



Community Engagement Strategy

*Great Lakes 2030 Review &
Environmental Special Rate Continuation*

2012-2013

Great Lakes Council Community Engagement Strategy

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Community Engagement Schedule

Background

Great Lakes Council is committed to improving our service delivery and responding to our community's needs. It will actively seek out and encourage the community to provide meaningful input and opinion to inform its decision making.

This Community Engagement Strategy has been developed specifically to inform the review of the Community Strategic Plan, *Great Lakes 2030*, and to consult with the community on the proposal to seek the continuation of the Environmental and Dredging Special Rate.

Great Lakes 2030 is the community's plan, developed in accordance with the NSW Government's Integrated Planning & Reporting legislation. It was endorsed by Council in April 2011 after an in depth community consultation program to determine the community's aspirations and priorities for the future.

Under the legislation, each incoming council must review the Plan with its community to make sure the objectives and strategies are still current and that nothing significant has changed since the Plan's endorsement.

One of the main objectives identified by the community in *Great Lakes 2030* relates to the protection of the natural environment. This has been a major focus of Council and the community for a number of years and the community has shown consistent support for an Environmental Special Rate (ESR) which has been in place since 2001.

The ESR funds a number of environmental projects and on-ground works aimed at protecting and improving our natural environment. Since 2009 the ESR has also included

a 1% component specifically for conducting dredging projects in local waterways.

In conjunction with the review of *Great Lakes 2030* Council is seeking to gauge the community's support for continuation of this special rate, which will expire in June 2014.

Purpose

- To ensure the community and other stakeholders have opportunities to participate and be involved in decision making that impacts on their lives and interests
- To engage with the community so that their ideas and opinions are reflected in the review of their Community Strategic Plan
- To meet the requirements of the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) by conducting community consultation in regards to the proposal to seek the continuation of the special rate variation for environmental and dredging programs

Engagement objectives

Approach to community engagement

Engagement is an *"inclusive term to describe the broad range of interactions between people. It can include a variety of approaches, such as one-way communication or information delivery, consultation, involvement and collaboration in decision-making, and empowered action in informal groups or formal partnerships"* (source: State of Victoria, Department of Sustainability and Environment 2005).


Previous planning mechanisms have required councils simply to *inform* and *consult* with the community. The new community strategic planning framework goes beyond this level of public participation and encourages councils to aim to at least *involve* communities in the planning process, with *collaborative* engagement identified as the preferred level, with structures in place for ongoing engagement.

The International Association for Public Participation (IAP2) has devised a model to identify the core principles of community engagement. The model builds a scale of engagement objectives, which assist in determining activities and methods for inviting community participation and classifying outcomes based on the impact of the engagement on the decision making process.

The engagement process to be used for the long term strategic planning for

the Great Lakes area aims to be as inclusive as possible and to offer everyone the chance to participate in the process. The purpose of the engagement strategy is to involve the community in activities that allow them to express their thoughts on their current and future needs and expectations, as well as how this might be achieved. This strategy was developed with consideration of the Social Justice Principles of Equity, Access, Participation and Rights.

However the level to which stakeholders are engaged will vary depending on the desires of individual stakeholders and the stage of the planning process. Accordingly, stakeholders may be engaged through a range of the scale of activities as outlined in the diagram below.

Increasing level of public impact 					
	Inform	Consult	Involve	Collaborate	Empower
Public participation goal	To provide the public with balanced and objective information to assist them in understanding the problem, alternative, opportunities and/or solutions	To obtain public feedback on analysis, alternatives and/or decisions	To work directly with the public throughout the process to ensure that public concerns and aspirations are consistently understood and considered	To partner with the public in each aspect of the decision including the development of alternatives and the identification of the preferred solution	To place final decision-making in the hands of the public
Promise to the public	We will keep you informed	We will keep you informed, listen to and acknowledge concerns and aspirations, and provide feedback on how public input influenced the decision	We will work with you to ensure that your concerns and aspirations are directly reflected in the alternatives developed and provide feedback on how public input influenced the decision	We will look to you for advice and innovation in formulating solutions and incorporate your advice and recommendations into the decisions to the maximum extent possible	We will implement what you decide
Example techniques	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fact sheets • Web sites • Open houses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public comment • Focus groups • Surveys • Public meetings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshops • Deliberative polling 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Citizen advisory committees • Consensus building • Participatory decision making 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Citizen juries • Ballots • Delegated decision

Source: International Association for Public Participation (IAP2)

Key engagement principles

- 1 Everyone has a part to play in the future of the Great Lakes local government area
- 2 *Great Lakes 2030* can only be delivered through a true partnership between the community, Council and other stakeholders
- 3 *Great Lakes 2030* will assist the community to maintain its identity and lifestyle as it faces the challenges of the future
- 4 *Great Lakes 2030* will be owned by the community - it is not Council's plan, it is the community's plan
- 5 *Great Lakes 2030* provides Council with a guide to manage the changes and pressures of the future on behalf and for the benefit of the community
- 6 *Great Lakes 2030* is a long-term plan - we can't do everything at once, but the Community Strategic Plan provides a way forward

Key engagement objectives

- 1 Ensure the community and stakeholders are aware of opportunities to have a say in the review of *Great Lakes 2030*
- 2 Consult and seek feedback on the objectives and strategies in *Great Lakes 2030* to ensure they represent the community's aspirations and priorities for the future of the Great Lakes area
- 3 Educate residents about past and current achievements resulting from the ESR
- 4 Provide opportunities for residents to express their views on the proposed continuation of the ESR

- 5 Seek and measure community support for the continuation of the existing ESR

Engagement Parameters

Geographic boundaries

Community engagement will be carried out throughout the Great Lakes local government area. All residents and non-resident ratepayers will have the opportunity to provide feedback on *Great Lakes 2030* and the continuation of the ESR.

Timelines

Community engagement on both topics (CSP and ESR) will occur during October and November 2012. The revised *Great Lakes 2030* will be presented to Council for endorsement in the first quarter of 2013 after it has been placed on public exhibition. Council may resolve to apply for the continuation of the ESR during December 2012, with the application deadline in mid-February.

Legislative

Under the Integrated Planning & Reporting Framework councils must develop and endorse a Community Strategic Plan, on behalf of its local government area. The plan must identify the community's main priorities and aspirations for the future.

Councils must also prepare and implement a Community Engagement Strategy for engagement with the local community in developing and reviewing the Community Strategic Plan.

Each newly elected council must review the Community Strategic Plan within nine months of the local government elections. This is the first

review of *Great Lakes 2030* to be undertaken.

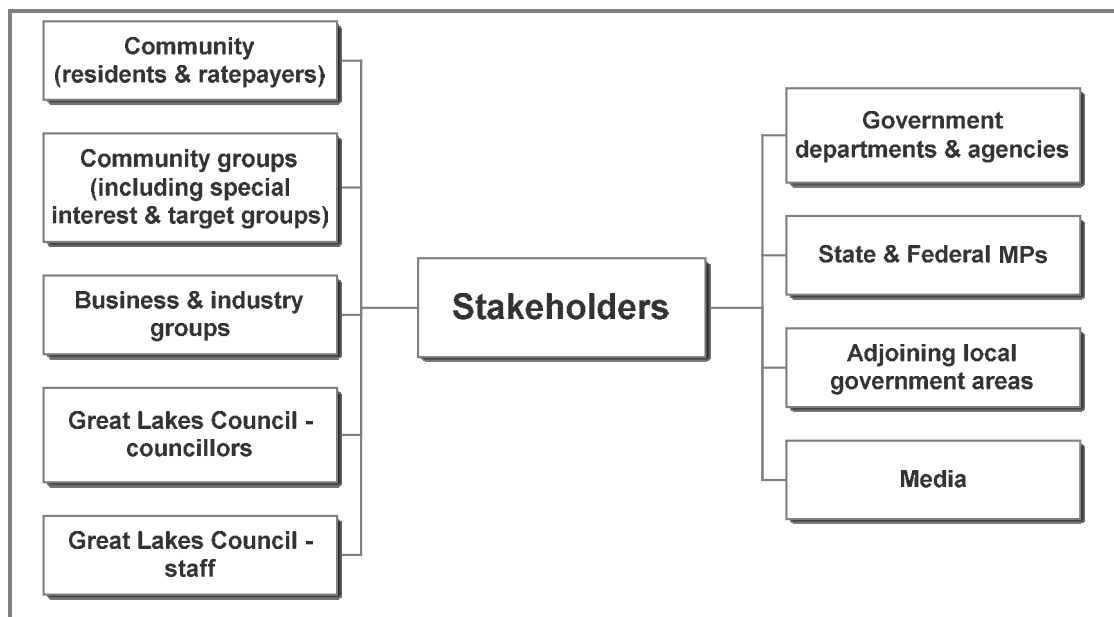
In addition, in 2010 the Minister for Local Government delegated certain decision making responsibilities to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory

Tribunal (IPART) including reviewing applications for special rate variations from councils. The application process requires that councils show evidence of community support for variations by undertaking community engagement activities.

Stakeholders

The stakeholders for the CSP review and ESR continuation include (but are not limited to) the following key groups. Details regarding *how* and

when stakeholders will be consulted is included in the 'Community Engagement Schedule' (included as Annexure 1).



Community engagement timeline & activities

The detailed community engagement program including details of key stakeholder groups, engagement tools and engagement dates is included in the 'Community Engagement Schedule' (included as Annexure 1).

The community will have a number of means and opportunities to engage in this process including participation at community meetings and community events, completion of hard copy feedback forms and through an on-line survey. Council will also commission an independent firm to undertake a statistically relevant random telephone survey in relation to the ESR proposal.

Evaluation

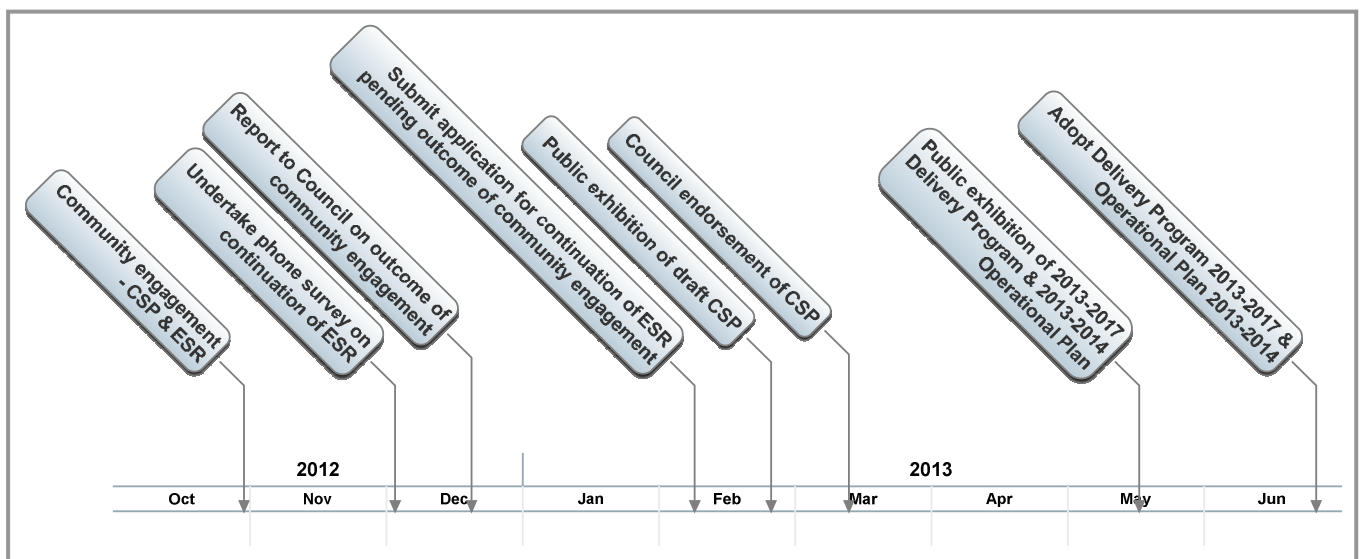
It is important to track how we are progressing in delivering on *Great Lakes 2030*. While the means we use may change over time, progress across the four Key Directions will be monitored to provide an assessment of our success in achieving our objectives. Regular reporting on this progress is required and appropriate methods will be utilised so as to inform the community as to the progress.

Where to from here?

The timeline below represents a general overview of the upcoming community engagement schedule on the review of the CSP and the continuation of the ESR as well as key milestones of the Integrated Planning & Reporting activities.

The Community Strategic Plan, Council's Delivery Program 2013-2017, Council's Operational Plan 2013-14, and Council's Resourcing Strategy will be presented to Council and the community for public exhibition during the first half of 2013. Submissions will be considered by Council prior to adopting the strategic planning documents in June 2013.

Pending the outcome of the community engagement, an application for the continuation of the ESR may be lodged with IPART in February 2013.





Community Engagement Schedule

*Great Lakes 2030 Review &
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2012-2013

Introduction

This *Community Engagement Schedule* should be read in conjunction with the *Community Engagement Strategy* developed to guide the review of the Community Strategic Plan (CSP), *Great Lakes 2030* and the potential continuation of the Environmental Special Rate (ESR) Renewal. This *Schedule* outlines the specific community engagement activities and stakeholders, as well as engagement methods to be used.

The activities have been designed to allow all members of the community an opportunity to become informed and engaged, as well as provide feedback to inform the review of the CSP and the ESR continuation proposal.

Community engagement activities

What/Where	When	Who
Tuncurry Markets	Saturday 27 October	BU/HK/PT/PB/SE/Eng
Pacific Palms Markets	Sunday 28 October	KB/IS/GT/LD/Eng
Tea Gardens Community Meeting Tea Gardens Baptist Church	Thursday 1 November 6pm	MANEX/GT/LD/PB
Forster/Tuncurry area & surrounds community groups Council Chambers	Monday 5 November 3pm	MANEX/GT/LD/PB
Nabiac Community Meeting Nabiac Showground Hall	Wednesday 7 November 6pm	MANEX/BU/LD/PB
Stocklands, Forster	Thursday 8 November 10-2	KB/PG/AMc/HK/LD/PB/Eng
Bulahdelah Community Meeting Bulahdelah School of Arts Hall	Tuesday 13 November 6pm	MANEX/MB/LD/PB
Forster/Tuncurry business groups (incl Tourism Partners) Council Chambers	Wednesday 14 November 6pm	MANEX/AMc/LD/PB
Stroud Community Meeting Stroud School of Arts Hall	Wednesday 21 November 6pm	MANEX/LD/PB
Staff briefings – CSP, ESR	October - email update November - face to face	TBC

Community engagement calendar

OCTOBER						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					26	27 Tuncurry Markets
28 Pacific Palms Markets	29	30	31			
NOVEMBER						
				1 HNTG community meeting	2	3
4	5 Forster/Tuncurry community groups	6 <i>(Melbourne Cup)</i>	7 Nabiac community meeting <i>(Coastal conference)</i>	8 Stocklands <i>(Coastal conference)</i>	9	10
11	12	13 Bulahdelah community meeting	14 Forster/Tuncurry business groups	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 Stroud community meeting	22	23	24
25	26 <i>(commence telephone survey)</i>	27 <i>(Waterway & Catchment report card launched)</i>	28	29	30	

Special interest groups

Note: Details of 'how', 'when' and 'who' to be handled on a case-by-case basis

Group	
Great Lakes Catchment Group	
Wallis & Smiths Lake Coastal & Estuary Committee	
Sustainable Farming Groups	
Coastal Community Network	
Myall Koala & Environmental Support Group	
Karuah Great Lakes Landcare	
GLUG	
Oyster growers	
Fish Coop	
GL Tourism Committee	
Volunteer groups	
State/Federal MPs	
NPWS	
Marine Park Authority	
RMS	
CMA	
OEH	
DPI	
GL Education & Skills Forum	
Community groups (i.e. Youth - schools, Homebase; Aboriginal community)	
Great Health Great Lakes Steering Committee	
Midcoast Water	
Neighbouring Councils GTCC Gloucester Port Stephens	(alignment of catchment issues)

Surveys

What	When	Who
Telephone survey	Monday 26 November (w/b)	Contractor/LD
Questionnaires	By end of October	All
On line survey	By end of October	LD

Media and other activities

Note: Various forms of media will be utilised to inform the community of engagement and feedback opportunities on the review of *Great Lakes 2030* and the continuation of the ESR

What	When	Who
Council Communicator	End September (mail out October)	Corporate Planning/ Communications
Council Communicator	Mid December (mail out January)	Corporate Planning/ Communications
Creek to Coast newsletter	Quarterly	Natural Systems
Focus Magazine	Paid advert & story - late Oct edition	
Other: Media releases Signs in offices & libraries Emails to invitees as per following page Local newsletters Local websites On line media Display in Forster Library	Various Stroud/Nabiac website on Communications list Include ESR poster in offices School newsletters - MB	Various
Paid advert	w/b 19 November	

Community engagement tools

What	Use	Who
<i>Great Lakes 2030</i> review material - key directions, strategies	Markets Community & SIG meetings Offices & libraries Web site	TBC
Fact sheets (may include case studies, report card etc)	Markets Community & SIG meetings Offices & libraries Web site	TBC
Questionnaire – CSP ESR	Markets Community & SIG meetings Offices & library Web site	TBC

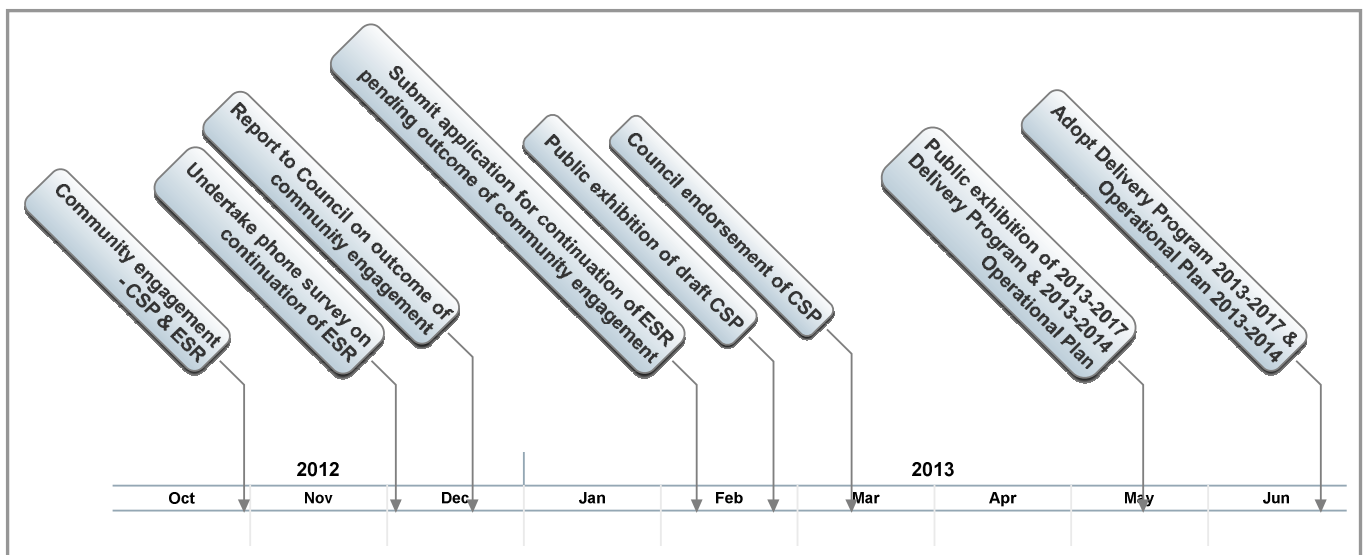
Invitees to community meetings

Where	Who
Forster (community groups) - 3pm - 2 reps - RSVP	<p>Coomba & District Progress Association Coomba Aquatic Club Friends of the GL Library Service (FOGGLS) Rotary Club of Great Lakes Inc Rotary Club of Tuncurry Forster Inc Rotary Club of Forster on Wallis Inc Lions Club - Forster Tuncurry Green Point Progress Association Probus Club of Wallamba Forster Keys Ratepayers/Progress Association Forster Aboriginal Land Council Wallis & Smiths Lake Coastal & Estuary Committee Coastal Community Network (IS) Others as appropriate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Volunteer groups - Council committees - Enviro special interest groups, GLUG - Schools - Surf Clubs
Forster (business groups) (write & ask them to distribute info to their members)	<p>Forster Waterside Forster Tuncurry Business Chamber Tuncurry Village Group (Michelle Chapman) EDAC Sustainable Business Partners (April) Tourism Committee Tourism Partners Women Business Buddies</p>
Tea Gardens Hawks Nest	<p>North Arm Cove Residents Association Pindimar Bundabah Community Association Tea Gardens Hawks Nest CCC Tea Gardens Progress Association Myall Koala & Environmental Support Group Myall Coast Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Myall River Action Group Jimmys Beach Restoration Group CTC - Tea Gardens (Lyn Reid) Karuah Local Aboriginal Land Council</p>
Stroud	<p>Stroud community (via community website) Stroud Showground Committee Lions, Progress Associations</p>
Bulahdelah	<p>Bulahdelah Chamber of Commerce & Tourism RTC Nerong Progress Association</p>
Nabiac	<p>Nabiac Village Futures Group Coolongolook Wootton Action Group Wootton Community Resource Network</p>

Key dates

When	What
Late September	Report to Council to endorse Community engagement
October/November	Community Engagement
Early – mid November	Meet with IPART to discuss potential application and survey questions
December	Report to Council on outcome of community engagement on CSP and ESR
December	Notification to IPART of intention to apply, pending Council resolution
January/February	Re-draft CSP, compile ESR application, pending Council resolution
February	Public exhibition of draft CSP
February	Report to Council on ESR application, pending Council resolution
February	Submit ESR application, pending Council resolution
March	Council endorsement of CSP
April/May	Public exhibition of 2013-2017 Delivery Program and 2013-2014 Operational Plan
June	Council adoption of strategic planning documents including 2013-2017 Delivery Program, 2013-2014 Operational Plan

Timeline





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Community Consultation

Great Lakes 2030 & ESR Continuation

November 2012

Outline of presentation

- Introduction
- Council update
- Environmental Special Rate
- *Great Lakes 2030 - Community Strategic Plan*
- Local update

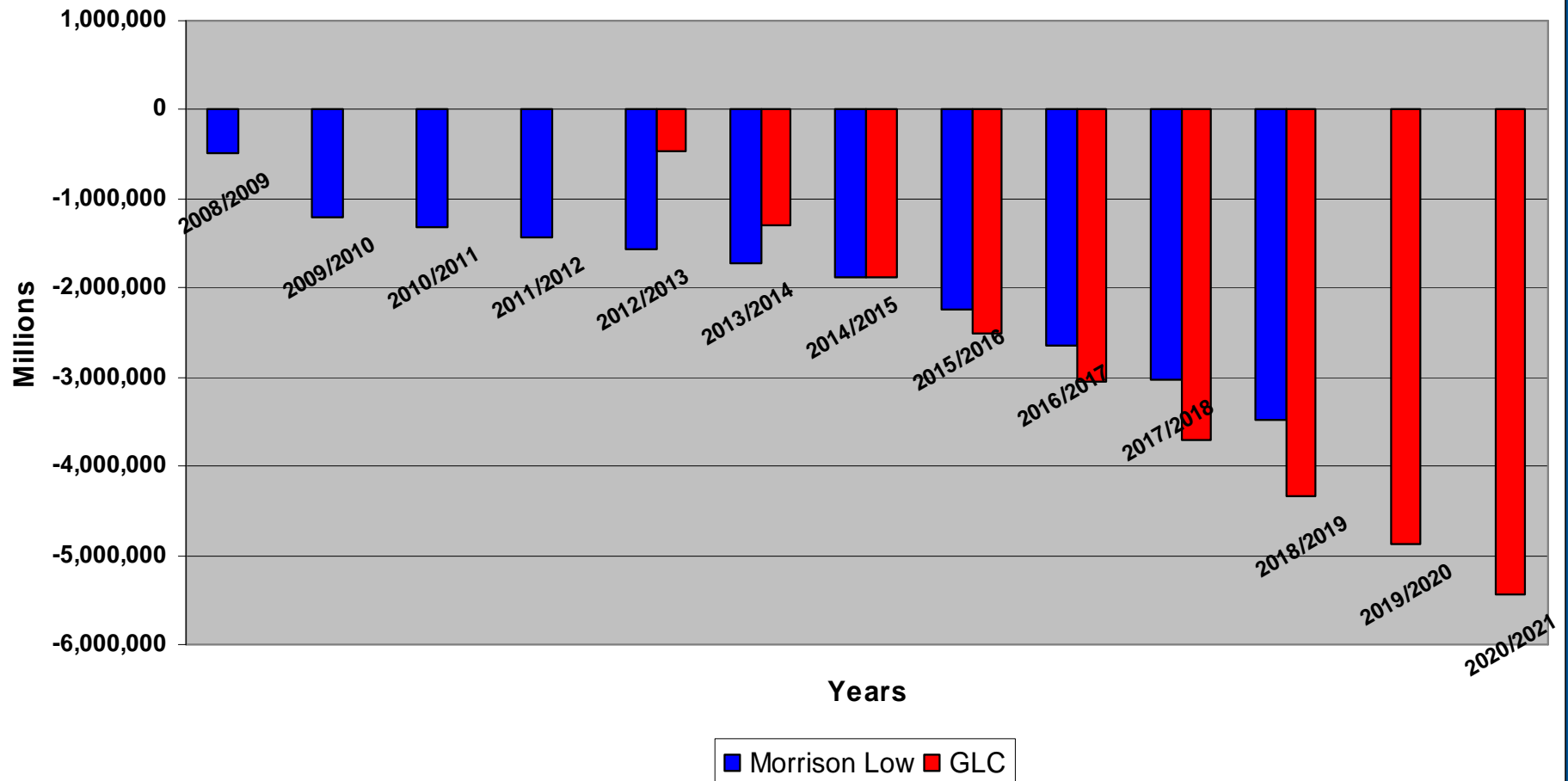
Financial position



Improved!

