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As residents and ratepayers in the former GTCC area we are extremely concerned about the special rate variation proposed by the administrators of the new Mid Coast Council.

Whilst we accept that the road infrastructure maintenance backlog needs to be tackled, at a time when incomes are not keeping pace with CPI (and for many retirees are actually going backwards as deposit investment returns plumb all time depths) and as energy prices (a mostly non-discretionary expense) are set for massive rises, now is not the time to hit residents with more than a very modest increase above the rate peg.

Unpopular as it may be with many who enjoy the services provided by council we would suggest that the majority of increased spending on transport infrastructure should be achieved by savings elsewhere in the budget.

As an additional observation we are concerned that a non-elected body should have sought parliamentary approval to propose a special rate variation and believe that this is a matter that should be held over until after the forthcoming council election when those responsible for proposing a special increase in the rates can be held accountable by the electorate.

Regards

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