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To: [Local Government Mailbox](#)
Subject: Ratepayer submission in response to Bellingen Shire Councils SRV application 2018-19
Date: Friday, 23 February 2018 11:51:23 AM
Attachments: [The Bellingen Shire Ratepayers Association.pdf](#)

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"I don't think you're spending it that well that I should be donating extra".

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