- Where we came from
- Where we are now
- What contributed

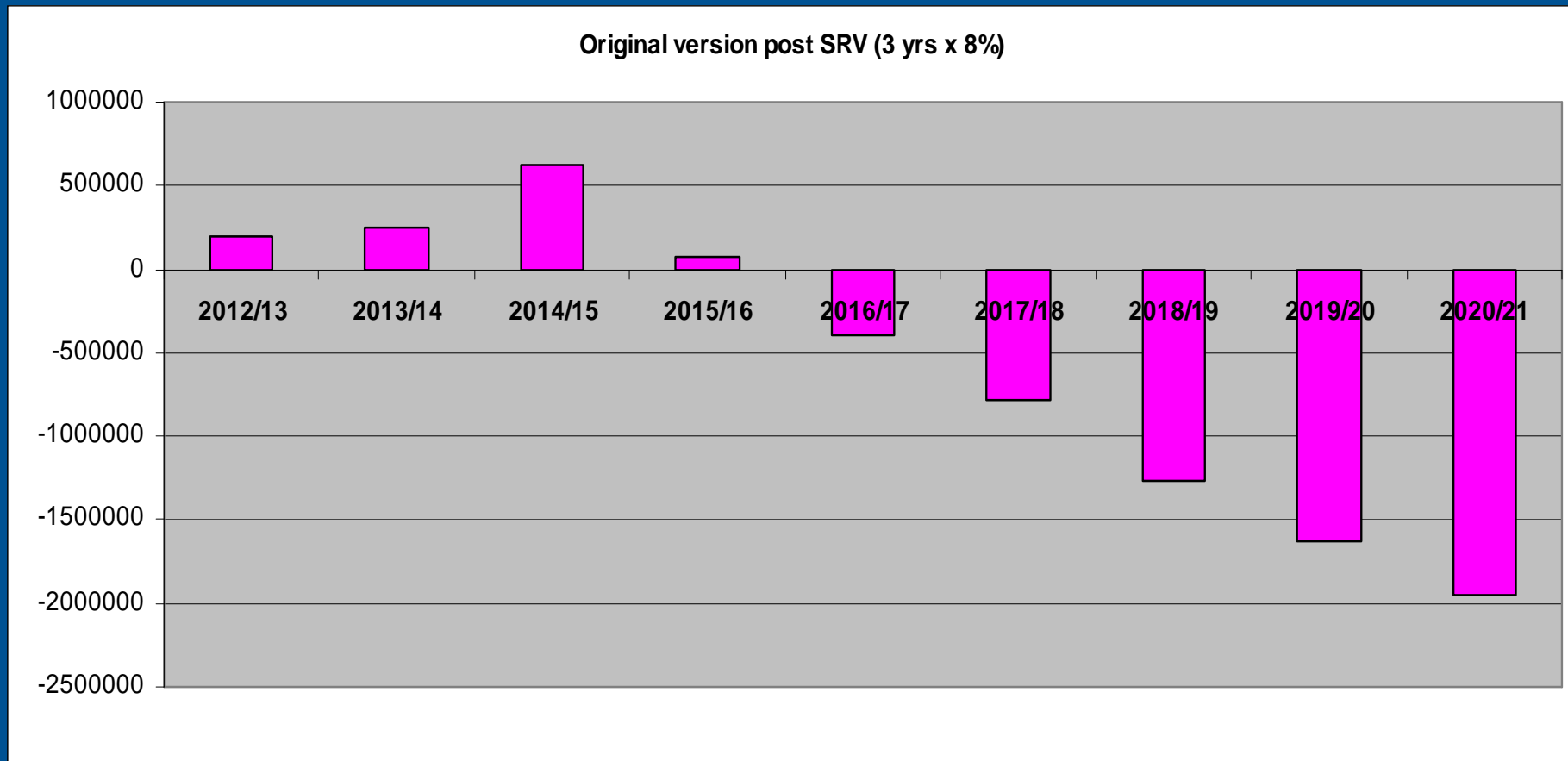
Initial budget scenario



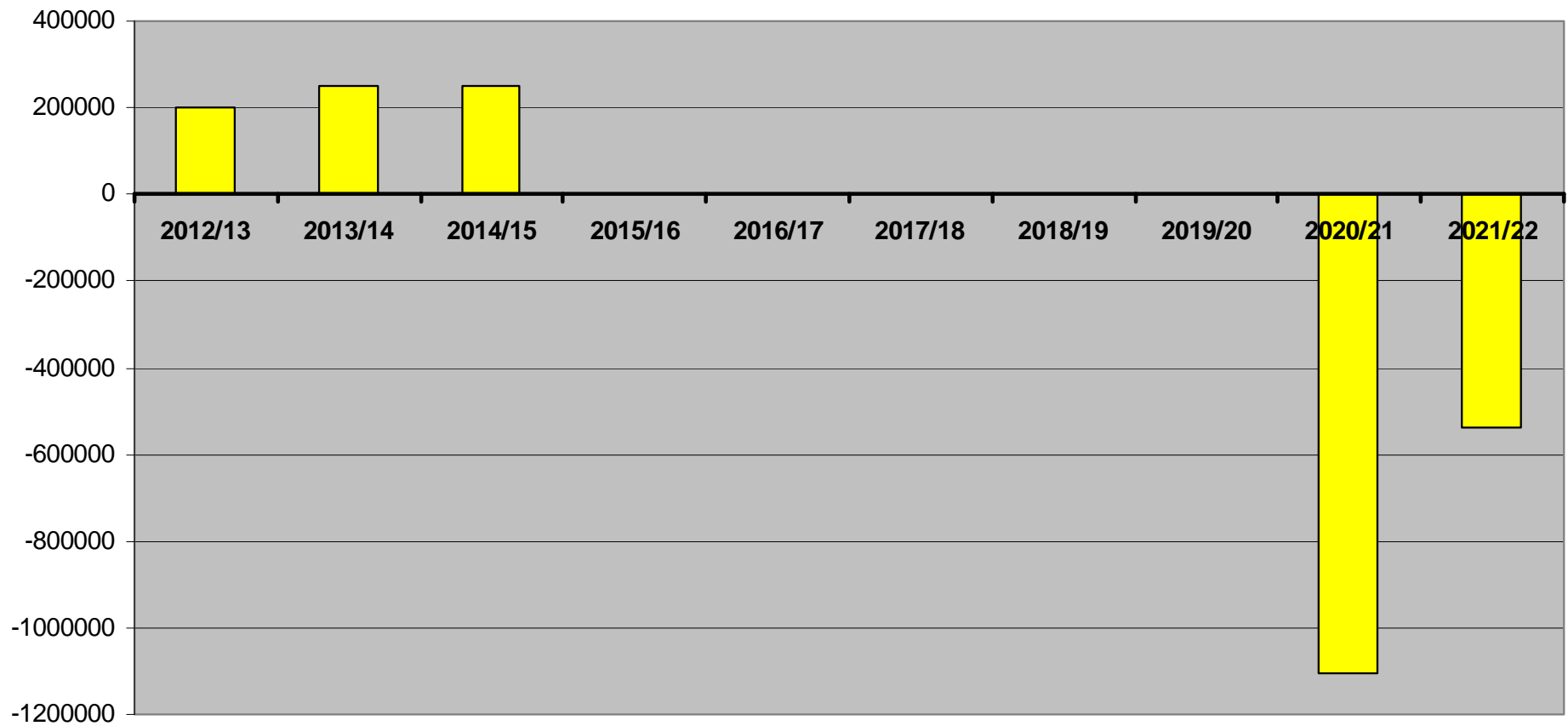
An unsustainable position

- Special Rate Variation sought through IPART
- IPART approved increase for 3 years at 8% per annum (currently in 2nd year of approval)
- To fund:
 - *Continuation of business as usual & deficit*
 - *Reduction of loan borrowings for road renewal works*
 - *Increase asset maintenance on Council assets*
 - *Restore working funds*
- Approval not granted to extend existing environmental levy beyond 2014/15

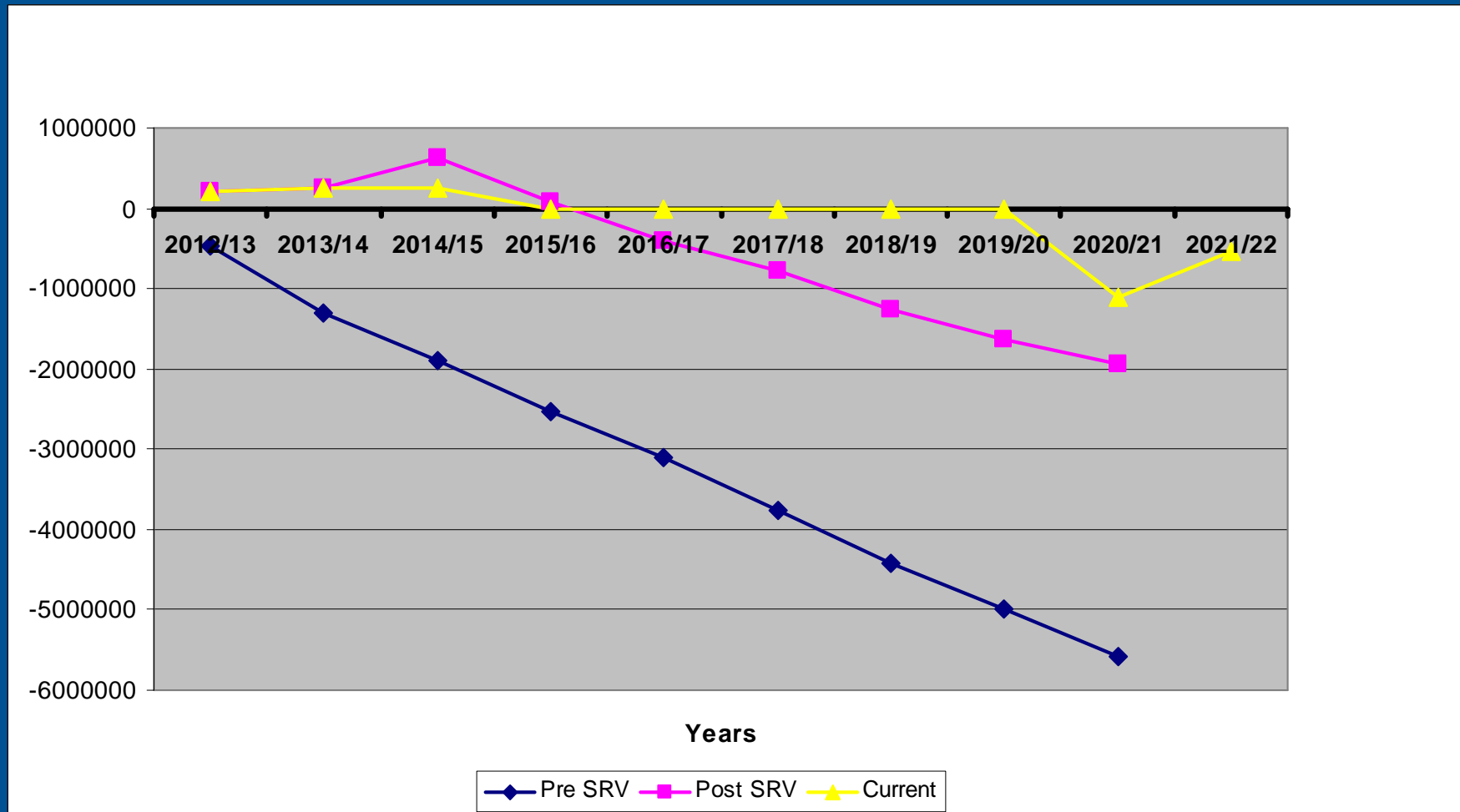
LTF position with SRV – June 2011



Current LTF position



A significant improvement



SRV & LIRS

Special Rate Variation

- Pre-SRV budget included borrowings of \$2.4M per year for capital renewals - *an unsustainable situation*
- SRV allows us to reduce borrowings by \$230,000 per year
- After 10 years renewal expenditure funded entirely by revenue with borrowings reduced to \$0 - *sustainable*

LIRS impact on this strategy

- Replacement of loans with revenue completed in 7 years instead of 10 years
- Ongoing loan borrowings of \$1.5M per year for drainage, cycleways, regional roads and bridges
- Will enable a number of bridge works & road rehab projects to be fast tracked

Your 8% special rate at work

2011/12	\$344,000 for roads & bridges
2012/13	300,000 for roads 200,000 for bridges 125,000 for community buildings
2013/14	650,000 for roads 200,000 for bridges 100,000 for community buildings

Plus... retain existing service levels, reinstate community grants, contributions to surf clubs for capital projects & build up working funds

Questions



Service level review

- Internal organisation-wide service level review to:
 - identify efficiencies & cost savings, revenue generation possibilities
 - contribute to long term sustainability
 - demonstrate value for money
- Key question:
 - Are we delivering the right level of service at the right cost?

Why undertake a review?

Drivers include:

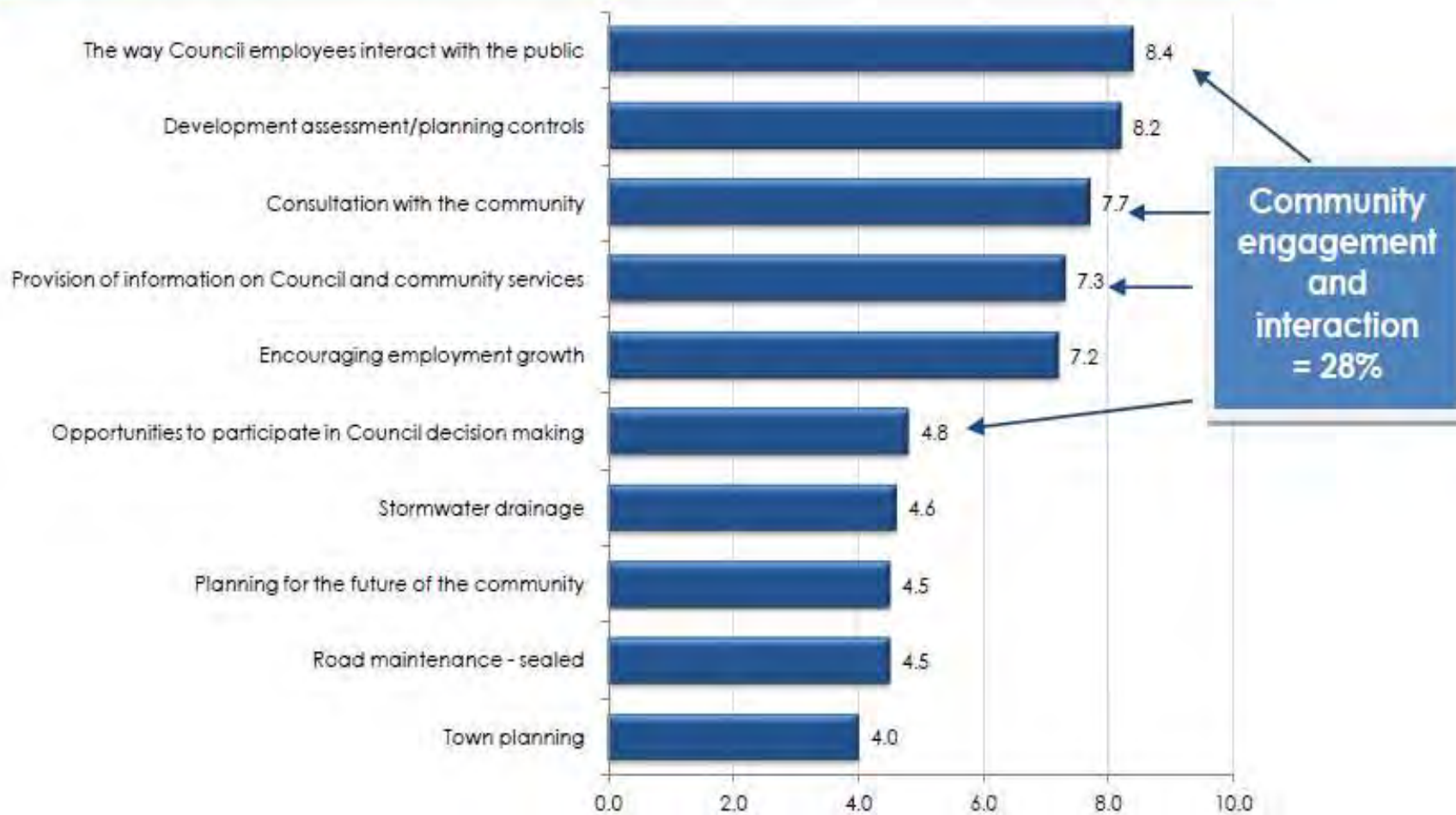
- Integrated Planning & Reporting legislation
- Long term financial projections
- Negative community feedback
- Commitment to IPART
- Commitment to Council & Council resolution
- Industry reform - *Destination 2036*
- Council working through interim report

Community survey

- Key objectives
 - Assess & establish community's priorities & satisfaction with Council activities/services/facilities
 - ID community's overall level of satisfaction with Council performance
 - ID community's overall level of satisfaction with contact they have had with Council staff
- Statistically relevant random sample, 400 residents
- Survey conducted early August
- Council & senior management currently analysing results
- Overall objective to increase residents' overall satisfaction with performance of Council

Full report on Council's website

These Top 10 Indicators Account for over 60% of Overall Satisfaction with Council



Community engagement/interaction is a key pillar, accounting for over 28% of overall satisfaction



Questions



What's ahead for Council

Seek Environmental & Dredging levy

Integrated Planning & Reporting

- *Great Lakes 2030* review
- 4-year Delivery Program & 1-year Operational Plan with new Council
- Continued development of AMPs and review of asset maintenance & backlog priorities
- Continued review of LTF position
- SLR outcomes and structure realignment
- Rationalisation of assets

Environmental Special Rate

- In place since 2001, renewed 2004 & 2009
- Used to undertake environmental projects
- Attracts grant funds, tripling value of rate
- Since 2009 1% allocated to dredging works
- Current levy expires end of 2013/14
- Seeking renewal 12 months early for a period of 7 years

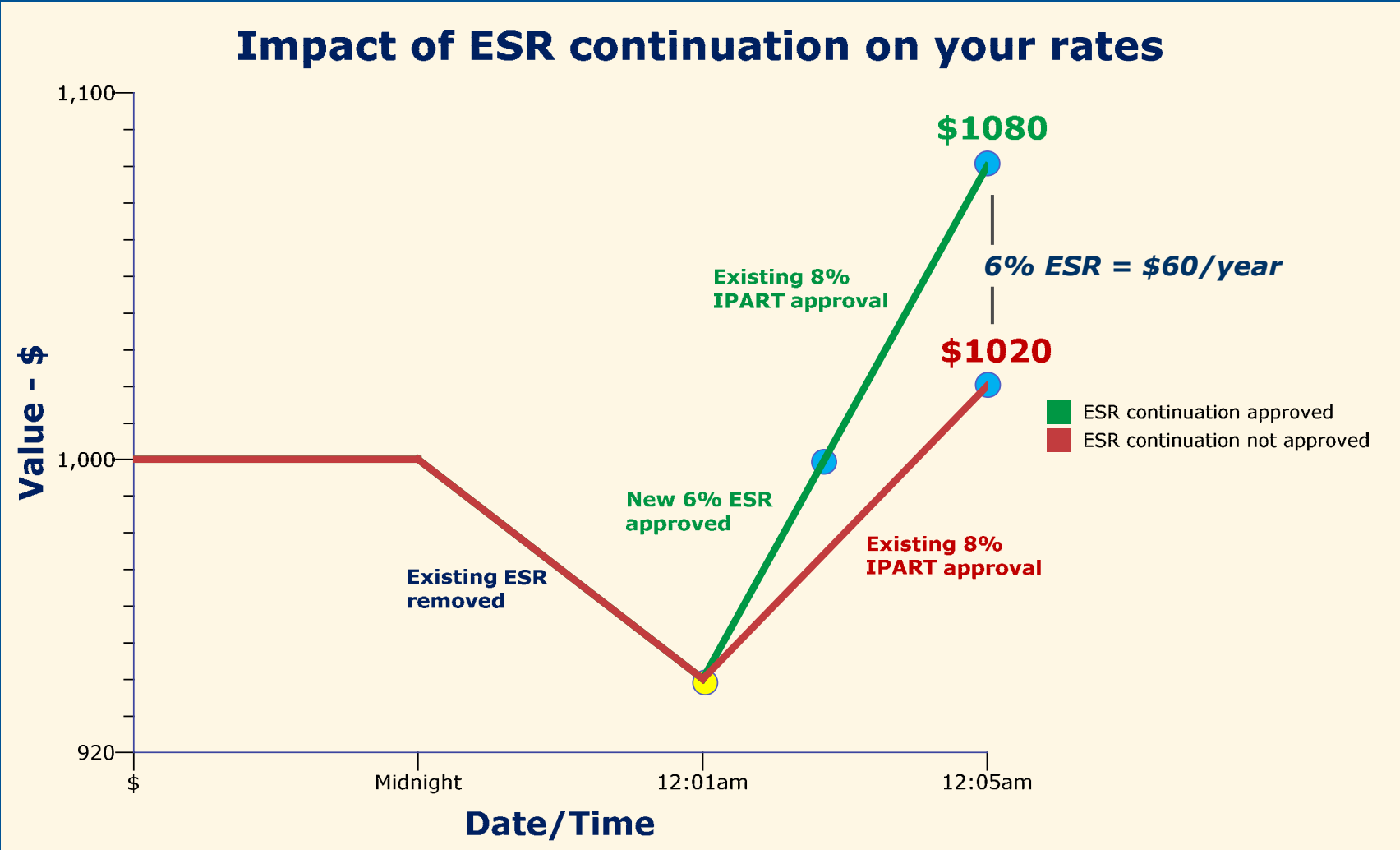
A 6% ESR will raise approximately
\$1.7 million in 2013/2014

ESR application - *approved*

If your ordinary rates were \$1000 in 2012/13...

