

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 30 July 2015 9:18 AM  
**To:** IPART Mailbox  
**Subject:** Dungog Council Rate Increase

Ipart,

I am writing to object to the rate increase proposed by Dungog Council.

I understand this proposal is to be an increase of 13 per cent per year for 6 years.

It was only by chance that I found out that council had applied to Ipart for this increase.

At no time has Council involved or advised the community of any consultation period in regards to such a huge increase in rates.

I feel that such an increase is totally unjustified as there has been no community engagement by council and is discriminating against all ratepayers of Dungog Shire.

There are other means for Council to reduce operating costs, but it seems that they are just taking the easy way out by proposing to increase rates by an unjustifiable amount.

Being a country area we do not have the means or employment opportunities to offset such a huge increase.

Retires on a fixed income will also be pushed further into poverty.

Could you please advise that this e-mail has been received and has been used as part of Iparts consideration of the application.

Regards  
Peter Evans  
Dungog Shire Resident.