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Submission: From: Toni [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 8 March 2017 12:50 PM
To: Local Government Mailbox
Subject: FW: Special Rate Variation 2017 Submission

I am sending you a copy of my submission to Ballina Shire Council regarding another rate increase. I am sure many other people will do the same. I believe 90% of submissions and online survey said no but Council has ignored us again.

From: Toni [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 3 February 2017 1:01 PM
To: 'srvproposal@ballina.nsw.gov.au'
Subject: Special Rate Variation 2017 Submission

I strongly object to ANOTHER proposed rate increase.
I am a fixed income pensioner as are many in our Shire and am experiencing difficulty absorbing your last increase on top of all other commodity increases.
I cannot see the justification for another increase and feel Council should look internally for funding.
It appears almost mandatory now that you keep requesting rate increases with little regard for people's ability to keep up. The compounding increases have the capacity to price us out of our homes.
Checking through my rate notices, it is clear that rates have more than doubled in the last 10 years and yet Stewart Street in Lennox Head, only one example, remains in a bygone era of disrepair.
How deep do you think our pockets are – please, give us a break!!!

Toni Houlahan,
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