- In 2013/14 your ordinary rates will be approximately \$1080
- This includes the 7.9% general increase approved by IPART in 2011/12 plus the continuation of the ESR at 6%
- This will be publicised by IPART as a 14% increase
- The actual impact on your rates will be around 8%

ESR impact on average rate of \$1000



ESR application - *refused*

If your ordinary rates in 2012/13 were \$1000...

- In 2013/14 your ordinary rates will be approximately \$1020 if IPART *refuses* the continuation
- This includes the 7.9% general increase approved in 2011/12
- Approximately \$1.5 million of income will be *removed* from Council's budget
- While cuts will focus on the environmental area, service reductions will also occur in other areas of Council due to some environmental tasks being legislated

Questions



Community Strategic Plan

Great Lakes 2030
the community's vision...

a unique, sustainable & enhanced
environment with quality lifestyle
opportunities created through clever
development & appropriate
infrastructure & services

What's important to you?

Protection of the environment

Roads, bridges, footpaths, drains

Climate change preparation

Environmentally considered development

Quality communication & engagement

Promotion of tourism

A safe community

Planning for ageing

Education opportunities for all

Strong local economies

Accessible recreation facilities

Sustainable waste management

Arts & cultural opportunities

Local update

- Stroud St & town beautification
- Billboard - southern approach (Chamber & Council)
- \$55k to doc surgery residence to attract doc
- Way finding signage (Chamber grant, Council design)
- Waste transfer station - recycling rates between 50-75% - better than expected; closure of landfill to minimise adverse enviro impacts
- Swimming pool repainted (\$20k)
- Showground drainage improvements (\$50k)
- Piped drain at nursing home
- Change to cemetery arrangements
- Dementia respite facility Forster - Jan 2013





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Council seeks continuation of Environmental and Dredging Levy

Great Lakes Council is currently seeking the community's feedback on a proposal to continue its existing Environmental and Dredging Special Levy.

"The renewal of this levy will enable Council to continue the great work undertaken to date to repair and protect our natural environment. The natural beauty of our area is a major attraction for both residents and visitors. It supports our lifestyle and the local economy" said Mayor Cr Jan McWilliams.

"We know the environment is important to our community - it's one of the four Key Directions identified by the community in their strategic plan (*Great Lakes 2030*) for the future of our area. This has been confirmed in recent community engagement activities undertaken to review this plan" she said.

Council is now seeking the community's views on its proposal to continue the levy which was introduced in 2001. The levy has been instrumental in the revival of our waterways following the 1997 hepatitis scare and blue green algae outbreaks in the Wallamba, Myall and Karuah Rivers. Strong community support has ensured the continuation of the levy on two previous occasions.

Council's General Manager, Glenn Handford stressed the importance of continuing the programs and projects this levy supports, which has led to significant positive environmental outcomes as well as seeing Council recognised as a leader in environmental management.

He added "in 2009 1% of the levy was identified to specifically fund navigational dredging works. Council's current proposal is to continue the 6% that you are currently paying as part of your rates - that is 5% for environmental works and 1% for dredging, for a further six years past the current expiry of 30 June 2014".

A special newsletter detailing Council's proposal is being posted to all ratepayers and includes a brief questionnaire. "I encourage all ratepayers to provide Council with feedback on our proposal" said the Mayor.

A copy of the newsletter and an online version of the questionnaire will be available on Council's website from 12 February - 1 March.

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6 February 2013

FLOODS

The effects of ex-tropical cyclone Oswald have been felt here, although we really are very fortunate in the Great Lakes despite the minor inconveniences we face with road closures. It was nearly wetter inside the Council chambers in Forster than outside though, we know we will be up for some expensive repairs to the building soon.

SPECIAL NEWSLETTER TO ALL RATEPAYERS

This month you will receive a special newsletter from Council containing a brief survey. The newsletter explains Council's proposal to seek an extension of the environmental and dredging levy (which has been in place since 2001 and renewed with the strong support of Great Lakes ratepayers twice previously). Continuation of the levy will enable us to continue the great work undertaken so far to repair and protect our natural environment. We encourage you to read the information and then provide us with your feedback by completing the survey, which will also be available on Council's website from mid-February.

COMMUNITY SERVICES EXPANDED

You may have noticed the building extension to our community centre in Breese Parade Forster (near the Library). The extension will provide facilities for dementia clients and has been built thanks to a \$450,000 grant from the Department of Family and Community Services, Ageing Disability and Homecare. This month the builders will hand over to Council and work will begin on fittings, furnishings and landscaping.

AUSTRALIA DAY HONOURS

Finally, congratulations to Great Lakes residents Mr John Chadban, OAM and Mr Wilbur Cross, OAM, who received the Medal of the Order of Australia on Australia Day. Their contributions to our community have been extensive and I congratulate them both on their achievement.

CLR JAN McWILLIAMS
Mayor

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Sent: Friday, 9 November 2012 9:13:02 AM
Subject: Great Lakes Council Media Bulletin, Monday 12 November 2012

MEDIA BULLETIN FROM GREAT LAKES COUNCIL

MONDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2012

If you require any further information in relation to one of the items below, please contact the relevant officer or give me a call. If you have any other enquiries, please don't hesitate to contact me on telephone 6591 7377.

***Please note:** Staff contact names and telephone numbers in brackets are not to be published and are for your information if you require further media details on the matter concerned.*

IMPROVING ACCESS TO EDUCATION AND TRAINING IN THE GREAT LAKES AND MANNING

Community input is being sought into a Draft Strategy to help improve access and participation in higher education and training for young people. The project is run by an alliance of education and community agencies, including Great Lakes and Greater Taree City Councils. More information on the Project and how to have your say can be found on Great Lakes Council's website.

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(Council contact: Deb Tuckerman, 6591 7390)

Website: http://www.greatlakes.nsw.gov.au/Hot_Topics_Directory/Better_Education_Options

HOW HEALTHY ARE OUR WATERWAYS

Great Lakes Council is inviting all interested residents to a free whole-of-community event on the shores of Wallis Lake on Monday 26 November to receive the 2012 Report Card on the health of Great Lakes waterways. After the Report Card is launched, a morning tea will be held followed by a free coach tour visiting award winning project sites within the catchment. Great Lakes College geography students will be launching their DVD, specifically created on the health of the waterways. For more information, contact Great Lakes Council or visit the website.

END

(Council contact: Prue Tucker, 6591 7374)

Website: http://www.greatlakes.nsw.gov.au/Hot_Topics_Directory/How_healthy_are_our_waterways

HELP REVIEW WALLIS LAKE PLANS

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END

(Council contact: Helen Kemp, 6591 7317)

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7 November 2012

As the new Council settles in, I am looking forward to achieving positive outcomes for the whole Great Lakes community and maintaining the standard we have set over the past four years.

GREAT LAKES 2030 CONSULTATION

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In past days we have visited communities at Tuncurry, Pacific Palms and Tea Gardens. Over the next two weeks there are consultations taking place in Forster, Nahiab, Bulahdelah, and Stroud. There will also be a special consultation for businesses on 14 November in Forster. For more details please see Council's website or contact Council.

NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

Nominations have opened for the 2013 Australia Day Awards in the Great Lakes. Do you know someone who works tirelessly for their community and deserves to win an Australia Day Award? Categories include Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year and Sportsperson of the Year. Council must receive nominations by Monday 26 November, please contact Council on 6591 7295.

COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME

A reminder that there's only a few days left to apply under Council's Community Grants Scheme which has been reinstated, thanks to the 8% special rate variation. Community groups can now apply for grants of up to \$2,000 for worthwhile community projects. Be quick though, applications close on Friday 9 November, contact Council or check the website for more information.

CLR JAN McWILLIAMS
Mayor

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FOR THE INFORMATION OF MEDIA
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From: Melissa Bawden [Melissa.Bawden@greatlakes.nsw.gov.au]
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MEDIA BULLETIN FROM GREAT LAKES COUNCIL

MONDAY 5 NOVEMBER 2012

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MONDAY 22 OCTOBER 2012

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TEA GARDENS AND TUNCURRY CHILDREN CELEBRATE CHILDRENS WEEK

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END

(Council contact: Dal Perry, 0438 685 472 or Andrew Braybrook, 6591 7255)

Website: http://www.greatlakes.nsw.gov.au/Events_Directory/October_2012/Free_Childrens_Week_party

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15 October 2012

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General Manager Glenn Handford explained, "The ESR has been in place since 2001 and has allowed Council and the community to tackle environmental issues and manage our natural assets for future generations. However there is still more to do to deliver the community's aspirations for the environment."

Now is the time to get involved and a community engagement program has been prepared to encourage community input. The Mayor and Councillors encourage all residents to take part in these activities. For dates and times see below, check Council's website or contact Council directly.

Markets	
27 October	John Wright Park Tuncurry
28 October	Pacific Palms Community Centre
8 November	Forster Stockland - near children's playground, 10am - 2pm
Community Meetings - 6pm start	
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7 November	Nabiac Showground Hall
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Photo: One project supported by the ESR has allowed the construction of water quality gardens in Forster, filtering urban runoff water and improving the water quality in Wallis Lake. The gardens form part of the award-winning Water Sensitive Urban Design program.



Image (jpeg): Consultation Schedule "box" to accompany story.

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what's this about?

Welcome to a special newsletter that is being sent to all ratepayers of Great Lakes Council. You may be aware that Council has decided to **seek the renewal of its existing Environmental and Dredging Special Levy** to enable us to continue the great work undertaken so far to repair and protect our natural environment.

This newsletter provides you with information on the history of the levy; the programs that have been and are proposed to be undertaken from this source of funding; and the impact on your pocket and on Council's budget from its cessation or continuation.

A brief **survey** is also included and I encourage you to read the information that follows and then provide us with your feedback by completing the survey, which can also be found on Council's website.

Mayor Cr Jan McWilliams



The Levy helps fund the construction of water quality gardens and wetlands in urban areas to treat stormwater runoff.

about the levy

An Environmental Special Levy was introduced in 2001, following the 1997 Wallis Lake oyster contamination crisis, to finance environmental works including the development and implementation of the **Healthy Lakes Program**, finalisation of the **Wallis Lake Catchment Plan** and implementation of **stormwater quality and estuary management plans**.

In 2009 Council's application for an increase in the amount of the levy to 6% **received significant community support** and it was subsequently approved for another five year period. The increase in the levy was based upon 1% of the amount being allocated to **dredging programs**, a community and economic priority that Council had been unable to finance from its ordinary budget.

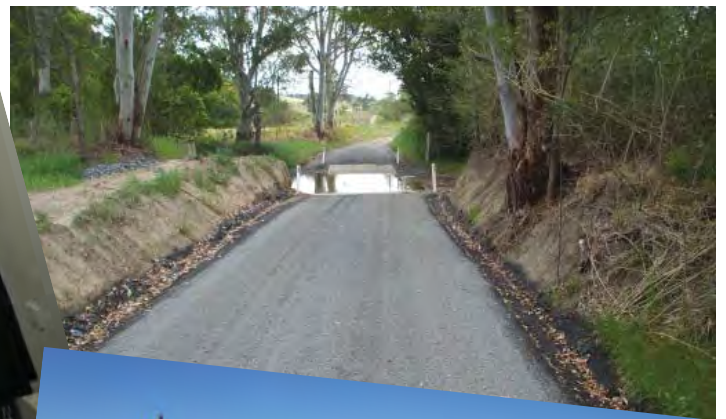
Following the expiration of this initial three year levy, a fresh approval was received in 2004 which ensured the continuation of the



The Levy supports rural landholders to undertake environmental works.

"Our environment is our prize possession. Lose that and we are done."

(from community feedback)



Clockwise from top:

- The Sustainable Business Program is assisting local business to improve their sustainability.
- Roadside and river crossing stabilisation works reduce the amount of sediment reaching the waterways and lakes.
- The Levy attracts matching funding from NSW and Federal Governments for navigational dredging in Wallis Lake to ensure safe waterway use.

why is the levy important?

The natural beauty of our area attracts both residents and visitors and supports our lifestyle and the **local economy**. Council has a significant role in managing the increasing pressures on our natural environment from population and tourism growth.

You have previously told us that you consider the protection of the environment to be a high priority. This resulted in "Our Environment" being one of the four Key Directions in **Great Lakes 2030**, your Community Strategic Plan. Recent community engagement activities undertaken to review the community priorities identified in Great Lakes 2030 confirmed 'protection of the environment' as one of the **community's top priorities**.

The 2012 community research undertaken by Micromex Research on behalf of Council, reinforced **strong community support for environmental programs**. The research

concluded that **Great Lakes residents rated 'protection of the waterways' as the most important service provided by Council** and 'protection of the natural environment' as the sixth most important service.

The Levy has also enabled Council to develop extensive relationships with State and Federal agencies in areas related to natural resource management. This has resulted in **significant grant funds being allocated** to key projects for the maintenance and improvement of our lake systems and environment.

Council's strong performance in this field now sees it recognised as **a leader in environmental management**, evidenced by a number of **National and State Awards**. This would not be possible without the ongoing community support of the levy and the practical efforts of landholders, volunteers and businesses.

did you know...

The Levy was instrumental in the revival of our waterways following the 1997 hepatitis crisis and blue green algae outbreaks in the Wallamba, Myall and Karuah Rivers.

what is council proposing to do?

Council wishes to **ensure the future** of its Environmental and Dredging Special Levy past its upcoming expiry in June 2014. It has held discussions with the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) and the Division of Local Government (DLG) about **seeking an early decision** on its future. Given the commitments that Council has to contribute to grant funded programs and the multi-year timeframe of many of its projects, certainty around the continuation of this levy is essential.

Council has decided to **seek an extension of the 6% levy** prior to its expiry for a further six year period, which would commence in 2014/2015. This would **guarantee the funding of environmental protection and dredging works until at least 30 June 2020**.



Construction of rock fillets and planting of native plants to ensure riverbank restoration.

how will the levy affect me?

The Environmental and Dredging Special Levy approved in 2009 forms part of Council's general rate income. For instance, if your ordinary rates were \$1,000 this year, approximately \$60 of that amount was attributable to the levy.

If Council's application to extend the levy is successful, the proportion of your ordinary rate that will be allocated to environmental protection and dredging works will still be approximately 6% of that amount.

What this means is that **there would be minimal impact on the ordinary rates you pay as a result of a successful application to the IPART for the extension of the levy.**

This is not to say that your rates will not increase. For 2013/2014 your ordinary rate will increase by approximately 8% due to the existing approval that Council has from the IPART (the last year of its three year x 8% approval). This means that for 2013/2014 the ordinary rate of \$1,000

(which includes the environmental and dredging component) will increase to approximately \$1,080.

From 2014/2015 onwards ordinary rates would only increase in line with the approved 'rate peg'. A successful application does not mean that there will be another increase on top of the 'rate peg' as the levy is already contained within the amount that you pay.

If the application to extend the levy was unsuccessful, Council would be required to remove the amount raised from the levy from its general rate income in 2014/2015. This may lead to a small decrease in rates for some ratepayers. Using the previous example of an ordinary rate of \$1,000, a rate reduction of less than \$60 per year may be realised depending upon the size of the 'rate peg' in 2014/2015.

However Council would have to significantly reduce its environmental and dredging programs which would jeopardise our ability to maintain a healthy lake system. This would have a major impact on the local economy and community.

Please tell us what you think, complete the survey overleaf

Environmental & Dredging Levy Survey

1 Which town or area do you live in?

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Forster, Tuncurry | <input type="checkbox"/> Hawks Nest, Tea Gardens, NAC, Pindimar |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nahiatic, Failford, Darawank, Rural North | <input type="checkbox"/> Pacific Palms, Smiths Lake, Coomba Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bulahdelah, Central West | <input type="checkbox"/> Other - please specify: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stroud, Rural West | _____ |

2 What is your gender?

- Male Female

3 What is your age group?

- 18 - 34 55 years and over
 35 - 54

4 Do you currently pay rates to Great Lakes Council?

- Yes No

5 Prior to this newsletter, were you aware there was an environmental levy included in Council rates?

- Yes No
 Not sure

6 Do you support the continuation of the environmental & dredging levy at the existing level of 6%?

- Yes No

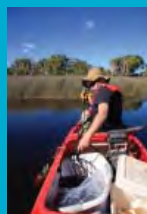
Comments

Please return your completed survey by **1 March 2013**



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In person	Drop off at any Council Office or Library
Fax	6591 7362
Complete online	www.greatlakes.nsw.gov.au

Thank you in advance for taking the time to provide us with your feedback!



Project Updates

These projects are due to commence, currently underway or have recently been completed, utilising funding from the special rate variation, stormwater and waste levies and environmental special rate (ESR), as well as the NSW Government's Local Infrastructure Renewal Scheme (LIRS) and / or income received from grants.

FORSTER / TUNCURRY

- Forster Dementia Centre, open for operation April 2013 (NSW Government funding).
- Boundary Street rehabilitation: reconstruction between Kularoo Drive and Breese Parade (Council funding \$255,000).
- Kularoo Drive rehabilitation: reconstruction between Loftus Place and Water Street and installation of roundabout at the intersection of Kularoo Drive and Boundary Street (Council and LIRS funding \$500,000).
- Wallis Lake: maintenance dredging continues in areas surrounding oyster leases and channels (ESR \$76,000).
- Manning Lane Carpark, Tuncurry: installation of a carpark behind the new J.R. Richards building (Section 94 contribution \$285,000).
- Wallamba River Rock Fillets, Darawank: Installation of rock fillets at selected locations, protecting the riverbank from erosion and promoting new mangrove growth (\$280,000 ESR and two grants).
- Review of Wallis Lake Estuary and



The Lakes Way and Charlotte Street reconstruction has recently been completed.

- Catchment Plan (\$60,000 ESR and \$60,000 grant).
- Tuncurry seawall reconstruction (Natural Disaster Relief funding \$1 million).
- Manning Street, Tuncurry beautification (Council funding \$170,000).

TEA GARDENS / HAWKS NEST

- Myall Street cycleway and drainage improvements, Tea Gardens: Construction of a cycleway and installation of drainage, kerb and gutter between Coupland Avenue and Boston Street (Council funding and Stormwater Levy \$330,000).
- Tea Gardens Waste Transfer Station: construction (Waste Levy funding).

PACIFIC PALMS

- Boomerang Beach (South) amenities: installation of new amenities (Council and grant funding totalling \$45,000)
- Bellman Avenue reconstruction, Elizabeth Beach (Council funding \$370,000).
- The Lakes Way and Charlotte Bay Street reconstruction, Charlotte Bay (Roads to Recovery and Council funding \$1,395,000).
- The Lakes Way reconstruction, Smiths Lake to Tarbuck Bay

- (NSW election commitment special grant funding Roads and Maritime Services \$2.25m).

BULAHDELAH

- Stroud Street, Bulahdelah reconstruction (Council and LIRS funding \$1.1 million).

PINDIMAR

- Bundabah Road reconstruction: Bundabah Road from Pindimar Road intersection (Roads to Recovery funding \$700,000).

STROUD

- Booral Creek Bridge replacement, (Special Rate Variation funding \$711,000).
- Mill Creek Road: replacement of Greenham's Bridge on Mill Creek Road (LIRS funding \$400,000).
- Allen Park playground (Duralie community enhancement grant).

COOMBA

- Coomba Park drainage works: from Wangaree to Yallabee Streets. (Council funding and Stormwater Levy \$173,000).
- New playground: Coomba Park foreshore (Council and grant).

NABIAC

- Major box culvert construction, Ferris Street (Council funding and Stormwater Levy \$180,000).



The Booral Creek bridge works.

Two environmental management awards

Continuing a history of high achievement in environmental protection and management, Great Lakes Council has scooped two awards at the Local Government "Excellence in the Environment" Awards announced in Sydney in December.

Mayor Cr Jan McWilliams said "the awards are an endorsement of the positive and groundbreaking work that has taken place with the help of all our communities through their consistent support of the environmental special rate (ESR)".

"These are really awards for all of us to celebrate."

General Manager, Mr Glenn Handford said that the Great Lakes environment continues to be an important focus for Great Lakes Council and its community.

Mayor's Message

I would like to wish all residents and ratepayers a happy 2013 and look forward to great things for our community this year.

We continue to forge ahead with implementing your Community Strategic Plan, *Great Lakes 2030*.

After community input received last year, we are revising *Great Lakes 2030* to include your feedback.

The amended Plan will be placed on public exhibition for public review in April.

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An aerial view of the Durness corridor tree plantings, part of the rehabilitation of the Landcare Corridor.

"The health of the Great Lakes natural environment is vital to supporting much of our local economy and Council and the community recognise this" said Mr Handford. "These awards are a pat on the

back for jobs well done, but we recognise that we have much more work to do to continue to protect our greatest asset".

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waterways and catchments. The Myall Lake and Karuah Estuary have been included for the first time. Please see the Report Card summary on page 3.

CR JAN MCWILLIAMS
Mayor

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Two environmental management awards

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In the category of Natural Environment Protection and Enhancement: On-Ground Work, Council was awarded Winner Division B (Councils with a population of 20,000 – 60,000) and Overall Category Winner, for its involvement in the acquisition and work on the Durness - Borland Landcare Corridor.

The Project used funding from a bequest from a Sydney business man, the late Mr Raymond Borland, and has involved an effective partnership with Landcare Australia, the private landowner (Mr David Fuller of Nepean Group), Council, the Hunter/ Central Rivers Catchment Management Authority and Hunter Councils Environment Division.

Council's Manager - Natural Systems, Mr Gerard Tuckerman was pleased that the project was recognised in the awards.

Mr Tuckerman said "the project has delivered significant on-ground outcomes. It has established functional corridors that fill a large gap in the regional vegetation framework".

Over 500 hectares of corridors and core habitats are permanently protected and managed for conservation and 75,000 native tree and shrub plantings have been established. The corridors are aligned to protect riparian zones, steep land and eroding areas and, as such, there will be positive outcomes for water quality in the Port Stephens Estuary.

"The on-ground works integrate with enhanced sustainable agricultural practices by the landholder and demonstrate that proactive environmental protection need not conflict with economic agricultural production values" said Mr Tuckerman.

"It has been a fantastic achievement and a great learning experience for all involved, which we will take forward in future natural resource management planning."

Mr Mat Bell, Council's Senior Ecologist, accepted the award on behalf of Council.

Mr Bell said "it is great to be recognised for this amazing project. It is a win for all the partners involved and

ultimately it will be the community that benefits from the outcomes of the works that have been achieved on Durness.

"The project certainly demonstrates the positive and important role that local government can play in large-scale conservation outcomes in high priority, damaged landscapes."

This award was presented by NSW Minister for the Environment, Robyn Parker and Ros Hall of the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage.

Council was also awarded a Highly Commended Division B award in the category of Natural Environment Policies - Planning and Decision Making, for the development and implementation of the Water Sensitive Design Development Control Plan to protect the water quality of Wallis, Myall and Smiths Lakes and the Karuah River estuary.

General Manager, Mr Glenn Handford says that with the continuation of the ESR, more positive work to protect the unique Great Lakes environment will occur.

Council to seek extension of environmental rate

Great Lakes Council has notified the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) of its intention to seek a special variation to its general income to fund environmental and navigational dredging programs.

If successful the approval will extend by seven years the current environmental and dredging special rate which is due to expire in June 2015.

Given the long term and ongoing nature of many of the programs and projects funded through the rate, Council is

hoping to receive an early decision on the continuation of this source of funding.

Through recent community engagement activities and community surveys, Great Lakes residents have expressed a strong desire for the continued delivery of environmental and dredging programs and projects.

