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To: IPART Mailbox

Subject: Clarence Valley Council rate increase request

Dear members of IPART,

As a ratepayer and resident of The Clarence Valley Council, I am asking you to refuse the councils request for the proposed 37% rate increase.

Our population is mainly middle aged to elderly with high unemployment.

We cannot afford our councils continued mismanagement of funds. They have shown no regard of our requested input into the future of our town, spending almost one third of the budget on consultations then disregarding them only to start again.

As residents, we have been trying for years to find cost cutting measures to stay within our household budgets yet the council has publicly stated in the last few months that they are NOW starting to look at ways of saving money. Many instances of waste and financial incompetence are available for your perusal in the councils minutes.

Please help us to make our council accountable before they send us all into bankruptcy. They have already put us over 15 million dollars in debt.

We need your help.

Yours sincerely

Kerrie Gibson

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