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Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal. The Clarence Valley Council ran a survey that was statistically Invalid and would not be submitted to IPART. They on there own admission stated it was because they had to convince IPART that CVC had consulted the local people. The General Manager calculates the potential rate increase across all items included in an annual Rate Notice, such as garbage ,water ,sewerige. As a rate payer I do not trust this council to convey my opinion to IPART. We in the then Maclean Shire Council was a financial concern till the forced ammalgimation with Grafton, now the Clarence Valley Council. All we see is waste and now they want more of our money to chase good after bad with a rate increase of 37%. A large no of this area are retired Pensioners on a fixed income including myself, they the councilors are putting us out of our homes that we saved for our our retirerment, we certainly don,t get 37% increase as well as every thing else going up. The staff responsible for this request earn in excess of \$200.000. I would like to see them budget on %16.000per year They need a lession in Management. Hoping that IPART takes all matters into consideration. Yours Sincerely Helen Skillen ratepayer C V C P.S. I Cannot trust this Council only One or Two are concerned with this outcome on its local people.