A fact sheet outlining the specific details of Council's application will be issued to the community and all ratepayers in early 2013. Council will also be seeking public comment on this proposal and its four-year Delivery Program and one-year Operational Plan during March / April 2013.

2012 waterway & catchment REPORT CARD for Wallis & Myall Lakes & Karuah Estuary

Mid Wallamba Estuary 2011 D

Pipers Creek 2011 B

Wallis Lake 2011 A

Charlotte Bay 2011 A

Myall Lake 2011 B

Bombah Broadwater 2011 B

Karuah Estuary 2011 C

Stabilising 4.2km of the Wallamba River with rock protection, planting 8,000 native plants and conserving 8.6km of streambank

46 urban residents active in Sustainable Gardening

107 landholders participating in 8 Sustainable farming groups

Acquiring and conserving 1011ha of wetlands at Darawakh, Mininbah/ North Tuncurry and Bulahdeelah to protect water quality and biodiversity

Seven water quality gardens and two wetlands built to treat 36 hectares of land in the Pipers and Muddy Creek Catchments

Further details on the information contained in this report card are available on the Great Lakes Council website and in the 2012 State of the Environment Report

Water quality policy wins industry award

Great Lakes Council has received an award from industry group Stormwater NSW for "excellence in strategic or master planning" for their Water Sensitive Design Development Control Plan (DCP 54).

"We are very pleased to receive recognition for this important policy designed to reduce nutrients, sediments, pathogens and heavy metals reaching our waterways" said Council's Manager of Natural Systems, Mr Gerard Tuckerman.

"Many people don't realise that stormwater is untreated prior to entering our waterways. This policy will help improve the health of our waterways reducing the frequency and intensity of nuisance algal blooms" said Mr Tuckerman.

DCP 54 sets targets for improving water quality on new and infill residential, industrial and commercial development (including complying development). The DCP sets out how an applicant or developer can work out the stormwater treatments required for their property.

The typical treatments for small scale development (less than 2,000m²) may include rain water tanks with rain gardens that filter the overflow from the tank. For large scale development (greater than 2,000m²), the treatments would include subdivision scale rain gardens and swales.

The policy has been developed and tested by working with local consultants, builders and developers over many years. "It has been great working with local people who have practical experience and good ideas. We really



An example of a small scale water quality garden in Forster.

have them to thank for helping create our award winning policy" said Council's Environmental Projects Co-ordinator, Mrs Prue Tucker.

For small scale development, DCP 54 is relatively new. Council staff will happily talk people through the DCP with the aim to build local capacity to implement the Plan.

DCP 54 helps Council deliver on one of the Key Directions in the Community Strategic Plan 'embracing and protecting our natural environment'. The DCP's development has been funded by State and Federal Government grants and Great Lakes Council's Environmental Special Rate.

The DCP will now be considered for a national award, to be announced as the *Council Communicator* goes to print.

New dementia facility in Forster

Construction is well underway on a purpose built dementia facility attached to the existing Forster Tuncurry Community Centre.

The venue will provide on-site activities to address the needs of individuals with dementia, to support them in maintaining their skills for as long as possible.

Great Lakes Council received funding from Department of Family and Community Services NSW, Ageing, Disability and Home Care for the facility.



Features will include an accessible kitchen, a sensory courtyard garden and small activity rooms. Accessible toilets are included in the building.

Works began in mid 2012 and clients, carers and staff are looking forward to moving into the new facility in early 2013.

A new era for Tuncurry

"A great day for Tuncurry" is how the opening of the new Woolworths supermarket in Tuncurry is being described.



After two years of planning, approvals, negotiations and construction, the supermarket opened its doors to the Tuncurry and wider communities this month.

General Manager Mr Glenn Handford said "everyone involved in this project can be very proud of their contribution. "Everyone has played a part in its success, from the leadership of the Councillors in

pursuing this project; to the staff who have represented Council's interests; and those who have ensured that this project has been held to the same standards expected of a private developer."

Mr Handford also acknowledged the significant contribution of Project and Infrastructure, who have been involved in the project since its inception and the positive

relationships developed with Richard Crookes Construction and Woolworths that has seen the supermarket completed on time and under budget.

"Council is confident that the opening of the supermarket will be the beginning of a positive new era for Tuncurry, revitalising the Town Centre with more people and business" said Mr Handford.

A new Council elected

The Great Lakes community recently had its say at the ballot box, electing its representatives for the next four years.

Re-elected were Jan McWilliams, Len Roberts, Karen Hutchinson, Linda Gill, John Weate, Leigh Vaughan and Carol McCaskie.

They will be joined by two new representatives, Tony Summers and Jim Morwitch, who were successful in their bids for election.

Mayor Cr Jan McWilliams paid tribute to Crs Stephens and Tuffy who were not returned, acknowledging their contribution to the Council and community over a number of years.

Mayoral Election

At Council's first meeting on 25 September 2012, **Cr Jan McWilliams** was re-elected as Mayor with **Cr Len Roberts** elected to the position of Deputy Mayor.

Revisiting *Great Lakes 2030*

Recently elected Councillors will begin their term by consulting with the community on the *Great Lakes 2030* Community Strategic Plan, as they prepare the four year Delivery Program.

During 2009 a significant number of local residents took the opportunity to help develop the first Community Strategic Plan for the Great Lakes. *Great Lakes 2030* was Council's first attempt at capturing and documenting its community's aspirations for the future.

A major responsibility of the new Council is to conduct a review of *Great Lakes 2030* with the community to ensure it continues to reflect their priorities and aspirations.

Council will also seek community input on the continuation of the current Environmental Special Rate (ESR), which expires at the end of the 2013 - 2014 financial year.

The ESR has facilitated significant environmental improvements across the region, with several NSW and national awards for many of its projects seeing Council acknowledged as a leader in environmental management.

A community engagement program has been prepared to allow community input into the proposal for the renewal of the ESR and the review of *Great Lakes 2030*.

A detailed Community Engagement Strategy and Schedule is available on Council's website, which outlines the opportunities for involvement in the consultation in the coming months.

One method is to attend a public consultation close to you (see the box on this page for details), but there are other options if you cannot make a meeting.

Please contact Council's Corporate Planning Coordinator if you have any questions regarding these activities.



Community Consultations for *Great Lakes 2030* and ESR continuation

Venue	Date
Tuncurry Markets	Saturday 27 October
Pacific Palms Markets	Sunday 28 October
Tea Gardens Community Meeting, Tea Gardens Baptist Church	Thursday 1 November, 6pm
Nabiac Community Meeting, Nabiac Showground Hall	Wednesday 7 November, 6pm
Stocklands, Forster	Thursday 8 November, 10am - 2pm
Bulahdelah Community Meeting, Bulahdelah School of Arts Hall	Tuesday 13 November, 6pm
Stroud Community Meeting, Stroud School of Arts Hall	Wednesday 21 November, 6pm

Reducing the infrastructure backlog

Great Lakes Council's roads and bridges will benefit from a substantial boost in funding over the next three years. Approval of an interest rate subsidy on loan borrowings from the NSW Government will enable an extra \$6 million in works.

The subsidy, under the Local Infrastructure Renewal Scheme (LIRS), is designed to assist councils to address the significant backlog of infrastructure maintenance works.

"Great Lakes Council currently has a substantial backlog" said Council's General Manager, Mr Glenn Handford. "With the financial constraints on Council, this backlog is expected to take many years to address".

"The backlog is mostly in the area of roads and bridges so Council applied for the assistance to address these areas" said Council's Director of Engineering, Mr Ron Hartley.

"The subsidy will enable up to ten years of bridge replacement works to be undertaken over the next three years as well as fast-tracking a number of road rehabilitation projects" he added.



The bridge at Mill Creek Road, Stroud which currently has a load limit, will be replaced under the programme.

An additional \$1m will be allocated in 2012-2013, with a contribution of \$2.5m in 2013 - 2014 and 2014 - 2015, making up the \$6m boost to the roadworks program.

the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) for the 2011 - 2014 period.

These funds supplement the extra rate income already allocated through the Special Rate Variation granted by

Details of the proposed three year program are outlined below.

2012 - 2013 Proposed Works Urban Rehabilitation Program	2013 - 2014 Proposed Works Urban Rehabilitation Program	2014 - 2015 Proposed Works Urban Rehabilitation Program
Stroud Street, Bulahdelah	Marine Drive (Stage 4), Tea Gardens	Becker Road, Forster
Strand Street, Forster	Tuloo Avenue, Hawks Nest	Marine Drive (Stage 5), Tea Gardens
Rockpool Car Park, Tuncurry	Breese Parade, Forster	South One Mile Beach Car Park, Forster
Wallis Lane, Forster	Becker Road, Forster	Point Road, Tuncurry
Kularoo Drive, Forster	Victor Avenue (Stage 2), Forster	Memorial Drive, Forster
Marine Drive (Stage 3), Tea Gardens	Crawford Street, Bulahdelah	Breckenridge Street, Forster
Boomerang Drive, Pacific Palms	Myall Street (bridge approach), Tea Gardens	Helen Street, Forster
Reseals / Resurfacing Projects	Reseals / Resurfacing Projects	Reseals / Resurfacing Projects
Rural Rehabilitation Program	Rural Rehabilitation Program	Rural Rehabilitation Program
Macwood Road, Smiths Lake	Coomba Road	Coomba Road
Coomba Road, Whoota	Booral Road	Booral Road
Booral Road, Booral	Booral Road, Bulahdelah	Markwell Road
Markwell Road, Newells Creek	Markwell Road	Willina Road
Willina Road, Coolongolook	Willina Road	Mill Creek Road
Reseals / Resurfacing Projects	Mill Creek Road, Stroud	Reseals / Resurfacing Projects
Rural Bridge Program	Rural Bridge Program	Rural Bridge Program
Mill Creek Road Bridge, Stroud	Bombah Point Road, Bulahdelah	Reidsdale Road (over Barnes Creek)
Booral Road Bridge, Booral	Reseals / Resurfacing Projects	The Branch Lane (over The Branch River)
Reidsdale Road Bridge, Stroud Road (over Karuah River)	Rural Bridge Program	Tereel Road Bridge
	Battles Bridge, Markwell Road	Willina Road (over Bunyah Creek)
	Schultz's Bridge, Upper Myall Road	

Great Lakes — Shaping our Future

The protection of the environment consistently ranks as a high priority with the Great Lakes community and supports our lifestyle and local economy. It forms one of the four Key Directions in Great Lakes 2030, the community's strategic plan for the future of the area.

Council invites the community to participate in a review of Great Lakes 2030, to ensure it continues to reflect the community's priorities and aspirations. It also seeks community input on the continuation of the current Environmental Special Rate (ESR) past its 2013/14 expiry.

The ESR has been in place since 2001 and has allowed Council and the Community to manage our natural assets. It has enabled Council to attract additional external funding, which has more than tripled the value of the funds that have been expended on delivering the following: improvements in water quality; better conditions for oyster production through repairing and constructing wetlands; restoring river banks and protecting sea grass to increase fish habitat; maintaining recreational opportunities on our waterways through dredging works; reducing the threat of environmental and noxious weeds; developing partnerships and supporting landholders and businesses to implement practices and programs to promote sustainability.



The ESR has enabled the construction of water quality gardens. The gardens improve water quality in Wallis Lake by filtering urban run-off.

For further information on the Great Lakes 2030 plan and the Environmental Special Rate or to provide input and feedback during the review, please contact Council on 02 65917222 or visit the website.

Battling Weeds at Boat Beach

Seal Rocks Weed Warriors were awarded \$19,000 from the Australian Government's Caring for our Country, Community Action Grants program in July 2012 to reduce the threat of Weeds of National Significance (WoNS) at Boat Beach in Seal Rocks.

Council is supporting the program, and the group commenced work with a busy working bee/educational program in September. The small but dedicated band of volunteers (usually only three in total) has been chipping away at the expansive bitou infestations at Boat Beach for many years.

By promoting the new grant-funded program, the membership of the group has now grown to 10. Five working bees have been held to date, with the group focussing on the regeneration of degraded banksia scrub and Littoral Rainforest at the eastern end of the beach. Patches of native vegetation are being given some much needed breathing space from invasive vines and woody weeds.



Above: All hands on deck at Boat Beach, Seal Rocks in October 2012.

New members are always welcome, so if you would like to lend a hand or would like to know more, please contact Isabelle Strachan on 65917301 or email isabelle.strachan@greatlakes.nsw.gov.au

The group will also be hosting a rainforest day in Autumn next year, watch this space for details!



This project is supported by Great Lakes Council, through funding from the Australian Government's Caring for our Country.

POSITIONS VACANT

For more details or an information kit on any advertised position, visit the website or call our Recruitment Hotline on (02) 6591 7383 and quote the relevant reference number.

Council is an EEO employer and encourages suitable applicants from Aboriginal/ Torres Strait Islander background to apply.

TREE MANAGEMENT OFFICER

REF NO: 07/13

- **Starting Salary \$1149.28 per/wk + superannuation + flexitime**

Council is seeking to appoint a qualified tree management officer to ensure an environmentally sustainable approach to Council's Tree Management Plan.

You will be required to supervise staff, volunteers and contractors, undertake vegetation risk assessments including those associated with Development and Construction certificates and prepare relevant reports and technical documents.

It is expected that you have excellent communication skills, a demonstrated ability to liaise and mediate in sensitive environments and sound working knowledge of Amenity Tree Industry Safety Regulations.

Your sound understanding of arboriculture and relevant legislation as well as proven time management ability and basic computer skills, including those in mapping applications are essential to the role.

Job specific enquiries can be directed to Kerrie Simmons on (02) 6591 7379.

Apply by **Thursday 1 November 2012** following the directions in your kit.

Community Engagement - Great Lakes 2030

Council will be conducting community engagement activities around the review of the Community Strategic Plan and a proposal to continue the Environmental Special Rate.

The community is encouraged to participate in these activities by giving us your input and taking the opportunity to ask questions of Council's management team.

Market Stalls

27 October	John Wright Park Tuncurry
28 October	Pacific Palms Community Centre

Community Meetings

8 November	Stockland Forster outside near children's playground 10am-2pm
1 November	Tea Gardens Baptist Church 6pm
7 November	Nabiac Showground Hall 6pm
13 November	Bulahdelah School of Arts Hall 6pm
21 November	Stroud School of Arts Hall 6pm

Great Lakes Businesses

14 November	Council Administration Building Forster 6pm
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Development Consents Issued

In accordance with the provisions of Section 101 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, notification is hereby given that the undermentioned developments have recently been granted consent. A copy of the consent, together with any conditions attached thereto, is available for public inspection, free of charge, during ordinary office hours at Council's Customer Service Centre.

DA-98/2012	223 The Lakes Way FORSTER (Demolition of existing structures and stockpiling of fill)
DA-90/2012	Lot 1 Chapmans Road TUNCURRY (Bulk earthworks)
DA-90/2012	Lot 11 Chapmans Road TUNCURRY (Bulk earthworks)
DA-63/2012	20 Elizabeth Parade FORSTER (Install a privacy screen and shade sail property)
DA-77/2012	10 Hind Avenue FORSTER (Home Occupation - Use of garage as beauty salon)
DA-95/2012	10 Booner Street HAWKS NEST (Two storey addition to existing dwelling with minor alterations to existing dwelling)
DA-14/2012	8 Charles Street SMITHS LAKE (Dwelling with loft and verandah roof)
DA-16/2012	Lot 1 Rockpool Road TUNCURRY (Permissive occupancy for Forster Fishing Charters)
DA-26/2012	33 Martin Street NABIAC (Colorbond shed)
DA-34/2012	647 Coomba Road WHOOTA (New 2 storey dwelling with attached carport and detached shed)
DA-36/2012	6 Barcoo Place COOMBA PARK (Dwelling)
DA-48/2012	4 Robina Grove FORSTER (Multiple dwellings x 2)
DA-16/2013	94 Windward Circuit TEA GARDENS (Dwelling)
DA-21/2013	55 Manning Street TUNCURRY (Change of use - demolitions, alterations, signage and car parking for a medical clinic)
DA-23/2013	8 Eagle Avenue HAWKS NEST (Extension to residence and deck)
DA-27/2013	2A Yalinbah Street TEA GARDENS (Construction of fence)
DA-30/2013	20 Cedar Grove FORSTER (Carport)
DA-33/2013	15 James Street FORSTER (Conversion of garage to bedroom and laundry and new garage)
DA-36/2013	18 Budgerie Street TEA GARDENS (Single storey extension to rear of house, carport to front of the house)
DA-8/2013	34 Wirrana Circuit FORSTER (Two storey dwelling)

DA-37/2013	31 Gleeson Avenue FORSTER (Dwelling additions)
DA-39/2013	50 Wirrana Circuit FORSTER (Two storey clad and brick veneer dwelling)
DA-40/2013	20 Wirrana Circuit FORSTER (Dwelling and swimming pool)
CDCDW 41/2013	21 Shoreline Drive TEA GARDENS (4 bedroom brick veneer dwelling and attached garage)
DA-41/2013	8 Massie Crescent TUNCURRY (Single storey dwelling)
DA-49/2013	33 Richmond Street BULAHDELAH (Alterations and additions to existing dwelling)
DA-50/2013	6 Harrow Drive BOOMERANG BEACH (Two storey bedroom and ensuite addition)
DA-52/2013	379 Nugra Lane GIRVAN (Dwelling)
DA-53/2013	2 Charles Street FORSTER (Proposed ensuite addition)
DA-55/2013	44 The Lakes Way FORSTER (Boundary adjustment)
DA-59/2013	878 Markwell Road MARKWELL (Artists studio)
DA-60/2013	44 Alice Street KARUAH (Proposed alterations and additions to existing single storey residence)
DA-61/2013	24 King George Parade FORSTER (Glass enclosure)
DA-62/2013	29 Karloo Street FORSTER (Alterations and additions)
DA-64/2013	1519 Booral - Washpool Road WASHPOOL (Alterations and additions to existing dwelling)
DA-66/2013	72-74 Crawford Street BULAHDELAH (Metal shed and breezeway for use as Men's Shed)
DA-71/2013	31 Macwood Road SMITHS LAKE (New part single/part two storey dwelling)
DA-75/2013	23 Peel Street TUNCURRY (3 Lot subdivision)
DA-76/2013	32 Sunset Avenue FORSTER (Steel shed with colourbond roof)
DA-55/2013	42 The Lakes Way FORSTER (Boundary adjustment)

Grants For Community Projects

Council is calling for applications from non-profit community groups for the 2012 - 2013 Community Grants program. The Program provides funding for projects that improve the quality of life for the Great Lakes community. Organisations can apply for up to \$2000 for projects which build the capacity of the community. Applications forms are available from Council's website or offices and must be received by 9 November 2012.

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Stroud District Office Church Lane Stroud Ph (02) 4994 5204

Tea Gardens District Office Myall Street Tea Gardens Ph (02) 4997 0182

Refer to:

Title	Help shape the future of the Great Lakes
Publication date	November 2012
Publication	Manning-Great Lakes Focus

and

Title	Help shape the future of the Great Lakes
Publication date	18 October 2012
Publication	Stroud Community Website

Great Lakes 2030 & Environmental Special Rate

Vision

A unique, sustainable and enhanced environment with quality lifestyle opportunities created through clever development and appropriate infrastructure and services

In 2009 the Great Lakes community developed the above vision for the area, expressing where they want to be in 10-20 years time as a community. It's time to review the vision.



Does the vision ring true with you?
Do you have any suggestions for changes to the Vision?

Top issues for the future of the Great Lakes

As part of the development of *Great Lakes 2030* the community highlighted a number of issues that are important to the future of the Great Lakes area. What's important to you?



What do you think are the most important issues for the future of the Great Lakes? (choose up to 4)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Protection of the environment | <input type="checkbox"/> Planning for ageing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Climate change preparation | <input type="checkbox"/> Strong local economies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Roads, bridges, footpaths, drains | <input type="checkbox"/> Accessible recreation facilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A safe community | <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainable waste management |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Quality communication & engagement | <input type="checkbox"/> Environmentally considered development |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Promotion of tourism | <input type="checkbox"/> Arts & cultural opportunities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education opportunities for all | <input type="checkbox"/> Other... |

Values

Council will be developing organisational values - values represent 'the way we do things' as an organisation and as individuals. (choose up to 4)



What expectations do you have when dealing with Council - Council staff, management and Councillors? How do you expect to be treated and your matter addressed?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Equality | <input type="checkbox"/> Responsibly |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Honesty | <input type="checkbox"/> Empathy |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Openness | <input type="checkbox"/> Other... |

Environmental Special Rate (ESR)

The ESR has been in place since 2001 and expires at the end of the 2013-2014 financial year. The protection of the environment consistently ranks as a high priority with the Great Lakes community and supports our lifestyle and local economy.



Do you support the continuation of the Environmental Special Rate?

Yes

No

Comments

Consulting with you and keeping you informed

Council is committed to keeping you informed on Council services and programs, as well as opportunities to participate in community engagement activities and Council decision making.



How would you prefer to get your Council information? (choose up to 3)

Direct mail

Council website

Resident newsletter

Social media (facebook, twitter etc)

Newspapers

Community market

Word of mouth

Community meeting

Email

Other...



Help us build our email database to keep you informed of future community engagement opportunities. (optional)

Name

Email address

Privacy statement

The information provided in this form may constitute personal defined in the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998. It is being collected to keep you informed of Council community engagement opportunities. The supply of this information by you is voluntary. Access to the information is restricted to Council officers and other authorised persons. Council is to be regarded as the agency that holds the information, which will ultimately be stored in Council's records system. You may make application for access or amendment to information held by Council and you may also request that Council suppresses your personal information from a public register. Enquiries concerning this matter can be addressed to Council's Privacy Officer.

