or former taxpayer) not be able to use a community hall because they can't get through the front door because the building is inaccessible? Why are there parts of our beautiful Shire that a family with a son or daughter with a disability can't visit because there is no accessible toilet? I urge the IPART to consider the request for a Special Rate Variation favourably and grant Eurobodalla Shire's request. Regards Gail Stevens