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Your submission for this review:

As a former Councillor and a Qualified Accountant -who has operated business and provided advise to local residents during the last 30 plus years - I can sincerely say that Council are in dire need of a new Financial Model That is not to say many of our Councillors do not have the community interest at heart . The current SRV has highlighted the lack of adequate Financial training for our Councillors - who have ALL admitted they have little to no understanding of the Financial Documents Every Councillor was "appalled/ dismayed" about the \$10.7 m annual Loss predicted. The majority of Councilors reported that they were unaware of any Financial Issue at Council - until about June Not one Councillor really understood the LTFFP is a "Budget " excluded Capital Grant Funding" to arrive at this prediction. Nor did they understand "revalued asset "depreciation . Councilors were bamboozled Hundreds of pages - Consolidated , Water Fund , General Fund etc purportedly showed Council was "going broke" . Community questioned why Council has no money ! Council staff worried about jobs . Councillors provided with Council "advise " which suggested the Council was Non- Sustainable - and the Dept of LG may even appoint an administrator ! They were also told that many of Councils have applied for these SRV - due to rate pegging and cost shifting Finally Councillors themselves may be held personally responsible What a debacle! Morrison/Low- told Councillors to "Be brave , be leaders " and discussed IPART requirement to "engage with the Community " IPART is aware that NO REAL community consultation is necessary to proceed with the SRV. In fact the democratic process - so highly regarded in Australia has been thrown out! All the Council had to do was convince our Councillors that it is their best interest to apply for a SRV. Achieved 6/3 It is not only Council facing the frustration and anger - but the Councillors also face much personal community criticism and anguish