Environmental Special Rate

- In place since 2001
- Used to undertake environmental projects
- Attracts grant funds, tripling value of rate
- 1% allocated to dredging works
- Current levy expires end of 2013/14
- Seeking renewal 12 months early for a period of 7 years

A 6% ESR will raise approximately
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ESR application - *approved*

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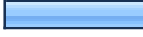

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ESR application - *refused*



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Hawks Nest, Tea Gardens, NAC, Pindimar		21.9%	400
Pacific Palms, Smiths Lake, Coomba Park		10.6%	194
Other (please specify)			275
		answered question	1,827
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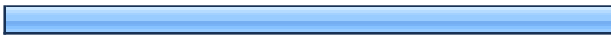

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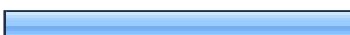


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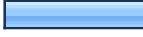

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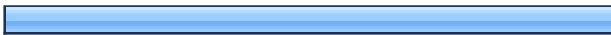

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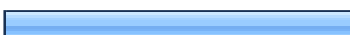


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4	Lugarno NSW	Mar 7, 2013 12:03 PM
5	Illawong NSW	Mar 7, 2013 11:56 AM
6	Sydney	Mar 6, 2013 4:24 PM
7	North Arm Cove	Mar 6, 2013 4:23 PM
8	bundabah	Mar 5, 2013 5:12 PM
9	Bundabah	Mar 5, 2013 5:10 PM
10	Allworth	Mar 5, 2013 5:09 PM
11	Coolongolook	Mar 5, 2013 5:08 PM
12	Lake Macquarie (Wyong, Charmhaven)	Mar 5, 2013 5:05 PM
13	Carrington (the place that is forgotten) 'the dust bowl'	Mar 5, 2013 5:04 PM
14	Sydney - North Arm Cove	Mar 5, 2013 5:01 PM
15	Green Point	Mar 5, 2013 5:01 PM
16	I have a block of land at NAC??	Mar 5, 2013 4:58 PM
17	Penrith	Mar 5, 2013 4:22 PM
18	Northmead	Mar 5, 2013 3:38 PM
19	Limeburners Creek Rural	Mar 5, 2013 3:17 PM
20	Sydney	Mar 5, 2013 3:16 PM
21	North Arm Cove	Mar 5, 2013 3:13 PM
22	Newcastle	Mar 5, 2013 3:04 PM
23	North Arm Cove	Mar 5, 2013 3:01 PM
24	Green Point	Mar 5, 2013 2:56 PM
25	Bungwahl	Mar 4, 2013 4:42 PM
26	NAC	Mar 4, 2013 4:41 PM
27	Limeburner Creek	Mar 4, 2013 4:37 PM
28	Bungwahl Topi Topi	Mar 4, 2013 4:37 PM
29	Pindimar	Mar 4, 2013 4:33 PM
30	and own 2 properties in Bulahdelah	Mar 4, 2013 4:11 PM

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31	and own property at Bulahdelah	Mar 4, 2013 4:11 PM
32	Sydney	Mar 4, 2013 11:56 AM
33	North Arm Cove	Mar 4, 2013 11:53 AM
34	Denaham Court 2565	Mar 4, 2013 11:51 AM
35	Limeburners Creek	Mar 4, 2013 11:46 AM
36	Limeburners Creek	Mar 4, 2013 11:44 AM
37	North Arm Cove	Mar 4, 2013 9:55 AM
38	North Arm Cove	Mar 4, 2013 9:52 AM
39	Minimbah	Mar 4, 2013 9:47 AM
40	sydney	Mar 1, 2013 4:15 PM
41	green point	Mar 1, 2013 1:10 PM
42	Old Bar	Mar 1, 2013 11:58 AM
43	Wollongbar NSW	Mar 1, 2013 9:01 AM
44	Karuah	Mar 1, 2013 7:47 AM
45	limeburners Creek	Feb 28, 2013 5:17 PM
46	Seal Rocks	Feb 28, 2013 4:10 PM
47	Green Point	Feb 28, 2013 2:58 PM
48	Blacktown	Feb 28, 2013 2:53 PM
49	Seal Rocks	Feb 28, 2013 2:52 PM
50	Wattley Hill	Feb 28, 2013 2:42 PM
51	Dubbo	Feb 28, 2013 2:40 PM
52	Own land at North Arm Cove	Feb 28, 2013 2:18 PM
53	Booral	Feb 28, 2013 2:17 PM
54	Sydney	Feb 28, 2013 2:15 PM
55	North West Slopes & Plain NSW	Feb 28, 2013 2:08 PM
56	BUnghwahl	Feb 28, 2013 2:07 PM
57	Newcastle	Feb 28, 2013 2:05 PM
58	Mildura, Victoria	Feb 28, 2013 1:28 PM
59	Kingston - Qld	Feb 28, 2013 8:56 AM
60	North Arm Cove	Feb 28, 2013 8:49 AM

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61	Coolongolook	Feb 28, 2013 8:48 AM
62	Bungwahl	Feb 27, 2013 3:56 PM
63	Inner West Sydney area	Feb 27, 2013 3:52 PM
64	NAC (unusable 'farm land')	Feb 27, 2013 3:50 PM
65	Qld	Feb 27, 2013 3:38 PM
66	30 kms out on Bulahdelah - Gloucester Rd	Feb 27, 2013 3:32 PM
67	NAC	Feb 27, 2013 3:16 PM
68	Harrington 2427	Feb 27, 2013 3:02 PM
69	fairlight, nsw	Feb 27, 2013 2:52 PM
70	northern rivers, nsw	Feb 27, 2013 2:49 PM
71	minchinbury, nsw	Feb 27, 2013 2:46 PM
72	green	Feb 27, 2013 2:45 PM
73	Newcastle (sub-Merewether)	Feb 27, 2013 2:36 PM
74	Wyong	Feb 27, 2013 2:33 PM
75	bunyah	Feb 27, 2013 2:26 PM
76	topi topi	Feb 27, 2013 2:24 PM
77	Green Point	Feb 27, 2013 2:13 PM
78	Wallabedah 2343	Feb 27, 2013 2:11 PM
79	Sydney	Feb 27, 2013 12:10 PM
80	North Arm Cove	Feb 27, 2013 12:05 PM
81	Wootton	Feb 27, 2013 10:34 AM
82	Green Point	Feb 27, 2013 9:14 AM
83	Lake Macquarie	Feb 26, 2013 4:32 PM
84	Green Point	Feb 26, 2013 3:59 PM
85	Sydney	Feb 26, 2013 3:49 PM
86	North Arm Cove	Feb 26, 2013 3:39 PM
87	2261	Feb 26, 2013 3:38 PM
88	Green Point	Feb 26, 2013 3:37 PM
89	Bundabah	Feb 26, 2013 3:28 PM
90	Green Point	Feb 26, 2013 3:04 PM

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91	Wang Wauk	Feb 26, 2013 2:59 PM
92	Green Point - Why aren't we on the map!?	Feb 26, 2013 2:47 PM
93	Old Bra	Feb 26, 2013 2:25 PM
94	Nerong	Feb 26, 2013 2:24 PM
95	Windale Park	Feb 26, 2013 2:19 PM
96	Edgeworth Newcastle	Feb 26, 2013 1:56 PM
97	Sydney	Feb 26, 2013 1:49 PM
98	Craigiburn VICTORIA	Feb 26, 2013 1:46 PM
99	Bungwahl	Feb 26, 2013 1:30 PM
100	Mitchells Island (neighbouring council area)	Feb 26, 2013 12:59 PM
101	Gloucester	Feb 26, 2013 12:33 PM
102	Nerong	Feb 26, 2013 12:28 PM
103	Green Point	Feb 26, 2013 12:19 PM
104	Central Coast	Feb 26, 2013 11:57 AM
105	Central Coast	Feb 26, 2013 11:55 AM
106	Glenhaven - Sydney	Feb 26, 2013 11:35 AM
107	Bungwahl	Feb 26, 2013 11:33 AM
108	Coolongolook	Feb 26, 2013 11:29 AM
109	Green point	Feb 26, 2013 11:15 AM
110	green point	Feb 26, 2013 11:14 AM
111	Bundabah	Feb 26, 2013 11:03 AM
112	North Arm Cove	Feb 26, 2013 10:59 AM
113	North Arm Cove	Feb 26, 2013 10:57 AM
114	Bathurst	Feb 26, 2013 10:22 AM
115	Sydney	Feb 26, 2013 10:07 AM
116	Sydney	Feb 26, 2013 9:30 AM
117	Green Point	Feb 26, 2013 9:22 AM
118	Green Point	Feb 26, 2013 9:21 AM
119	North Arm Cove	Feb 26, 2013 8:57 AM
120	Glenmore Park	Feb 26, 2013 8:54 AM

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121	Northarm Cove	Feb 26, 2013 8:53 AM
122	WESTERN SYDNEY	Feb 26, 2013 8:40 AM
123	Woodcroft	Feb 26, 2013 8:38 AM
124	sydney	Feb 25, 2013 3:26 PM
125	sydney	Feb 25, 2013 3:26 PM
126	mona vale, sydney	Feb 25, 2013 3:24 PM
127	north arm cove	Feb 25, 2013 3:23 PM
128	wollongbar	Feb 25, 2013 3:21 PM
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136	green point	Feb 25, 2013 3:01 PM
137	coolongolook	Feb 25, 2013 2:58 PM
138	salamand	Feb 25, 2013 2:55 PM
139	salamander bay, port stephens	Feb 25, 2013 2:54 PM
140	wards river	Feb 25, 2013 2:42 PM
141	gloucester	Feb 25, 2013 2:19 PM
142	riverwood, suburb of sydney	Feb 25, 2013 2:18 PM
143	coo	Feb 25, 2013 2:12 PM
144	wagga wagga	Feb 25, 2013 2:11 PM
145	bundabah	Feb 25, 2013 2:10 PM
146	Karuah	Feb 25, 2013 2:08 PM
147	Bateau Bay	Feb 25, 2013 9:54 AM
148	Karuah	Feb 25, 2013 7:41 AM
149	Sydney	Feb 23, 2013 8:46 PM
150	Wallis Island, Wallis Lake	Feb 23, 2013 4:23 PM

Q1. Which town or area do you live in?

151	Canada, but have a holiday home in Hawks Nest	Feb 23, 2013 1:13 PM
152	Sydney	Feb 23, 2013 9:21 AM
153	Sugar Creek Rd near Bungwahl	Feb 22, 2013 6:27 PM
154	NAC	Feb 22, 2013 3:18 PM
155	Tea Gardens	Feb 22, 2013 3:11 PM
156	Wards River	Feb 22, 2013 3:06 PM
157	Banora Point, Tweed Heads	Feb 22, 2013 3:03 PM
158	Sydney	Feb 22, 2013 1:13 PM
159	Sydney	Feb 22, 2013 1:09 PM
160	QLD	Feb 22, 2013 12:03 PM
161	NAC - but don't live there	Feb 22, 2013 11:58 AM
162	NAC	Feb 22, 2013 11:57 AM
163	Girvan	Feb 22, 2013 11:52 AM
164	We live in Melbourne, but have a holiday home at Boomerang Beach	Feb 22, 2013 10:30 AM
165	I live in Sydney but own a permanent rental property in Hawks Nest	Feb 21, 2013 12:21 PM
166	old bar	Feb 21, 2013 11:37 AM
167	non residential	Feb 21, 2013 9:34 AM
168	Nerong	Feb 21, 2013 9:08 AM
169	NAC	Feb 21, 2013 9:07 AM
170	Pacific Palms	Feb 21, 2013 8:54 AM
171	a ratepayer	Feb 21, 2013 8:51 AM
172	Girvan	Feb 21, 2013 8:42 AM
173	Girvan	Feb 21, 2013 8:41 AM
174	Burren St, NAC	Feb 21, 2013 8:39 AM
175	NAC / Narooma	Feb 21, 2013 8:34 AM
176	Topi Topi	Feb 20, 2013 4:26 PM
177	West Pennant Hills	Feb 20, 2013 4:25 PM
178	Sydney	Feb 20, 2013 4:24 PM
179	Willina	Feb 20, 2013 4:23 PM
180	Sydney - own land at Nabiac	Feb 20, 2013 4:12 PM

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181	coolongolook	Feb 20, 2013 3:36 PM
182	coolongolook	Feb 20, 2013 3:36 PM
183	saratoga, central coast (primary home)	Feb 20, 2013 2:48 PM
184	karuah	Feb 20, 2013 2:45 PM
185	karuah	Feb 20, 2013 2:44 PM
186	sydney	Feb 20, 2013 2:40 PM
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190	boolambayte and wootton	Feb 20, 2013 1:47 PM
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203	Lake Macquarie	Feb 19, 2013 5:49 PM
204	Newcastle	Feb 19, 2013 5:46 PM
205	Hallidays Point 2430	Feb 19, 2013 3:19 PM
206	Canberra, ACT	Feb 19, 2013 1:12 PM
207	Green Point	Feb 19, 2013 12:47 PM
208	Redhead	Feb 19, 2013 10:30 AM
209	ACT	Feb 19, 2013 10:22 AM
210	Ourimbah	Feb 19, 2013 10:21 AM

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211	Penrith	Feb 19, 2013 10:15 AM
212	Maleny QLD	Feb 19, 2013 10:14 AM
213	Casula NSW	Feb 19, 2013 10:13 AM
214	South Wentworthville	Feb 19, 2013 10:12 AM
215	Bligh Park NSW	Feb 19, 2013 10:11 AM
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217	Just own block of land	Feb 19, 2013 10:02 AM
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223	Sydney	Feb 19, 2013 7:48 AM
224	Allworth	Feb 18, 2013 5:01 PM
225	bundabah	Feb 18, 2013 1:48 PM
226	Wollongong	Feb 18, 2013 11:03 AM
227	Taree	Feb 18, 2013 9:42 AM
228	Sydney	Feb 18, 2013 8:57 AM
229	Sydney	Feb 17, 2013 7:14 PM
230	Monkerai	Feb 17, 2013 1:06 PM
231	Keswick Island, Queensland	Feb 17, 2013 11:23 AM
232	Krambach	Feb 17, 2013 10:18 AM
233	Hallidays Point	Feb 16, 2013 3:10 PM
234	Bungwahl	Feb 16, 2013 12:51 PM
235	MInimbah	Feb 16, 2013 12:36 PM
236	Coomba Park	Feb 16, 2013 11:16 AM
237	Own rental property in Tuncurry	Feb 16, 2013 10:04 AM
238	Granville	Feb 16, 2013 9:18 AM
239	Blueys Beach	Feb 16, 2013 9:00 AM
240	Wards River	Feb 15, 2013 9:21 PM

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241	Girvan	Feb 15, 2013 7:30 PM
242	Sydney	Feb 15, 2013 3:03 PM
243	Nerong - not important enough to mention in the list obviously!	Feb 15, 2013 1:16 PM
244	sydney	Feb 15, 2013 12:52 PM
245	Sydney	Feb 15, 2013 9:09 AM
246	Firefly	Feb 15, 2013 7:00 AM
247	north arm cove	Feb 14, 2013 9:56 PM
248	Wootton	Feb 14, 2013 9:08 PM
249	BUNDABAH	Feb 14, 2013 5:38 PM
250	merrylands (sydney)	Feb 14, 2013 1:57 PM
251	Bungwahl	Feb 14, 2013 1:56 PM
252	Bungwahl rural	Feb 14, 2013 1:53 PM
253	Green Point	Feb 14, 2013 1:42 PM
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255	green point	Feb 14, 2013 10:07 AM
256	Drummoyne Sydney (Holiday home in Forster)	Feb 14, 2013 9:42 AM
257	Green point	Feb 14, 2013 9:40 AM
258	Sydney	Feb 14, 2013 8:25 AM
259	Hallidays Point	Feb 13, 2013 7:50 PM
260	Property in North Arm Cove	Feb 13, 2013 7:00 PM
261	Myer's Flat	Feb 13, 2013 6:12 PM
262	Mentone Victoria	Feb 13, 2013 2:25 PM
263	Black Head	Feb 13, 2013 1:01 PM
264	Bunyah	Feb 13, 2013 12:51 PM
265	Green Point	Feb 12, 2013 8:05 PM
266	Penrith	Feb 12, 2013 7:41 PM
267	Bulli	Feb 12, 2013 5:48 PM
268	Forster Keys	Feb 12, 2013 4:40 PM
269	Green Point	Feb 12, 2013 4:17 PM
270	Green Point	Feb 12, 2013 3:56 PM

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271	Port Macquarie	Feb 12, 2013 3:44 PM
272	Wootton	Feb 12, 2013 2:41 PM
273	Green Point	Feb 12, 2013 12:01 PM
274	North Arm Cove	Feb 12, 2013 10:18 AM
275	Rainbow Flat	Feb 12, 2013 9:22 AM

Q6. Do you support the continuation of the environmental & dredging levy at the existing level of 6%?

1	[redacted] It is most important to keep our waterways secure and clean. Great work!	Mar 8, 2013 7:49 AM
2	[redacted] It is most important to keep our waterways secure and clean. Great work!	Mar 8, 2013 7:49 AM
3	I believe it is important to ensure that our oyster farming industry remains viable as it is such an important part of our local economy.	Mar 7, 2013 1:09 PM
4	We have owned land at North Arm Cove Stage 2 for over 25 years and have been paying rates and not got any benefits from them. Last year went to look for our block couldn't find it. No roads anymore been burnt and flooded. Our money has been used elsewhere. We are retired and cannot afford any more outlay of money.	Mar 7, 2013 12:04 PM
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6	To much costly environmental protection is carried out for not much result. Especially in the Great Lakes lower areas.	Mar 7, 2013 12:00 PM
7	I would like to see projects carried out further afield eg the creek in Nabic to give a safe waterway to the Wallamba River and prevent the flooding of the village.	Mar 7, 2013 11:58 AM
8	I would like to see my land zoned [redacted]. I have had this lot for 32 yrs it should be zoned. You people should be working on this zoning harder.	Mar 7, 2013 11:56 AM
9	Keep up the good work.	Mar 7, 2013 11:54 AM
10	The problem at Winda Woppa can only be overcome with a breakwater. Quarry the back of Yakkaba and do it. It should be government financed it is not ratepayers responsibility. Make them responsible. Council, We have management that is very incompetent they cannot make decisions without the ratepayers having to pay consultants to do what we pay them to do. Business used to employ "Time and Motion men" people who were independent of the business, to show where problems are. Our council is desperately in need of such an organisation. Things cannot go on as they are. You cannot keep taking money from ratepayers at your present rate, we are not all as stupid as management seems to think. This 8x8x8 is actually about 9.4 over three years so that is dishonest. Changing the logo for example what on earth did that accomplish? It should at least be on all those vehicles we pay for. You asked what I think now you know. In reference to Winda Woppa. I grew up in the area. I am 85 or nearly and I have seen the change that has occurred. Slow at first after the big storm in 1962 when around 100 m disappeared. The sea did come over into the river as I pointed out years ago on Council records. No doubt. Another one like that is going to be disastrous it will come no doubt! Tea Gardens and Hawks Nest open to the sea. Why has every river opening to the sea got a breakwater but not ours? A breakwater from Yaccaba to barns(?) rocks would be the best drawcard for Tourism. With a small charge it would soon pay for itself and the loan to build it. The present Council should not be involved it would not be able to handle it at 60(?) management cost. [redacted]	Mar 6, 2013 4:59 PM

Q6. Do you support the continuation of the environmental & dredging levy at the existing level of 6%?

11	Still waiting for dredging to occur to free up the tidal flushing of the Myall River at Tea Gardens. I thought that was what the levy was for in the first place. * Please do not accept a low return of forms as a vote for approval! It is just apathy and tiredness.	Mar 6, 2013 4:41 PM
12	In favour only if there is a favourable return! The Myall River needs dredging and attending to urgently. We seem to be the Cinderella towns. Not enough of our rates money is returned to improve our area.	Mar 6, 2013 4:38 PM
13	Only if we see the levy being used for the dredging of the natural mouth of the Myall River at Tea Gardens - Something the community are still waiting for and see as vital to improving the state of the river.	Mar 6, 2013 4:35 PM
14	The environment is important to me. GLC has achieved great things over the past six years through this levy and I think it's to be commended.	Mar 6, 2013 4:33 PM
15	I don't support the levy until we see more evidence that environmental issues at Pindimar are being addressed. Council's record is poor eg approving the abalone farm, failed drainage schemes. I note the comment about navigational dredging in Wallis Lake. A waste. It has been going on for over 80 years. Is this where our money will go?	Mar 6, 2013 4:31 PM
16	Dredge now!	Mar 6, 2013 4:28 PM
17	80 years in the area. You are throwing our money into the sea. You sit around hoping nature will change its mind while allowing building on land that is doomed.	Mar 6, 2013 4:27 PM
18	Could you think about dredging Muddy Creek please!	Mar 6, 2013 4:26 PM
19	Rates too expensive now. Also you don't do much in my area.	Mar 6, 2013 4:23 PM
20	Vital for it to continue.	Mar 6, 2013 4:21 PM
21	Could be raise to 12% and cover more (??) river channels, river entrances shifting sand issues a plan of management for sustainability needs to be put in place and maintained	Mar 6, 2013 4:20 PM
22	Appreciative the successful job you are doing with all the wetlands	Mar 6, 2013 4:17 PM
23	Stop wasting our \$'s	Mar 5, 2013 5:13 PM
24	Take all personel in Council 10% wage cutt	Mar 5, 2013 5:12 PM
25	Not unless Myall River entrance to Tea Gardens is promptly dredged as it should've been done ages ago - and the sensile solution to Winda Woppa erosion carried out. All the transported sand is all over other areas of Port Stephens! What a wste of our rates money!	Mar 5, 2013 5:12 PM
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27	I'm in the age of 75 years and I don't need any to do with it paying rates to much not much progress in my area	Mar 5, 2013 5:09 PM
28	if its lower ok!	Mar 5, 2013 5:08 PM

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29	I feel that dredging should be done on the short cut at Corrie Island and the sand pumped back to Windy Woppa also something more stable than sand should be put there. Also there should be some burning off behind Albatross Ave and Mungo Brush Rd. this year remember Tasmania, Victoria and NSW	Mar 5, 2013 5:07 PM
30	yes but 6% is too much - I do not want any more rate increases - I will be living in a tent soon!	Mar 5, 2013 5:06 PM
31	If dredging is essential yes even a small increase in rates coupled with other 'small' increases means a lot to tight budgets	Mar 5, 2013 5:05 PM
32	Yes and no. Money needs to be spent on other things (eg dirt roads need to be tarred 'Church St, Carrington' - drainage needs to be addressed	Mar 5, 2013 5:04 PM
33	I think all recent levies are too much, especially for pensioners	Mar 5, 2013 5:03 PM
34	I think all recent levies are too much, especially for pensioners	Mar 5, 2013 5:02 PM
35	Unsure as would need to look into the details - could recommend either an increase or decrease	Mar 5, 2013 5:01 PM
36	My answer would be yes if the Council put serious money into dredging the Corie Island channel instead of continually pouring money into Jimmys Beach restoration as if it is a bottomless pit	Mar 5, 2013 5:00 PM
37	Yes, if it was used to dredge inlet at Winda Woppa instead of siphoning sand from Yaccaba to support the sand wall at Winda Woppa which is a ridiculous waste of time and money	Mar 5, 2013 4:59 PM
38	I support the existing levy only on the proviso that GLC ceases to waste money and time with bandaiding Winda Woppa erosion and FIND A SOLUTION	Mar 5, 2013 4:58 PM
39	No sure. What I would like to do is inspect my property but I haven't been able to locate it. 9 Paterson Place NAC. I would appreciate a map to show me where it is. I would also like to know what I can do with this land as it now appears to have been swallowed up by bush. Please note: I would like more information about MY property. Thank you.	Mar 5, 2013 4:58 PM
40	Not sure - BUT as a ratepayer ever since I bought land at crown auction in Bennett/Coorilla Sts and have developed my own house (twice now) plus a friend's house (also paying rates) ie paid rates for so long it is very disappointing to see the neglect of Hawks Nest by Council to the extreme benefit of Tea Gardens area. An urgent need to spend a fair share of rates from long paying ratepayers of Hawks Nest is way overdue. Hawks Nesters have probably paid more rates for longer than the blow-ins at Tea Gardens.	Mar 5, 2013 4:56 PM
41	Yes, at 3% fixed for 5 years, then review. People will think 6% is greedy. Main channel work to be done, not canals used by oyster farmers only. Nature flushes our lake system.	Mar 5, 2013 4:54 PM
42	I think that extra revenue could be generated by installing parking meters for visitors as used in Sydney. Residents exempt, visitors contributing and then you may not have to slug residents with a dredging levy.	Mar 5, 2013 4:53 PM
43	Yes only if this money is used for both waterways in the shire. Myall Lakes enhance also requires dredging. Otherwise No!!	Mar 5, 2013 4:52 PM

