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Submission: Council invited ratepayers to complete a survey regarding their SRV, 74% of responders were NOT in favour of the proposed SRV preferring rate pegging.

A majority of Councillors decided that they knew better than the 74% of people who in good faith completed the survey.

One of the main objectives of this SRV Application is for Council to invest in CBDs.

Businesses determine their development requirements, NOT council, Councils function is to ensure that roads, car parking, paths beautification etc are addressed by the developer as part of the Council approval process.

A special rate could be levied on existing commercial CBD properties for future CBD improvements. In the main it is the businesses that benefit from these improvements NOT all ratepayers.

Council proposes to spend \$4.4 over 10 yrs on Events Management by establishing an expanded events team to manage events sponsorship and event coordination. This is not a Council function.

The proven way to increase visitation rates is for the owner to provide quality accommodation/business and utilise all the modern media marketing opportunities.

Surely Councils strategy should be to focus on the issues that affect all ratepayers:- maintenance and construction of roads, paths, parks, ovals and Council buildings.

Council propose to borrow \$60m to fund their proposed wish list. The loan to be repaid over 20 years, ratepayers in the first 10 years will repay \$18.162m interest charges and \$25.225m principal repayments. Should these current councillors be able to commit a LGA to this high debt level.

Council like its ratepayers should operate within its means and not waste funds on businesses/ tourism who are their own masters.

My wife and I live at Shoal Bay on a single residential lot, not waterfront.. Our current rates are \$2956 if the SRV is approved our rates will increase to approximately \$5000 in 7 years. We are self funded retirees and will not receive any Council rate concessions.