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Submission: The Eurobodalla shire council wrote to all ratepayers outlining the need to raise a special rates variations. The document was informative and produced a detailed report as to where these funds will be spent. At a time when all of us need to understand that costs need to be shared if we are to maintain our lifestyle and be able to grow our economy and shire in a time of low interest rates. The shire wishes to press on with infrastructure spending which is a positive as these costs will not get cheaper but more expensive. The shire under two consecutive CEO's management teams as well as two Mayor's and councillors have worked well to carry out a number of important projects in the shire. At the same time they have managed the finances with reduced expenditure and a improvement in grant allocations. A sign that the council is working well. But we all know this funding and expenses can only be cut so far and it is important for employment, our culture and society is not restricted going forward. I endorse a rate increase to sustain growth and prosperity for our shire.