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44	Environmental - YES Dredging - NO Good day - I think it is unfurtunate that the two purposes of the levy - environmental works and dredging - are lumped together. In many ways they have little in common. I have no hesitation in supporting an environmental levy. In fact I would be quite prepared to contribute more, providing the revenue raised is spend on genuine environmental works and not on more general capital and maintenance work dressed up as environmental. I cannot support a dredging levy. I have two main concerns: The benefits of dredging are transient, sometimes fleeting, because dredging seeks to counter what are often perfectly natural processes. It is a never ending task; and Dredging disproportionately benefits some groups of ratepayers over others. I am not familiar with the dredging works proposed for Wallis Lake but I suspect that the main beneficiaries are boaters, fishers and businesses dependent on the waterway for their living. If these groups demand that dredging should continue they should also be prepared to contribute to a greater degree than those with no direct interest. In other words, by all means continue a dredging levy in order to attract the financial co-contribution, but require those who have the most to gain to contribute most towards the cost.	Mar 5, 2013 4:51 PM
45	What about the Environmental mess in Bramble Pde, Tuncurry. It has had 2 goes to be fixed and is still not.. Was our levy money wasted there.	Mar 5, 2013 4:31 PM
46	I would only support the levey if it was uded to rectify the problem at the short cut in the Myall River.	Mar 5, 2013 4:30 PM
47	I only support the levy if funds were used to dredge the Myall River and place the sand on Jimmies Beach.	Mar 5, 2013 4:29 PM
48	The stagnant water which lays in the ponds becomes a haven for mesquitoes etc. Also ross river fever comes from mosquitoes.	Mar 5, 2013 4:28 PM
49	Whilst I realise dredging is good for the lake and our community, I think some of the 'fat' should be trimmed from Council expenditure, which should be invested in the lake. Most ratepayers do not have an endless pit of money. Whilst I realise dredging is good for the lake and our community, I think some of the fat should be trimmed from Council exp which should be invested in the lake. Most ratepyers do not have an endless pit of money.	Mar 5, 2013 4:27 PM
50	Where is the levy being spent???	Mar 5, 2013 4:24 PM
51	No opinion - just trust that the levy is spent wisely and on the projects for which it is designed.	Mar 5, 2013 4:23 PM
52	I'm not sure whether living so far away is likely to help. [REDACTED]	Mar 5, 2013 4:22 PM
53	No - it is a direct NSW waterways and maritime dept issue with their budgets to be accommodating this cost - not rate payers.	Mar 5, 2013 4:21 PM
54	Waste of time - Council will do what they want.	Mar 5, 2013 4:20 PM
55	YES and NO. I don't like oysters. I already pay \$409.60 per 1/4, \$1638.40 p annum on an aged single pension with water, electricity, fuel costs and vehicle expenses. I am fast running out of money.	Mar 5, 2013 4:19 PM
56	Congratulations Great Lakes Council, on coming up with another brilliant scheme to raise more money and i'll bet it will be 100% legal. We will leave morality out of this, because if you had any, you would have considered the	Mar 5, 2013 4:18 PM

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	plight of North Arm Cove vacant landowners a lot more!! Remember, sooner or later you will be called to account for your wrong doings. [REDACTED]	
57	Only if Hawks Nest/Tea Gardens get a look in. We are seriously reglected in all council issues.	Mar 5, 2013 4:16 PM
58	There doesn't appear any clear evidence on the rate notice that an environmental levy is included in Council rates. Living on a busy major road (Failford Road) and seeing evidence of oil (?) etc sitting on and in the water that runs straight off the road and drains directly into a dam of sorts on my property and then flows into a creek feeding into Wallamba River and having brought this to the attention of Council several year ago and told I had no need for concern, Im amazed by your newsletter. [REDACTED].	Mar 5, 2013 3:47 PM
59	YES and NO. And do something about the drainage systems in Tuncurry and get out of using our rates on stupid things ie. Woolworths.	Mar 5, 2013 3:44 PM
60	Very Important. Absolutely not until you clean up Wallamba Creek. It is in a deplorable state and very often health issue (stinking). Was a great breeding place for fish. When done absolutely yes I'll pay. There is a full tree also lying in the water now?? See your special edition newsletter - when have you ever done anything re "blue green algae in Wallamba River???"	Mar 5, 2013 3:43 PM
61	Prevention is better than cure, including more enforcement. User pays eg big draft boats pay for dredging?	Mar 5, 2013 3:40 PM
62	I live at Northmead because the Council and other local residents will not let us build at NAC. Strange Question 'do you currently pay rates' because it is compulsory to pay. We pay part rates and on't even get our road cleared for this money. YES AND NO. If I could build on my 3 acres at NAC then I would fully support the levy. If I cannot build on my property, then why would I support a levy to benefit others but not myself. I support the development of all NAC to stop the pollution of the unsewered existing residents. Please help. Please support all landowners in the Great Lakes Council area.	Mar 5, 2013 3:38 PM
63	Yes - has to be done for future generations. No - low income, very difficult to pay bills as they are.	Mar 5, 2013 3:32 PM
64	Make good use of the sand recycle.	Mar 5, 2013 3:31 PM
65	NO instead of building commercial buildings for use by multi-national companys, use that money!	Mar 5, 2013 3:18 PM
66	Sack the Council workers who don't know how to fix roads and get contractors to do it properly or don't get paid and fix the Bucketts Way properly.	Mar 5, 2013 3:17 PM
67	I am unable to build on the property on which I am paying rates due to zoning restrictions. I am therefore paying for something I will never benefit from.	Mar 5, 2013 3:16 PM
68	Although from the reading of the newsletter, the Council is only interested in Forster/Tuncurry and I know that the Myall River desparately needs dredging.	Mar 5, 2013 3:15 PM
69	Nothing is more important than delivering to our grand children the 'status	Mar 5, 2013 3:14 PM

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quo' or 'better' for our environment to reap benefits we have to show - simple logic.

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| 70 | I just read the special edition newsletter where you ask for an extension of the levy for environmental purposes. I been paying that levy from the beginning as the Council rates too without get any benefit as a citizen with a property in North Arm Cove. I bought that land expecting to build my house for my retirement but I think that its going to be impossible, because the Council does nothing to declare that properties fit to build. And worse we never get any mention but we have to pay our rates just to financial the budget of the Council. When the council its going to do something? Why we are forced to pay rates when we don't have any expectation to build our houses? I feel that the Council just grab our money without give any attention to use and that its sad, and on top of that we have to continue paying more levies? Please be concious and do something for us because the silence its not the great way. [REDACTED] | Mar 5, 2013 3:13 PM |
| 71 | Would like to see more money allocated to creek and river crossing: Gloucester to Bulahdelah Road. [REDACTED] | Mar 5, 2013 3:08 PM |
| 72 | Council should build a levee in a 1/2 circle to stop waves breaking on beach and undermining it. It works elsewhere, why not here. | Mar 5, 2013 3:05 PM |
| 73 | I believe our environment should be looked after especially water way (fishing industry) etc. | Mar 5, 2013 3:04 PM |
| 74 | You can afford to build Woolworth so why should be pay levy. | Mar 5, 2013 3:03 PM |
| 75 | People can't afford to keep giving some things just have to stop - sorry. | Mar 5, 2013 3:02 PM |
| 76 | I am not sure, but as I am so restricted with my land, any levy is unfair. The Council has treated landowners in Nth Arm Cove with disdain charging for rates which give nothing back. Millions of \$\$ have been taken in rates for North Arm Cove Properties. | Mar 5, 2013 3:01 PM |
| 77 | But its about time more focus was applied to the problems of the Myall River siltation problem - a bit more hawks nest and a little less forster would be welcomed. | Mar 5, 2013 2:55 PM |
| 78 | The rates are expensive enough and when your on a pension the pension doesn't go up every year like the rates do | Mar 4, 2013 4:44 PM |
| 79 | I have to live within my means so should Council - take 6% of our rates and council can do the dredging | Mar 4, 2013 4:43 PM |
| 80 | I see serious environmental degradation around the Bungwahl area and no significant input into the issues by the Council in this area | Mar 4, 2013 4:42 PM |
| 81 | As it dose not show on the Council rates, just a total amount, NO break down | Mar 4, 2013 4:41 PM |
| 82 | Should be the responsibility of State Govt, not local residents | Mar 4, 2013 4:39 PM |
| 83 | I do not support this level just a tax | Mar 4, 2013 4:37 PM |
| 84 | As a member of farm group Topi Topi and it has been of great help | Mar 4, 2013 4:37 PM |
| 85 | Engaged new engineers. Stop this waste of ratepayers fund. Jim Beach dredging Corrie is Est Channell. No more pay out to consultants Pindimar | Mar 4, 2013 4:35 PM |

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foreshore. The day this report came out. Your call engineer put a storm water drain out on to a sandy beach boy what a great mistake this was. Why should we pay this levy when you won't dredge east channel Corrie Island How about the sand being distributed through thte Port by your Jim Beach sand. Open eyes. to what is being done to the port

86	All htis is fair and sensible providing there is provision for independent scrutiny on a regular basis of the use of money going to Council	Mar 4, 2013 4:33 PM
87	Please make sure that Short St cul de sac is alcohol free!!! Ca not afford same...no footpaths corner of North St & Manning St is pathetic, Lithing accident waiting to appen, Bad in shorts	Mar 4, 2013 4:32 PM
88	We need to dredge every channel in the river soon as possible	Mar 4, 2013 4:31 PM
89	I already paid for 30 years of land rates and received no services in that time, so I do NOT suppor the continuation of the levy and Council rates	Mar 4, 2013 4:30 PM
90	Why should ratepayers pay to benefit private business ie oyster farmers	Mar 4, 2013 4:29 PM
91	1%	Mar 4, 2013 4:28 PM
92	The Council culled all the monies from Stroud area and does very little for the locality	Mar 4, 2013 4:28 PM
93	Continue the good environmental work - GLC lead the way. Continue to attract external funding where possible - Environment is one of GLA best assets	Mar 4, 2013 4:26 PM
94	My concerns are that if our Council is being run effectively the levy would not be a problem but I would object to paying the levy if it is not eg a friend of mine said that when he strated to work at our local depot it was viewed poorly if you worked too hard! Are you joking?	Mar 4, 2013 4:25 PM
95	We think that the people who use the lakes for recreation activities should be charge a levy. Similar to what we have to pay to park our car	Mar 4, 2013 4:24 PM
96	Not if it increases my rates I'm only a pensioner	Mar 4, 2013 4:23 PM
97	Only if it doesn't increase from 6% to 8%	Mar 4, 2013 4:22 PM
98	The existing 8% incrase on rates should be all we have to pay	Mar 4, 2013 4:22 PM
99	Because the township of Bulahdelah, needs urgent attention and money spent on its streets, drains, roads and all town infrastructure, it is a total disgrace, our rates should be spent in our town not tourist hot spots	Mar 4, 2013 4:21 PM
100	But please show it on rate notice	Mar 4, 2013 4:19 PM
101	If the levy was being paid for dredging why isn't it being done. Very necessary particularly east side of Korrie	Mar 4, 2013 4:19 PM
102	If the levy was being paid for dredging why isn't it being done. Very necessary particularly east side of Korrie	Mar 4, 2013 4:19 PM
103	No levy at all, period! Not until the short cut of the Lower Myall River outlet is dredged, to allow for full outflow of the river, to clean out the whole system	Mar 4, 2013 4:15 PM

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104	The sustainable business program is obviously not supporting Hawks Nest. Businesses Council should be ashamed of the shopping centre. It needs urgent attention has the Council visited the H/N shopping centre?	Mar 4, 2013 4:14 PM
105	Council has a higher rate than most Sydney councils there are other towns where money can be spent besides Foster Tuncurry	Mar 4, 2013 4:13 PM
106	Nothing is done in Hawks Nest it looks like a 3 world town don't spend so much on stupid and waste of my money	Mar 4, 2013 4:12 PM
107	The 8% rises are enough - too much. We are self funded retirees and pay rates on three houses in this area - have assets not much income!	Mar 4, 2013 4:11 PM
108	The 8% rises are enough - too much. We are self funded retirees and pay rates on three houses in this area - have assets not much income!	Mar 4, 2013 4:11 PM
109	GLC is responsible for the clogged waterways through poor management of the problem. We live in a low income area and cannot afford rate increases, especially an environmental levy. GLC must adopt a permanent solution to the problem such as a breakwall, seawall or some other permanent structure. NOT DUMPING SAND	Mar 4, 2013 4:09 PM
110	It is only to create holiday jobs for the ???	Mar 4, 2013 4:08 PM
111	Why have no specific costed projects been nominated in the proposed extension of the levy? Would like to see specific projects listed before agreeing to the levy. In particular would like to see a commitment to dredging the Myall River shortcut guaranteed. Nothing has been done so far with the current special levy funds	Mar 4, 2013 4:07 PM
112	We have being paying large increases in our rates over the past 5 years even though our property devalued \$90,000 and cannot see the justification for another increase with this levy Council should be able to continue looking after the environment without another increase to the ratepayer we cannot afford it!	Mar 4, 2013 4:00 PM
113	We are pensioners and to much money is being ripped off as to pay for to many levys you should not pay for Councillors 'goodies'	Mar 4, 2013 3:59 PM
114	The money is being wasted on a flawed plan to move sand from A to B, only to be washed away again and again, this is not the right plan for the river problem	Mar 4, 2013 3:58 PM
115	With our without levy, Council's record of finance management will ensure no dredging action.	Mar 4, 2013 12:00 PM
116	I don't believe in messing with nature but you are when you move sand at Jimmy's Beach - this in turn is affecting the bay & the Myall River & needs to be fixed!	Mar 4, 2013 11:58 AM
117	Could you show the levy as a seperate item on the rates notice.	Mar 4, 2013 11:56 AM
118	Why isn't dredging being done on Smiths Lake. Is the Council afraid of the greenie's that live in the area?	Mar 4, 2013 11:55 AM
119	[REDACTED] I have paid Council rates for 30 yrs! I would much prefer Council to approve further development at North Arm Cove. I purchase my residential block 30 years ago and still not	Mar 4, 2013 11:53 AM

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	permitted to build on it???	
120	NO	Mar 4, 2013 11:51 AM
121	Live within your budget!!	Mar 4, 2013 11:50 AM
122	In response to item 6 of the survey we offer the following comments: We consider that the Great Lakes Council needs to re-assess its priorities and because of this we do not support the Environmental and Dredging Levy. We live in the part of Minimbah Road which is not sealed. Every time it rains heavily, road gravel is washed down the table drains onto our property and good pasture land is lost. When the road is dry, our house and garage roofs, the collection areas for our drinking water, are covered with dust from passing traffic. Traffic has increased considerably since we brought our property in 2000 due to housing development. We consider that Council should be working on the basics like road sealing before advocating dredging programs.	Mar 4, 2013 11:49 AM
123	Households are being hit with increases right across the board. Families are finding it hard to make ends meet. Councils are always pushing for more money!	Mar 4, 2013 11:46 AM
124	I pay enough rates already. I am a pensioner struggling to exist on limited income cannot afford 6%.	Mar 4, 2013 11:40 AM
125	I'd like Council to be more cost effective in its day to day operations. Instead of wasting money by re-doing Strand Street twice and cutting down all the street plantings. Inter alia - room not sufficient for all the ways you use our money inefficiently - what about this shiny paper also!!! Just before all the tourists come! and waste money by creating a hot black walkway on Little Street thereby making the kids pool inaccessible to little kids and their parents (as there's a great wall)!!	Mar 4, 2013 11:35 AM
126	We seem to just have council increase rates on top of rates continuously. What about some sensible and efficient expenditure plans instead of just crying poor mouth.	Mar 4, 2013 11:31 AM
127	We pay very expensive rates (\$2,300 against Masman \$1300) and for that council wishes to take our and tourists coastal views by not allowing proper clearing.	Mar 4, 2013 11:30 AM
128	A lot of the works undertaken should have been done by developers. Why should we pay on top as well.	Mar 4, 2013 11:26 AM
129	You do a lot of negative work re: over-revegetating in our one mile beach area.	Mar 4, 2013 11:25 AM
130	We do everything we need to do correctly on the farm already.	Mar 4, 2013 11:23 AM
131	Council is already funded by Gov. If Council can't dredge etc - tax the tourists not the rate payers.	Mar 4, 2013 11:20 AM
132	We consider that a levy should only be utilised for a "one off" situation and Council should budget for continual maintenance - This particular levy has been continuous for years now!!	Mar 4, 2013 11:19 AM
133	We consider that a levy should only be utilised for a "one off" situation and Council should budget for continual maintenance - this particular levy has	Mar 4, 2013 11:18 AM

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134 Our rates on Minimbah Rd have increased over 100% in the last 10 years and all we get for that is our bin emptied and our dirt road graded 3 times a year by incompetant plant operators that done care!!! Minimbah Rd is dangerous and yet nothing ever gets done about it!!! Mar 4, 2013 10:31 AM

135 It should be funded by normal rates. Stop wasting money on roads that don't need doing and get contractors to do the ones that do need repair so they are done property and only once. Mar 4, 2013 10:30 AM

136 there could be a minimum increase for all ratepayers not bsd on how much your rates are. We pay over \$2000 per year so we pay double the levy - not fair? Mar 4, 2013 10:28 AM

137 Rates are too high already, some of use have to forgo eating one day a week to afford your current rates. So NO MORE TAXES. Mar 4, 2013 10:27 AM

138 To mch I am a pensioner. Mar 4, 2013 10:09 AM

139 I pay rates and receive very little attention from Council and object t being forced to pay more for something of no interest to me. Charge the beneficiaries, NOT ME. Mar 4, 2013 10:08 AM

140 I say NO NO and NO for the Environmental and Dredging Special Levy. Pensioners like myself are being asked continually for price increases on our daily budget. Yes \$60.00 - \$90.00 may not seem much over a year but when you take into account price increases in our daily living electricity, water, rates, private health insurance, petrol, rego, car expenses, and all insurances one of which almost doubled this year and that was before the current fires and floods, we just cannot afford anything else. WE ARE RUNNING OUT OF MONEY. I now find my house is in a 1 in a hundred year flood zone. House and contents have sky rocketed if insurance companies want to insure you at all. Coles online said no, Apia said no, Alliance said \$5,800 p.a and GIO who we were with said \$2,086. This was almost double last year's premium. It's hypocritical to want to do a development on the Southern Parkway disturbing the ENDANGERED ECOLOGICAL COMMUNITY SWAMP SCLEROPHYLL FOREST then ask residents to pay a levy to keep our waterways clean. Let us pay a once off levy to keep The Southern Parkway area free of development, make it PARKLANDS not disturbing the soil and not needed to pour money into it for 6 years to keep the waterways clean. Wayne Wilson, 21 Nuwarra Crt, Forster. Could you please copy this letter and survey and however you email, could you email it to councillors and persons concerned. thank you Mar 4, 2013 10:06 AM

141 6% increase in age pension - no way. Cost cutting in Council is needed, 2 men to watch the 1 thats working, not 4 or 5. Cut the clericals who work 10-12 hrs a week and collect 35 hrs pay. Mar 4, 2013 10:00 AM

142 The prbllem is - too many people & irresponsibility of the propulation as in pollution of waterways litter etc. MORE MONEY ONLY ADDS TO THESE PROBLEMS AND DOES NOT CURE THEM. Mar 4, 2013 9:56 AM

143 I do not support the Environmental levy because my land is at this location, [redacted] and classed as farmland. Mar 4, 2013 9:55 AM

144 I dont support it at all!! I had to pay to put rocks against my bank to stop Mar 4, 2013 9:51 AM

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	erosion, all I got from the Council was rules & regulations. I paid for it and its doing a great job, my road is a mess, you still want more money!! Im on a pension - you sit back in your council cars and drive around town at my expense - (why would I support your big ideas - its a joke (your a joke) and all I get from Council is we dont have enough funds - you should have enough money to pay for these extras, looking after our lakes is your responsibility - I PAY MY RATES!!!!	
145	Further sealing Minimbah Road would significantly decrease the erosion and filthy run-off entering the water ways. It would also help my vehicle.	Mar 4, 2013 9:47 AM
146	Special Levy has been in for 11 years now. Work should have been completed in this time frame survey. A BIG NO.	Mar 4, 2013 9:42 AM
147	If Council spent rate payers money on what it should instead of a Woolworths we did not need, instead of putting people out of business there would be no need for a levy	Mar 2, 2013 10:05 AM
148	Do you have any performance data on the performance results of the urban water quality improvement devices like the ones installed at Tuncurry Woolworths and Council's car park	Mar 2, 2013 10:03 AM
149	Council has had 10 years of this levy and original proposals completed long ago - future works must be provided by normal income avenues - which are increased reasonably - annually	Mar 2, 2013 9:59 AM
150	Pensioners can not afford the levys extra chargers. The dredging of the lake should be pay by oyster farmers and pro fishers not me	Mar 2, 2013 9:58 AM
151	I would like some of this levy to clean the creek that runs through the Sanctuary from Meomorial Club down Strand, through cross St and into ocean for health reasons!!! It is a breeding ground for mosquitos!! Residents surrounding Sanctuary to not want to contract Ross River Fever!!	Mar 2, 2013 9:54 AM
152		Mar 2, 2013 9:51 AM
153	Our environment is important - but also a major tourist attraction. All money is well spent, as your record shows!!	Mar 2, 2013 9:49 AM
154	This river must be kept in pristine condition for employment purposes, health, tourism. Hopefully aqua culture will be introduced	Mar 2, 2013 9:48 AM
155	Keep up the good work. The improvement in the lake over the past decade is a credit to you.	Mar 2, 2013 9:45 AM
156	Please continue to prioritize the wawter quality of our beautiful water systems. Our community and environment depend on our placing our highest values to this.	Mar 1, 2013 4:28 PM
157	Keep up the dredging etc it helps the lake stay healthy.	Mar 1, 2013 4:22 PM
158	Do all we can.	Mar 1, 2013 4:20 PM
159	But I don't think it is fair to the people that don't use the lake. Why not put a levy on the boats and ramps to make people that use the lake pay.	Mar 1, 2013 4:18 PM
160	Businesses and peole who live on the lakes should wear the cost (levy) (tax) etc. barclay's oysters, marinas. We have enough taxes to pay already. Rtes	Mar 1, 2013 4:17 PM

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too high already.

