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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, 21 February 2018 8:04 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Submission re- special rate variation Bellingen Shire Council

Thank you [REDACTED] for accepting this Submission via your email.

I am a rate payer within Bellingen Shire. My address [REDACTED].

I don't agree with the councils applicaton for another special rate variation of (I think 6%) for period 2018 to 2019. And I think they want same variation for following 2 years.

The council received (I think was 6%) 2017 to 2018. So I don't agree with them getting another 6% variation as all increases are compounding. From my memory the reason they asked for the 6% last year was that they then wouldn't seek more rate variations in following couple of years.

I am on a Disability Support Pension which hasn't increased to cover last years rate increase let alone further proposed (by council) rate increases.

I wonder whether council could try and cut down on the amount of employees and money to contractors that I think council have used. I also have questioned some monies council has used with other parties on so called "beautified Bellingen project.

I don't think it's fare and equitable that council now want another 6% rate variation when I think they have mismanaged some of the rates they have already received.

And as I have stated my Pension hasn't increased to cover last year and future proposed rate variation. There a lot of retirees on pensions and people not employed or under employed living in the Bellingen Shire.

So I ask IPART to not grant Bellingen Shire any special Rate Variation for Period 2018 to 2019 and for the following 2 years after that.

Thank you for considering my position.
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Sent from my iPhone