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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, 19 February 2018 7:08 PM

To: IPART Mailbox

Subject: Rate rise, Bellingin Shire

Dear IPART, This is a formal complaint protesting Bellingin Shire's decision to increase annual rates by 20 percent. The rate rise one of several recent hikes shows a callous disregard for rate payers, most of whom are already battling the impact of high shire costs, live outside the town centre and receive no services in return for their rate payments. I am also concerned at the manner in which Council has treated its rate payers, rather like a sponge that can be continuously wrung when called on to balance the budget which miraculously transposed from multi-million dollar loss maker into positive territory when the council was threatened with amalgamation. Here in [REDACTED], we receive no services apart from occasional road maintenance - largely the result of complaining school bus providers - so I believe my complaint is a valid one. Please give this matter your earnest attention. Kind regards [REDACTED].