

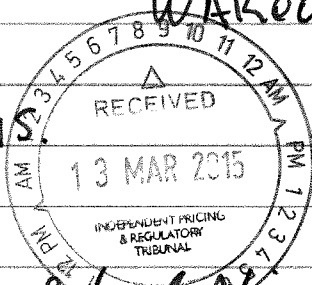
Re Rate Rise above the fixed Rate.

WAKOOL SHIRE COUNCIL.

Sender

R. J. HOARE

10.3.15.



The Wakool Shire Council has applied for a rate rise of 7% which is well above the granted increase which they say they need to run the Shire, as a farmer living in this area for the last 80 years, a large rate payer in excess of \$45000 and coming of a very poor season of very low spring rains would find any additional increase a burden on our financial situation as we now have to cut back in many areas.

We went to a Council called meeting at Redleyburn where members of the council & staff put forward their claims for a number of increases, put up a case for each. There would have been a good crowd there 30/40 to hear them but after all was talked through & questions answered a vote was called for and 100% voted against any increase above the normal. It was stated at other centres where meetings were held all voted against an increase most also 100% against. It was then that at the next council meeting the council voted for the increase (4 for 2 against). Should the council need to cut they may have to look at office & management staff where there has been a big increase in recent years. That is what we have to do in lean times. Hoping you will consider this objection.