161	I strongly support Council's efforts to protect the environment.	Mar 1, 2013 4:16 PM
162	Enables, vital works. Takes advantage of matching govt grants.	Mar 1, 2013 4:14 PM
163	dredging should be done all year round where required "NOT" just to justify to keep levy.	Mar 1, 2013 4:12 PM
164	I will support the continued 6% this time, don't waste it - people cannot continue to pay increased council rates each year.	Mar 1, 2013 4:10 PM
165	Very pleased with Council's efforts especially its protection of the waterways and the environmental programs.	Mar 1, 2013 4:09 PM
166	agree but should be less for pensioners	Mar 1, 2013 1:10 PM
167	As a frequent visitor to the lakes I think the work Council is doing to keep them healthy is really important, and that the cost of doing it would be far outweighed by the cost of not doing it.	Mar 1, 2013 11:58 AM
168	The Council's environmental levy will allow for the continuation of the great environmental work programs currently being run by Council. Funding generated by the environmental levy will also allow leverage for additional funding from other sources, further attracting funding to the area and allowing for larger projects with greater environmental benefits.	Mar 1, 2013 9:01 AM
169	Full of admiration for the the environmental record of GLC. Much of this is only possible because of the levy.Deseves to be strongly supported by the community.	Feb 28, 2013 5:56 PM
170	While the work is important there is no benefit to our area - we would prefer to see something done to make Bucketts Way safer.	Feb 28, 2013 5:17 PM
171	All of the money seems to go into Forster and none is being spent on the outlying towns. When is our road going to be tarred, it was promised over 5 years ago. Lost lives and damage to vehicles is unacceptable. Emergency vehicles cannot get in or out of the town.	Feb 28, 2013 4:10 PM
172	Council is already funded by you	Feb 28, 2013 3:17 PM
173	I am pensioner & can bearly afford to pay them now. i have to stick to a budget why can't you.	Feb 28, 2013 3:10 PM
174	Should be found in the ordinary rate budget.	Feb 28, 2013 3:09 PM
175	Only if NAC will be re-zoned as residential.	Feb 28, 2013 3:09 PM
176	The artes keep going up even when the land value has dropped significantly.	Feb 28, 2013 3:08 PM
177	Dredging has not been successful thus far.	Feb 28, 2013 3:07 PM
178	Council needs to do mare in rural areas as we all feel left alone with poor roads & not enough spent in our area & all spent in Forster etc.	Feb 28, 2013 3:06 PM
179	Since not much if any of this levy is spent on the up keep of the Myall River. What is the point of repairing & protecting our environment if we do not look after our river system which happens to run into the Myall Lakes.	Feb 28, 2013 3:05 PM

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180	The siltation problems have been caused by the proliferation of oyster leases causing huge changes in the tidal flow. Let the users pay ie "oyster farmers"!.	Feb 28, 2013 3:04 PM
181	Enough is enough. You guys just take it it's never enough At Cooma Park you blame enviro circles for pollution to the lake. your people are enviro vandals everytime they touch any thing. we keep paying & paying.	Feb 28, 2013 3:03 PM
182	Most siltation caused by proliferation of oyster leases, caused by fisheries allowing too many. Make the users pay.	Feb 28, 2013 3:03 PM
183	I am a pensioner and find it very hard to pay bills. There is only so little money to go round.	Feb 28, 2013 3:02 PM
184	Council should carry out the work by using its own budget strategy.	Feb 28, 2013 3:01 PM
185	This levy was for a short period - to clean up a problem following the oyster contamination. It does not need to be continued. Stop the levy!	Feb 28, 2013 3:00 PM
186	I do not agree with a % based levy. A set amount for everybody OK. I already pay over \$3000 rates for my house, with no sewer, no water, no street lights & a gravel road, and I have to pay extra for on site septic tank.	Feb 28, 2013 3:00 PM
187	Our rates are high enough. Young people paying off a mortgage and the high cost of electricity are really battling.	Feb 28, 2013 3:00 PM
188	I have no faith in the ability of the SLSC to manage let alone solve this problem. The solution lies in State/Federal cooperation on maintaining coastal management issues. But the present anti-environment ?? are not interested.	Feb 28, 2013 2:58 PM
189	Not after Council rate increases. I would support 3% of a fixed amount levy, close to 3%.	Feb 28, 2013 2:58 PM
190	Dredging is not the answer. We need a breakwall or man made reef then I would be happy to pay the levy your wasting our money!!.	Feb 28, 2013 2:57 PM
191	Various environmental subsidies have been issued on application (Jimmys Beach) Support levy contributes at maximum current percentage. Do not support IPART application for rate rise above norm. Utilities rises hurting self-funded pensioner rate payers especially.	Feb 28, 2013 2:55 PM
192	We pay enough council rates as it is now plus you are going to get another 8% for the next 4 years. I think that's more than enough for us pensioners.	Feb 28, 2013 2:55 PM
193	Increased Council rate for my block of land (undeveloped) will have impact on my current budgeting situation. I don't want to pay anymore increases in rates.	Feb 28, 2013 2:53 PM
194	I certainly do not support the levy. If Council managed their funds as well as pensioners HAVE too, they wouldn't need a levy.	Feb 28, 2013 2:53 PM
195	The lake was fine before. What has changed it? Also as a Seal Rocks ratepayer, I feel I pay enough money to Council.	Feb 28, 2013 2:52 PM
196	At this time we see no improvement in the lakes or the river and no intention to open any channel & no idea what the levy money was spent on - maybe the community support was 6%.	Feb 28, 2013 2:51 PM

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197	The rates that we pay for the areas where we live are already high enough any additional money will cause hardship to the pensioner population of this area.	Feb 28, 2013 2:51 PM
198	At this time we see no improvement in the lakes or the river and no intention to open any channel & no idea what the levy money was spent on - maybe the community support was 6%.	Feb 28, 2013 2:51 PM
199	The sand you are dumping at Winda Woppa is blocking the river mouth and not solving the problems. You are wasting our money and the residents money.	Feb 28, 2013 2:50 PM
200	I support the environment work but not the dredging.	Feb 28, 2013 2:49 PM
201	We pay boat rego boat licence fish licence to cover waterways.	Feb 28, 2013 2:49 PM
202	I have no faith the expenditure of the levy will be based on items of local interest.	Feb 28, 2013 2:48 PM
203	We would like the levee taken off our sewerage and rates. Pensioners find it very hard on their finances.	Feb 28, 2013 2:48 PM
204	We would like the levee taken off our sewerage and rates. Pensioners find it very hard on their finances.	Feb 28, 2013 2:47 PM
205	GLC first need to demonstrate a permanent fix for Winda Woppa eg roads/wall need to be built. Stop wasting rate payers funds by pumping sludge.	Feb 28, 2013 2:47 PM
206	Why should we support levy, when the council "wont" fix a bridge which has washed away in june floods - on council road - landowners struggled to depart their properties after rain?	Feb 28, 2013 2:46 PM
207	I would support this levy only if it was a fixed rate amount of no more than \$50PA for each & every rate payer. There also needs to be some transparency as to how council uses this money for improving the environment. Not just in Forster Tuncurry.	Feb 28, 2013 2:44 PM
208	Rates are 'pegged' - levies should not be additives....it seems the levy another council form for obtaining more money. Already council shes responsibilities using volunteers to attend council duties eg. mowing parks.	Feb 28, 2013 2:44 PM
209	Would support if Council maintained Wattley Hill Rd properly. Feel I pay rates for no benefits.	Feb 28, 2013 2:42 PM
210	The Council rates are expensive enough now for pensioners, which we are, considering power, water & cost of living expenses have all increased dramatically in the last couple of years.	Feb 28, 2013 2:42 PM
211	The Council rates are expensive enough now for pensioners, which we are, considering power, water & cost of living expenses have all increased dramatically in the last couple of years.	Feb 28, 2013 2:41 PM
212	This is the main reason people come to the area to use our beautiful waterways and beaches.	Feb 28, 2013 2:41 PM
213	I would like to enjoy the money I spend.	Feb 28, 2013 2:39 PM

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214	I do support the cause for the levy but if there is a chance to reduce it in the future, this would be great.	Feb 28, 2013 2:24 PM
215	My land is a waterfront non-urban lot at Caruthers Avenue, Sth Pindimar. It has no services whatsoever provided to it by Council. There is no road access, no water, no sewerage, no waste collection and no right to build. Obviously I do not live there but still have the pleasure of paying annual council rates for the pleasure of ownership of land, which is only accessibly by foot at low tide. My personal attempts to construct rock fillets to minimise erosion of my land was met with righteous anger from other residents of Pindimar (not neighbors) who complained to Council. Rock fillets on my one lot in the middle of the beach is wasted effort as erosion quickly undermined my efforts due to erosion coming from adjoining lots which are not protected. I support council's efforts to protect the environment and here is a project worthy of Council's attention, which would provide a tangible benefit to me and the owners of neighboring properties to obtain some benefit from annual payments to Council. Construction of a rough bush track and creek crossing to provide access to carry out this work and post construction maintenance would provide benefits including fire fighting access, a fire break and protection of existing electricity poles. History has shown that the residents of Pindimar are prepared to sillingly contribute their time to provide manual labor to assist with community projects such as this.	Feb 28, 2013 2:23 PM
216	When will North Arm Cove landowners get a fair deal???	Feb 28, 2013 2:18 PM
217	I am already paying too much on rates for land I consider useless and of little value. Your council never should have approved the subdivision in the first place. I am now a second generation owner to be saddled with rates on land in the North Arm Cove debacle.	Feb 28, 2013 2:15 PM
218	The waters of the Great Lakes are in pristine condition, crystal clear, an absolute delight to sail on, swim in and just gaze at its sparkling beauty. Thanks to Council for keeping it this way. I agree to continue paying a levy to keep the lakes in this condition.	Feb 28, 2013 2:15 PM
219	I have a block of land that I can not build on 30years past & now another 30 years applies. Disgraceful - NO RATE RISE	Feb 28, 2013 2:08 PM
220	I think this is a great initiative of Council and I would support this sort of levy on all Council rates. I wish our Council did the same!	Feb 28, 2013 1:28 PM
221	Very worthwhile	Feb 28, 2013 11:50 AM
222	(Worse luck that he pays rates to Great Lakes Council). Over the years a lot of dredging has been done and a good percentage was pumped on unstable islands and ended up washing back into the river. A complete waste of time and money.	Feb 28, 2013 9:45 AM
223	Levy should not become a permanent fixture - insufficient details given of total levy and allocation of levy.	Feb 28, 2013 9:30 AM
224	I remember a time when I saved for my holidays. I cannot aford to now because I am saving to pay my rates, it is getting out of hand.	Feb 28, 2013 8:59 AM
225	The Great Lakes budget has had to eliminate or lessen many vital services because of lack of money. At present I believe these same dollars would be much better spent on education, seniors, roads maintenance and paving.	Feb 28, 2013 8:58 AM

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226	The levy has done nothing for us, we live interstate and with your latest rezoning we will never live in NAC, on our land.	Feb 28, 2013 8:56 AM
227	Current spending is not efficient.	Feb 28, 2013 8:54 AM
228	Fix roads first.	Feb 28, 2013 8:54 AM
229	How much more does the Council think the rate payers can take land rates going up, garbage rates going up, environmental levy going up that's without water and electricity going through the roof. We are not all fat cats sitting on 80 or 100 thousand dollars a year.	Feb 28, 2013 8:53 AM
230	We do not gain any benefit from this work.	Feb 28, 2013 8:50 AM
231	When can I build on my land it has been 35 years. Thank you Joe.	Feb 28, 2013 8:49 AM
232	4% would be preferable as I will be retiring from the workforce this year. My personal funds will be limited and taking into account inflation I would prefer a lower % rate thanks.	Feb 28, 2013 8:48 AM
233	Would prefer to see Council cut back and stop treating rate payers as a endless money back!	Feb 28, 2013 8:46 AM
234	Would prefer to see Council cut back and stop treating rate payers as a endless money back!	Feb 28, 2013 8:45 AM
235	Well done!!	Feb 28, 2013 8:43 AM
236	For both ensuring stormwater runoff and for keeping our waterways in prestine order.	Feb 28, 2013 8:39 AM
237	Yes but why do we have to pay more. As a pensioner we are expected to live within our means and budget. No one gives us an increase when unexpected cost increases.	Feb 28, 2013 8:37 AM
238		Feb 28, 2013 8:36 AM
239	Only if dredging to the lake situation in the Lakes Estate is undertaken, as previously discussed with Council staff on a number occasions, both by meetings and correspondence.	Feb 28, 2013 8:33 AM
240	Ratepayers should be advised on which projects cost what \$'s each financial reporting year, that make up the 6% levy!	Feb 28, 2013 8:31 AM
241	Forster/Tuncurry is fortunate to have Wallis Lake and great beaches. These are to be cared for at all costs!	Feb 27, 2013 4:09 PM
242	This council are doing a great job and my side of the bridge is looking great especially the medium strip, well done.	Feb 27, 2013 4:08 PM
243	Should not state and federal governments be financing this project?	Feb 27, 2013 4:05 PM
244	Levy should already be included in existing council rates	Feb 27, 2013 4:03 PM
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246	We are over-rated	Feb 27, 2013 4:03 PM

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247	I think our rates are to high now look at the waste on Jimmys Beach I bet there are other projects Council should be more frugal and then we would not have all these extra costs. why can't the water be diverted up the centre of the harbour	Feb 27, 2013 4:01 PM
248	After 3 increases of 8% with the 8% compounded you will already get near your 6% extra! enough is enough. we do not get our share of rates used in our area, not happy with large increases for nil benefit	Feb 27, 2013 4:00 PM
249	council has since 2001 to address the backlog of outstanding backlog of environmental and dredging issues. This backlog has now been eliminated judging by the recent environmental awards Great Lakes. The special levy has achieved its purpose. funding for this type of work should after 2014 be from ordinary rates	Feb 27, 2013 3:59 PM
250	i see serious environmental degradation around the Bungwahl area - no significant input into the issues by the Council in this area	Feb 27, 2013 3:56 PM
251	We both consider Council is doing ane xcellent job - [REDACTED]	Feb 27, 2013 3:55 PM
252	It's an excuse to put rates up. work within your means. Aged people will ose their homes, keep it up. Stop buying so many cans for indoor staff.	Feb 27, 2013 3:55 PM
253	We both consider Council is doing ane xcellent job - Ken and Fay Brogden.	Feb 27, 2013 3:55 PM
254	Cost of living rising exponentially while many years of savings value eroding preceptiously. Local state and federal governments must not constantly mile pensioners as if they are bottomless pit and we are empty	Feb 27, 2013 3:54 PM
255	I am 81 years of age now, being paying Council rates for 30 years, I am a pensior cannot afford to pay any rate as I am going to a dead end, why the nearby land rezoned and people living there	Feb 27, 2013 3:52 PM
256	you rip too much money out of my pocket already. Back a few useless councillors, especially the Mayor, and fund this work from savings or levy your developer mates.	Feb 27, 2013 3:51 PM
257	Pay rates now for no return now or in the forseeable future. Is this area just a 'cash cow' for Council? What a way to go to not be able to enjoy retirement on the coast	Feb 27, 2013 3:50 PM
258	Rates are to high now get rid of 25% of staff and be more efficient	Feb 27, 2013 3:49 PM
259	As a fully self funded retiree with full charges to meet, i want the cost of living to fall	Feb 27, 2013 3:48 PM
260	use our rate money in our area not in other towns we need a lot of work done here on roads and drains	Feb 27, 2013 3:47 PM
261	Let the towns where the dredging is being done pay the levy, spend or rate money in our area eg roads and drainage etc	Feb 27, 2013 3:46 PM
262	Do not support level 0%	Feb 27, 2013 3:45 PM
263	Get on with the job you are paid to do not build supermarkets	Feb 27, 2013 3:44 PM
264	Too many environmental, green schemes and other levies and taxes (ie carbon tax) electricity hikes costing us a fortune! and higher than CPI rates	Feb 27, 2013 3:44 PM

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265	Whilst I am not totally opposed to a levy, in view of the current financial climate, Council too should be subject to reducing expenditure to all but absolutely essential works. We the public are continually being slugged with price increases on food and services, so when an opportunity arises to reduce expenditure it should be taken, especially when you are attempting to lock in the levy for a six year period. I consider that the levy should be reduced by between 30-50%. Such a public spirited action by Council would put them in a good light in the eyes of those people who are struggling to put decent food on the table and pay ever increasing power bills.	Feb 27, 2013 3:42 PM
266	'Sham'!	Feb 27, 2013 3:40 PM
267	It is time that council needs to manage budget like all families. Income of family is not changing 6% or 8% per annum!!! Like Council rates!!!	Feb 27, 2013 3:39 PM
268	Dredging levy should apply only where dredging occurs	Feb 27, 2013 3:38 PM
269	Dredging levy should apply only where dredging occurs	Feb 27, 2013 3:37 PM
270	Mismanagement I live at Hawks Nest (Winda Woppa) we are paying a special levy so people from Sydney metro can come here and totally ignore any and all rejuvenation projects	Feb 27, 2013 3:35 PM
271	How about the as above areas (other than the other classification) pay a levy to seal the gravel road constantly in bad repair that I live on. this levy would benefit me. the levy I have to pay has no benefit to me what so ever. Poor road - unsealed - costs me every year - 2012 \$500 bushes front end my car, \$300 new tyre etc = loss of work etc opportunity etc as can't get to town. A couple of years ago bridge washed out. NSW Gov paid to replace it. Great Lakes could have raised the level - no too lousy they only spent the state money ie non of their own. Since around 1980 Great Lakes has sealed 2 km of my road. Gloucester Council - about 20 times this. GLC does absolutely nothing for me from the rates I pay all my rates get spent on areas that have nothing to do with me!!	Feb 27, 2013 3:32 PM
272	Live within your means!!	Feb 27, 2013 3:27 PM
273	We have land at NAC. Disgraceful how we are paying and getting nothing. We don't want to pay another cent unless you do something.	Feb 27, 2013 3:25 PM
274	Being a pensioner any increase in taxes or levies reduces quality of life and making it harder ot make ends meat	Feb 27, 2013 3:23 PM
275	We do not support, whatsoever any additional charges we believe when comparing your rating charges with Hornsy Shire yours should be \$350 max	Feb 27, 2013 3:22 PM
276	Cost of living increasing well above my wages so no increase	Feb 27, 2013 3:21 PM
277	Put the 6% towards redundancy payouts for the BiLo staff at Tuncurry	Feb 27, 2013 3:21 PM
278	We pay far too many rates levy's and charges in this county. Its about time that our government looked after its own people and gave to councils first!	Feb 27, 2013 3:20 PM
279	I will be happy to support future work when NAC receives it fair share of rate moneys worth of maintenance	Feb 27, 2013 3:16 PM
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281	You have failed to do any dredging to improve the flow of the Myall River at Tea Gardens	Feb 27, 2013 3:14 PM
282	Hawks Nest residents and I see this as a waste of \$\$ at Winda Woppa Council has spent 10's of 1000's if not 100's. We need a fixed sea wall - why can't you see that!	Feb 27, 2013 3:14 PM
283	I think its time to look at other means of raising funds to tackle environmental problems. 13 yrs of a levy is over the top and you now want 20 yrs	Feb 27, 2013 3:13 PM
284	Current rates are high when compared to other councils. Has council reviewed its current spending programs to seek cost savings?	Feb 27, 2013 3:11 PM
285	Most necessary!	Feb 27, 2013 3:07 PM
286	We need to keep the place4 clean and beautiful and ensure all development can be called aesthetic in the true sense.	Feb 27, 2013 3:06 PM
287	However I am seriously opposed to the treatment of sand - moving at Jimmys Beach, an ENORMOUS misuse of ratepayers money. Other possibilities for this problem should be given thorough consideration and consultation to achieve a more permanent and lasting solution, rather than something which washes away with the next big storm.	Feb 27, 2013 3:05 PM
288	But not for dumping sand on Simmys Beach! For 30 years I have watched the affect of this bad practice as that sand moves it has spread out in the bay and the short cut at Cirri Isl, we need large rocks at the Winda Woppa trouble spot.	Feb 27, 2013 3:01 PM
289	Keep our lovely area as is and not spoiling it.	Feb 27, 2013 2:59 PM
290	I agree with statement in Council's brochure that residents rate protection of water way is most important council role.	Feb 27, 2013 2:58 PM
291	I think that you need to put more into habitat protection, weeds and pests.	Feb 27, 2013 2:57 PM
292	I congratulate Council on its waterway management works. However I am most disappointed at the way our pristine beaches have been allowed to be fowled by your allowed increase useage by dogs. There has been little or no surveillance by your Rangers and unleashed dogs are allowed to wander and foul our beaches at any time and myu clothing placed on the beach is being polluted by dogs. The walkway/baordwalk behond One Mile Beach is now known as "Dog Pool Lane".	Feb 27, 2013 2:56 PM
293	please continue the great work already done.	Feb 27, 2013 2:55 PM
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295	i support any well thoguht out and beneficial policy for the health and well being of the environment.	Feb 27, 2013 2:54 PM
296	I have only been a resident in this area for 3 years and am aware of the challenges of repair and protection of our matural environment.	Feb 27, 2013 2:54 PM
297	keeping great lake council healthy.	Feb 27, 2013 2:53 PM
298	It seems to me that Council is not spending enough of its own money on this problem.	Feb 27, 2013 2:53 PM

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299	i hve an invstment unit in forter and have noted the improved quality of the water in the last two years, having previously found it undrinkable from the tap or even boiled for tea/coffee, whereas now it is fine to drink.	Feb 27, 2013 2:52 PM
300	More work needs to be done Tuncurry boat ramp. Rock pool pinicic tables (coat of paint) for a tourist the place is looking unkept more TLC is needed spend our money on us not woolies.	Feb 27, 2013 2:51 PM
301	absolute no brainer - those who resist this will have self-interest way ahead of community.	Feb 27, 2013 2:51 PM
302	at least levy money is spent for that purpose and also good to maintain healthy waterways.	Feb 27, 2013 2:49 PM
303	yes to the dredging, vrry important to the health of the lakes and fish.	Feb 27, 2013 2:48 PM
304	yes, to dredging very important to the health of the lakes and fish.	Feb 27, 2013 2:48 PM
305	small price to pay. but i believe state and federal governmetns need to step up and provide more funding for dredging, etc.	Feb 27, 2013 2:47 PM
306	As long as the levy is used for dredging.	Feb 27, 2013 2:47 PM
307	As long as the levy is used for dredging.	Feb 27, 2013 2:47 PM
308	just as long as its 6% and no more.	Feb 27, 2013 2:46 PM
309	Dependent on wise and educated use of resources & applications with ample consultation with knowlegable members of the community. Much dredged sand, in the past, has been deposited on low sandbars in the lake and has then slipped back into the chanelns fairly quickly. Logic & transparency essential!	Feb 27, 2013 2:45 PM
310	no mining no CSG.	Feb 27, 2013 2:40 PM
311	no mining - no CSG.	Feb 27, 2013 2:39 PM
312	continue to look after the laese and rivers. this place is beautiful. i have most of my life around here. i hope my grankids can do the same when they are over 55. thanks.	Feb 27, 2013 2:38 PM
313	I stayed in Forster recently. "I was caught in a dreadful rip at Tuncurry Rock Pool". I will be 87 in March 2013 - this pool is unsafe for young and old - and I feel dredging to be necessary ASAP.	Feb 27, 2013 2:36 PM
314	i believe our council is doing a great job in maintaining our little piece of paradise.	Feb 27, 2013 2:36 PM
315	Just make it work properly for all concerned, with the lowest possible overhead costs to maximise the benefits.	Feb 27, 2013 2:35 PM
316	consideration should be given to kerb and gutttering smiths lake - fourth ridge road.	Feb 27, 2013 2:33 PM
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318	hope we can all keep up the good work.	Feb 27, 2013 2:31 PM

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319	if gutters etc were cleaned more regularly drains to lakes etc would be more clean. we are on a corner with a lot of gumtree debris.	Feb 27, 2013 2:31 PM
320	keep our waters clean and pure for our oyster industry.	Feb 27, 2013 2:29 PM
321	our place, [REDACTED]. my name is [REDACTED] rock fillets - i love the term. and here is seek your help. i need more rocks in the bywash of the ornamental clam near our house. please come and look, see how i've largely but not definitively patched a weak dam wall.	Feb 27, 2013 2:26 PM
322	[REDACTED]. Rock fillets and dredging are essential.	Feb 27, 2013 2:26 PM
323	RH & HR Garlick - 66 Mayers Dr, Tuncurry. Rock fillets and dredging are essential.	Feb 27, 2013 2:25 PM
324	the levy is important as it keeps the lakes clean so i hope it can continue.	Feb 27, 2013 2:25 PM
325	A worthwhile project which should be supported.	Feb 27, 2013 2:24 PM
326	A worthwhile project which should be supported.	Feb 27, 2013 2:23 PM
327	our lakes are waterways need to be a priority we are nothing without them.	Feb 27, 2013 2:20 PM
328	Please make sure this is done with responsibility. This is so important for Forster and the Great Lakes area.	Feb 27, 2013 2:18 PM
329	to protect our environment here in ALL of the beautiful great lakes council area, for ourselves and the health of future generations.	Feb 27, 2013 2:17 PM
330	a small amount to pay to ensure the environmental health and stability of our natural assets.	Feb 27, 2013 2:16 PM
331	Providing all levy monies go towards environmental and dredging work and none to more consultants. Do the work that is needed to fix or help the problems and good value for money paid.	Feb 27, 2013 2:16 PM
332	a most desirable contribution!	Feb 27, 2013 2:16 PM
333	keep up the good work. thanks	Feb 27, 2013 2:15 PM
334	keep up the good work. thanks	Feb 27, 2013 2:15 PM
335	very important to continue this environment work.	Feb 27, 2013 2:14 PM
336	A lot of money spent of a very simply survey!! Please spend our tax levies on the important priorities - We do not need coloured photos on expensive glossy paper. Forster people don't need any more waste.	Feb 27, 2013 2:13 PM
337	why didn't you post this notice with the rates - look at the postage you would have saved.	Feb 27, 2013 2:13 PM
338	as long as it is used solely to improve and safeguard our environment locally.	Feb 27, 2013 2:12 PM
339	i would like to see more recovery and re-use of storm water.	Feb 27, 2013 2:12 PM
340	I use the lake system when I holiday there and support efforts to maintain good water quality.	Feb 27, 2013 2:11 PM

