Ratepayer submission in response to Bellingen Shire Councils SRV application 2018/19

## We are opposed to the SRV

Affordability.

We are currently struggling to pay the increased rates that have already taken place. Residents on fixed/ low incomes do not have the ability to absorb the constant increases.

Efficiency of council .

Council has too many administration staff members and therefore too large a proportion of the rates are spent on salaries. Service to ratepayers is appalling, road maintenance in particular. Staff levels have to be reduced in order that council can operate within budget.

Information sharing/communication.

Council has meetings during normal work hours making it impossible for the majority of ratepayers to attend. The system of counting non-responses from rate payers on council agendas as a "yes" for the issues up for vote is ludicrous. Bellingen Shire Council is not performing it's most important task – looking after rate payers properly and economically

This council should be subjected to an independent administrator's review as we can no longer have faith in them.

Signed....... Date: 07/03/2018

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Acknowledgement requested