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The Administrator believes that Ratepayers should pay for the cost of the financial crisis the Council finds itself in. Asking IPart to support and increase land rates for 10 years and also to increase water prices. This is totally unfair to the community and ratepayers in both cases. ■■■ and ■■■ play down the increase that will affect many saying it is only 2 cups of coffee from a cafe per week. There are a lot of the population who do not enjoy or can afford cafe visits or regularly purchase take away coffee. Just because the Administrator, CEO and Senior Staff on their exorbitant salaries have the means and luxury to indulge on such delights, the majority of the community do not. First home buyers, the elderly (a major part of the Central Coast community) single parents or families do not. There is no payrises to offset the increased land rate and water rates. It is placing stress, tension, depression on much of our community. ■■■ does not live on the Central Coast and ■■■ has only just arrived and is not a ratepayer. They do not have a thorough understanding or appreciation of the community. All they are looking at is how can we get money from the residents. They will go back into retirement or move on and it is us who will continue to struggle with exorbitant prices and reduced service levels. They ■■■ and ■■■ the community "if the price increase does not go ahead, more staff will be made redundant, community buildings will close and service levels will drop further". Grants should be sort from the Government and reduce the Administrator, CEO and ELT salaries to help recoup the costs. Do not put the burden on ratepayers who cannot afford additional fees and charges. Ipart reduced the fees charged and that is the way it should remain.