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341	We must ensure environmental protection for the future.	Feb 27, 2013 1:33 PM
342	The natural beauty of the forests and lakes are the some of the main reasons to live in this location. The dredging of the lake to maintain accessways is a great idea and is for the greater good of the community. The dredging of access to waterfront properties such as Forster Keys or Jonnel Park should be borne by the people with most to gain being the owners of these sites as part of an additional special levy.	Feb 27, 2013 1:19 PM
343	But the environment does not stop at the Myall Lake system - there is a lot of erosion issues evident in the stream feeding the river systemes.	Feb 27, 2013 1:04 PM
344	But the environment does not stop at the Myall Lake system - there is a lot of erosion issues evident in the stream feeding the river systemes.	Feb 27, 2013 1:03 PM
345	I know it is only \$1.24 a week but with everything going up I don't know how I am going to aford it.	Feb 27, 2013 1:01 PM
346	Continued remediation of Jimmy's Beach is essential - not only to residents but for the important tourism industry in Hawks Nest/Tea Gardens.	Feb 27, 2013 1:00 PM
347	It is a very necessary part of the environmental work that needs to be done if we don't contribute who is going to pay.	Feb 27, 2013 12:59 PM
348	We can't expect a sustained environment without contributing to its maintenance. Please spend the money wisely.	Feb 27, 2013 12:52 PM
349	I manage Sandbar Caravan Park. Are any works planned for Smiths Lake. When the lake is let out cars drive around the edge of the lake causing damage. Any dredging planned for the lake etc.	Feb 27, 2013 12:49 PM
350	It works, its what is needed for our lake to remain healthy.	Feb 27, 2013 12:29 PM
351	Since waterways are the prime attraction of the shire then clean water unsilted waterways are the no. 1 priority.	Feb 27, 2013 12:26 PM
352	Make sure a breakwater is build in Port Stephens in front of Winda Woppa to protect erosion of sand and to dredge out the short cut in the river for better tidal flow.	Feb 27, 2013 12:24 PM
353	Use some of this funding to clear the Corrie Island eastern channel (short cut).	Feb 27, 2013 12:23 PM
354	as long as it doesn't get higher. it is difficult to pay all these increases whenyou are on a pension.	Feb 27, 2013 12:23 PM
355	the present and future for our environment.	Feb 27, 2013 12:21 PM
356	the present and future for our environment.	Feb 27, 2013 12:20 PM
357	No levy listed separately in Annual rate notice (nor 1/4 rate notices)	Feb 27, 2013 12:20 PM
358	If the dredging of Myall River & short cut are included.	Feb 27, 2013 12:16 PM
359	just remember pensioners like myself, limited resources to meet tyhe electricty bills, ater etc. just to exist each day. may the levy never become a run-away cash cow. life is getting harder!	Feb 27, 2013 12:14 PM

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360	As long as it doesn't go up any more	Feb 27, 2013 12:07 PM
361	I am satisfied with everything	Feb 27, 2013 12:07 PM
362	I don't want to see my monies being used in other towns/areas that don't impact on me	Feb 27, 2013 11:03 AM
363	As a member of a sustainable farming group we find this levy and the support it generates for our community essential for farm productivity and community awareness of bio-diversity issues. Council, be proactive maintain this levy.	Feb 27, 2013 10:34 AM
364	More informatoin needs to be available as to where and why we are dredging sites in the local area so that we can where the money is being spent	Feb 27, 2013 10:17 AM
365	No specific budget details have been provided on the allocation of the levy previously spent! i.e. actual works and administration component. Where has the levy been spent, what projects? Has the previous levy delivered value for money!! Cost benefit analysis? Has levy funds been used to improve specific private business activity (oyster farming), what is the cost allocation between oyster farmers and public funds. Use of public funds for private enterprise!!! Money wasted on Jimmys beach replenishment scheme, band aid solution. Again no cost benefit analysis, public funds for private land owners gain. Council has no commitment to applying restrictions to development on a highly erodible sand peninsula. Previous Council policies restricted development at Winda Whoppa!!!!!! It is noted that Council has not declared to the rate payers the cost and benefit of the Jimmys Beach program. How much of the levy was spent on the Darawak Nature Reserve program that was then hand back to the State government (ownership). Was this a cost shifting exercise by the state government??? Council has presented no creditable case to extend the levy for a further 6 years!! A pamphlet in the mail is not meaningful consultation!!! A pretty color brochure vs cost benefit facts!!!	Feb 27, 2013 9:14 AM
366	Would change my response on point 6 if the "shortcut" to Port Stephens from the Myall River was regularly dredged. This may even assist in not requiring sand from Yaccaba isthmus to be pump to Winda Woppa.	Feb 26, 2013 6:57 PM
367	It is not a big impost to keep our waterways healthy and I am quite 'happy' to pay the levy.	Feb 26, 2013 5:12 PM
368	I am voting against the continuation of the levy, simply on the grounds that Council continually renigs on promises of improvements in Tea Gardens Hawks Nest. I can instance Marine Dr, wharves, car parks. This gives the impression of the funds being expended in Forster. The line of broken promises is a very poor reflection	Feb 26, 2013 5:05 PM
369	Very impressed by council's environmental achievements	Feb 26, 2013 4:58 PM
370	Due to the fact that I own a block at North Arm Cove and unable to Build on it, I pay my rates to the council for nothing in return. I am not a fan of giving to the council for nothing. I do support the dredging of the lake and the enviromental benefits, I just dont want to pay for it as I cannot use my block of land.	Feb 26, 2013 4:32 PM
371	Council funds should have be allocated for these activities.	Feb 26, 2013 4:22 PM

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372	Our household wishes to see the good work in improving water quality, the natural environment and waste management continue!	Feb 26, 2013 3:59 PM
373	Beneficial levy but what the hell does an environmental protection/enhancement levy got to do with a 'sustainable business program' - nothing one hopes	Feb 26, 2013 3:58 PM
374	Official complaint - nothing to do with the above - but I am totally opposed to the slaughter of any animal in our National Parks	Feb 26, 2013 3:58 PM
375	My main concern is sifting of myall river	Feb 26, 2013 3:57 PM
376	The property I have is poorly served by Council. A request to Stroud Office to repair 'Deep Creek Road' was rejected and is being maintained by owners. Deep Creek suffers from erosion which impacts on Karuah River. A study on how to stop erosion is needed.	Feb 26, 2013 3:54 PM
377	Provided the livied money is used soley for the purpose intended	Feb 26, 2013 3:54 PM
378	Any construction/dredging work to improve an area is good. However I would like to see land in Grafton, North Arm Cove rezoned as I was told this would happen when I purchased my land	Feb 26, 2013 3:49 PM
379	Keep up the good work	Feb 26, 2013 3:43 PM
380	Excelent work so far, keep it going.	Feb 26, 2013 3:42 PM
381	Don't mind paying the levy if it means keeping the Lake healthy as we own two properties in Forster-Tuncurry.	Feb 26, 2013 3:38 PM
382	ow much did this cost and did it come out of the levy as I find this to be a huge waste of that money.	Feb 26, 2013 3:37 PM
383	keep the good work up.	Feb 26, 2013 3:32 PM
384	Great idea for such a beautiful place.	Feb 26, 2013 3:26 PM
385	However I want to continue to beautify the area to attract tourism but don't want rates to increase so high that locals won't be able to afford to live here. We need to attract business so we keep young families with employment.	Feb 26, 2013 3:25 PM
386	As our population grows and increases pressure on our environment, I feel we really need to have this levy permanently in place.	Feb 26, 2013 3:25 PM
387	Please - could the Council spend some money on retaining banks of Pipers Bay along the Elizabeth Pde reserve. If not the Council's block will slip into the bay within 5 years. Thank you.	Feb 26, 2013 3:16 PM
388	Please - could the Council spend some money on retaining banks of Pipers Bay along the Elizabeth Pde reserve. If not the Council's block will slip into the bay within 5 years. Thank you.	Feb 26, 2013 3:15 PM
389	I do support any effort to make our town as clean and beautiful but I would love to see something done to Point Road, Tuncurry as it is a mess especially in rain and quite dangerous with puddles everywhere. Forster looks great so please make Point Road look great too. Thank you.	Feb 26, 2013 3:14 PM
390	According to our rates notice. There is no mention about the above levy	Feb 26, 2013 3:11 PM

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391	Thankyou for all your efforts	Feb 26, 2013 3:09 PM
392	No comment needed as Great lakes Council will please themselves as to which way they want to go!	Feb 26, 2013 3:08 PM
393	Would 1% of the 6% still be allocated to dredging. A large area of dredging could be achieved in 6 years. Given with state/federal grants or would the whole 6% elvy be used for environmental protection/upgrades. Thanks.	Feb 26, 2013 3:05 PM
394	keep it up	Feb 26, 2013 3:04 PM
395	I believe that the current dredging program should be a permanent activity in the maintenance of our waterway system.	Feb 26, 2013 3:01 PM
396	If I have been paying this levy in the past without knowledge what difference will it make to continue for the future? I will still be obliged to pay rates which increase yearly.	Feb 26, 2013 3:00 PM
397	The money has been used on successful projects improving water quality - I presume there is more work to be done.	Feb 26, 2013 2:59 PM
398	We've already been paying it so what's the diff? Let's hope the money is spent sensibly.	Feb 26, 2013 2:58 PM
399	A good idea	Feb 26, 2013 2:57 PM
400	Just keep on keeping Forster beautiful. It would be a shame to let something spoil it. I have been here 9 years and think it's beautiful.	Feb 26, 2013 2:55 PM
401	To avoid additional costs to council this mailout should have been included with the recent rates notice mailout.	Feb 26, 2013 2:53 PM
402	Very necessary!!	Feb 26, 2013 2:50 PM
403	The carrot is good for us but also is the stick	Feb 26, 2013 2:48 PM
404	Only if we get the benefit of work (if any) that is done at Green Point on environment round our village. Mainly along the shoreline at boat ramp.	Feb 26, 2013 2:47 PM
405	I fully suppor the work relating to the health of Wallis Lake. I am disppointed about the filtering system in Bramble Pde. Much money has been spent on it but Muddy Creek remains unhealthy and certainly unattractive.	Feb 26, 2013 2:45 PM
406	I fully support the impost of the levy it is essential that we keep our waterways and rivers in a pristine condition, particularly as regards the all important oyster industry.	Feb 26, 2013 2:44 PM
407	Great Lakes is a top place. Nicer than Hollywood.	Feb 26, 2013 2:39 PM
408	Any work to imporve our enviroment is a step in the right direction.	Feb 26, 2013 2:31 PM
409	No higher. As long as my rates don't go any higher than \$1190 per quarter for which I get one garbage service per week and nothing else	Feb 26, 2013 2:28 PM
410	As long as the levy is used for this purpose.	Feb 26, 2013 2:27 PM
411	I support the levy as long as it is not used for the continual reinstatement of the collapsing beach at the Boulevarde, Hawks Nest	Feb 26, 2013 2:26 PM

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412	Just protect and keep Great Lakes beautiful. A really sought after address!	Feb 26, 2013 2:25 PM
413	keep up the good work	Feb 26, 2013 2:23 PM
414	Keep up the good work.	Feb 26, 2013 2:22 PM
415	Stop nuisance flooding. Would like Council to clean out gutters and drains so water can easily get to water quality gardens, clean them out past the edge of the road and also behind houses. Clean out drains and gutters to help water get away. Take it into the bush to stop run off. don't finish at the road side	Feb 26, 2013 2:20 PM
416	I would like to have my land changed from farmland to urban residential	Feb 26, 2013 2:19 PM
417	Council needs to address sediment input into the lake along the unsealed section of Burraneer Rd. Also Duck Creek needs redevelopment and a concrete causeway to reduce sediment flooding and danger to motorists	Feb 26, 2013 2:17 PM
418	I am concerned about continuing development in storm surge/flood zones - ignoring future impacts of climate change won't stop it happening! But the taxpayers will pay for it.	Feb 26, 2013 2:15 PM
419	I think it would be a good idea if these extra things eg levies were shown separately on our rate notice	Feb 26, 2013 2:12 PM
420	We own a [redacted] since 1986 after years of mowing and looking after swan lake shores Council saw fit to close off the back this came at much distress to all	Feb 26, 2013 2:09 PM
421	there should be fines - surveillance of people emptying grass clippings and other rubbish into Forster Keys	Feb 26, 2013 2:09 PM
422	Renewal essential	Feb 26, 2013 2:07 PM
423	Go for it	Feb 26, 2013 2:06 PM
424	I am strongly in favour of taxation for the conservation, care and repair of my communities environment. I am angry that what seems like the bulk of the money is spent caring for Forster's "environment" and NOT Tuncurry, and the lack of information about council projects accessible on the website. I am not the only Tuncurry resident that cannot spot any major environmental works on this side of the bridge. and from a recent council newsletter the near future \$ again goes into projects for Forster. Please let me know how i could locate answers to questions such as the ones below on the councils website. -What proportion of the levy goes towards dredging? -What was the dredging schedule in the last financial year? -How is distribution of the levy determined? ETC. Thank you for doing this survey.	Feb 26, 2013 2:05 PM
425	Keep up the dredging work 'our' waterways are our attraction including the canals at Forster Keys. Congratulations to GLC!	Feb 26, 2013 2:05 PM
426	Providing it is used for dredging and not for the beautification of Woolworths Tuncurry	Feb 26, 2013 2:01 PM
427	Providing all main channels will be dredged. We do not need any more sand islands, wehre water crafts should be free to navigate expecially all around Forster Tuncurry bridge area	Feb 26, 2013 2:01 PM

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428	I would like to see the channel on the eastern side of Corrie Island dredged before it ceases to be an island	Feb 26, 2013 1:57 PM
429	For residents who use or can use only cause I as many more ratepayers are paying rates and have done so for years for no benefit from the GLC so please enough is enough. A non urban ratepayers.	Feb 26, 2013 1:56 PM
430	I would like to see some sort of sand dredging in Smiths Lake to be pumped up ??? And grassed to save seas eroding dunes and around south side sand bar at van park (see mud map attached)	Feb 26, 2013 1:55 PM
431	The environment management is very important in the Great Lakes Area, clue to the important need for a healthy quality of life.	Feb 26, 2013 1:49 PM
432	Protecting our environment should be a priority.	Feb 26, 2013 1:48 PM
433	Dredge the lake, dont build sandhills (WALLIS LAKE SAND HILLS????)	Feb 26, 2013 1:45 PM
434	Deffinatly keep up the good work!	Feb 26, 2013 1:43 PM
435	Although extra cost is a finanical burden we value the beautiful area in which we live and understand the cost invoved in looking after it.	Feb 26, 2013 1:42 PM
436	A great idea	Feb 26, 2013 1:40 PM
437	We all need to take responsibility for our environment. I am happy to contribute 6% of my rates towards the protection of our beautiful Great Lakes.	Feb 26, 2013 1:39 PM
438	Dredge the enterance to river	Feb 26, 2013 1:36 PM
439	Yes but it would be good if you actually used the money for what it is intended for.	Feb 26, 2013 1:35 PM
440	I thank you, do a good job, keep it up.	Feb 26, 2013 1:27 PM
441	Keep up the good works, our waterways are precious.	Feb 26, 2013 1:27 PM
442	The levey seems to have been invested in excellent environmetal work - well done Great Lakes Council	Feb 26, 2013 12:44 PM
443	This is a lovely healthy area to live in in council do much to beautfiy the both towns. Keep up with the good work, a healthy townmakes healthy people!	Feb 26, 2013 12:36 PM
444	Fix open drains south end of Stroud Street. Very dangerous	Feb 26, 2013 12:29 PM
445	Carry on the good work	Feb 26, 2013 12:25 PM
446	QWe cannot afford extra increases each year.	Feb 26, 2013 12:24 PM
447	Boronia Park Kalaroo. Under the bridge needs to be kept clear often has trolleys and debris accumulated in drain.	Feb 26, 2013 12:21 PM
448	We get lots of seaweed washing up on the shore; and when it is still in the water it rots and stinks! It would be nice if it was cleared out of the water when it is rotting..	Feb 26, 2013 12:19 PM
449	Monies well spent in keeping our beautiful area enviromentally clean.	Feb 26, 2013 12:16 PM

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450	I don't mind paying, as long as big business pay their full share	Feb 26, 2013 12:14 PM
451	The Council is to be commended for the steps taken to improve water quality in the region. Keep on protecting ALL the natural environment	Feb 26, 2013 12:03 PM
452	This contribution from all ratepayers should continue and be complemented by greater contributions from those that directly benefit from the environmental work such as oyster growers, fishermen, tourist operators (Free Spirit, Amaroo etc)	Feb 26, 2013 12:02 PM
453	Open up shortcut to the bay (Port Stephens)	Feb 26, 2013 12:00 PM
454	As long as the levy is solely and wholly used for its purpose and not used for any other reason and if there is a surplus hopefully it is contained for the fund!	Feb 26, 2013 11:57 AM
455	I've seen some of the work and met the people doing it. I congratulate Council on this work. Its hard to please everyone but I think you're doing a good job.	Feb 26, 2013 11:53 AM
456	But for urban landowners only non urban landowners should be exempt or a big reduction in levy applied	Feb 26, 2013 11:51 AM
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458	Will find it hard being a pensioner with electricity soaring the way it is. However a healthy environment is necessary.	Feb 26, 2013 11:50 AM
459	It's a necessary project	Feb 26, 2013 11:46 AM
460	More restrictions needed for 4-wheel drive on beaches	Feb 26, 2013 11:45 AM
461	Well Done!	Feb 26, 2013 11:42 AM
462	Well done. Deepening the chanel is wonderful for locals and particularly tourists unfamiliar with the lake	Feb 26, 2013 11:40 AM
463	Yes for a limited time and only if there's a guarantee the actual levy will not increase from 6%	Feb 26, 2013 11:38 AM
464	I am aware that any community this is an additional impost that many people cannot simply afford on top of other bills	Feb 26, 2013 11:34 AM
465	I support the levy provided that - it is spend on projects that directly affect the local area ie not on green house gas issues; those who potentially benefit more (ie oyster farms) pay in proportion	Feb 26, 2013 11:32 AM
466	Thank you for putting the environment a priority in the long list of things to do for the Great Lakes	Feb 26, 2013 11:30 AM
467	Providing its used as stated.	Feb 26, 2013 11:27 AM
468	Please continue to dredge more importantly in relation to safety. One example Tuncurry Rock Pool	Feb 26, 2013 11:25 AM
469	Happy to keep the Levy going. BUT The finance should be supplied bu the government.	Feb 26, 2013 11:22 AM

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470	A must for continued health of the lake and oyster leases	Feb 26, 2013 11:20 AM
471	Should be more. Our economic future relies on a clean lake system and pristine environment. We also need more community parklands for youth and tourists	Feb 26, 2013 11:18 AM
472	Fully support	Feb 26, 2013 11:17 AM
473	More dredging required in lake.	Feb 26, 2013 11:16 AM
474	however as I am paying almost \$2000 yearly for rates, I would like to see this money used responsibly	Feb 26, 2013 11:14 AM
475	It will be 'great' when all our stormwater canals look like the one featured in the newsletter. Most of them are eyesores at present	Feb 26, 2013 11:13 AM
476	Our natural environment needs to be protected, it is our greatest asset. Constant maintenance is necessary for the good health of us residents and our visitors to the area	Feb 26, 2013 11:12 AM
477	keep going with this good work. I have done the bus tour of the works it is grea	Feb 26, 2013 11:12 AM
478	At a lower rate if at all possible. It is appreciated that the environmental and dredging levy will be subject to an increment, due to the tchnological age that is prevalent in the area.	Feb 26, 2013 11:09 AM
479	Council will no longer maintain areas in Hawks Nest that are environmental trouble spots - our street floods because of drains blocked by debris. Council has made a complete mess of Jimmy's beach by pumping sand which then washes round the bay to Winda Woppa to block the east outlet of Myall River making it necessary to dredge. Council decision making process, its inability to hear the residents' views, and its lack of maintenance and rectification of bad past decisions, reveal to me that it is not capable of serving the environment and people of Hawks Nest, who now see no return on it's rate investment. Council would do well to learn how to listen us. [REDACTED]	Feb 26, 2013 11:05 AM
480	Expenditure for this project should come out of current revenue	Feb 26, 2013 11:03 AM
481	Reason being the is decease estate and it is up for sale. I would like to know why I am paying for unconnected water and sewer, which has never been used empty block of land please reply. [REDACTED]	Feb 26, 2013 11:02 AM
482	continuing replenishment of sand to Winda Woppa is a waste of money. Does not address the problem and erodes existing sandbanks. Stop it now and fix problem	Feb 26, 2013 11:01 AM
483	NAC has been excluded from the final mid north coast regional straetgy fact sheet 2009. won't be considered again for development until 2030	Feb 26, 2013 10:59 AM
484	There is never any real support or money spend on NAC all funds are consumed elsewhere	Feb 26, 2013 10:58 AM
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486	Because my land non urban you collect rate and does not help me with this land until you prove for building	Feb 26, 2013 10:57 AM
487	Just another excuse to extract more funds from fixed income residents.	Feb 26, 2013 10:54 AM
488	We need our roads fixed. The money better spent on the right areas not wasted like Mill Creek Road. What a joke. I'm sick of my money getting wasted in Forster	Feb 26, 2013 10:52 AM
489	Stay out of my pocket.You're the most corrupt pack of inbred pricks I have come across to date. Shame on you all.	Feb 26, 2013 10:51 AM
490	Our rates are high enough NOW!	Feb 26, 2013 10:48 AM
491	Pay enough in rates now. it was councils fault in the first place. Where has the money gone???	Feb 26, 2013 10:47 AM
492	Council rates, water rates can't keep increasing at current percentages. If it goes much further owners will not be able to pay and another way to raise revenue need to be found.	Feb 26, 2013 10:45 AM
493	why should I pay for a dredging levy when I live so far away from the water, just because I happen to be in the same council area	Feb 26, 2013 10:44 AM
494	Your blanket policy and charges over 3 different catchment areas is ridiculous	Feb 26, 2013 10:42 AM
495	Present rates are too high as it is	Feb 26, 2013 10:41 AM
496	Any rises in rates or tulities must be curtailed as costs to households are becoming intolerable. If Council annot afford some works ... live within your means like all of us	Feb 26, 2013 10:41 AM
497	I think there should be a levy on oyster farms and a levy on the sale of oysters	Feb 26, 2013 10:40 AM
498	From my years of experience in high rise, commercial and government construction work the golden rule to survival was don't exten yourself beyond your existing resources including overdraft, allowing for some unforeseen contingencies to occur. In other words, if you can't afford to complete it and maintain it, don't start it! on this basis, for our Council it should 'be if you can't maintain it without asking for more money, don't do it.' As a epsioner with fixed and very restricted income we cannot keep on giving more and more. We have had to cut back our financial support for charities like the Blind Society, Rural Bushfire Assoc, Anglicare, Salmvation Army and Compassion. These charities are far worthier of our dollars because they actually sustain human life and lift peopl and their circumstances to a higher level, in many cases. This rates higher than the environment in my opinion. We have no control over what future governments will introduce and what the actual increases will be to essential services already set in train by this present government. the other item that should have been included for discussion is an exemption from any rate surcharge for those pensioners who object and cannot afford to pay the environmental levy. I am one of those.	Feb 26, 2013 10:39 AM
499	this levy is discrimination to the extreme. Why should only ratepayers be charged this levy, when the whole community benefits (if any) from this initiative. Answer - because it is the simplest and probably only way to collect	Feb 26, 2013 10:38 AM

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	this questionable charge. Rates are far too expensive. i am strongly opposed to continuation of this levy.	
500	the pension barley covers all the increases currently. And I'm a widow.	Feb 26, 2013 10:37 AM
501	Could of been done at no charge by Mr. Lani	Feb 26, 2013 10:36 AM
502	If what we see from the bridge is any indication of 6% at work, maybe should be increased to 10% , but not at expense of rise in Council rates	Feb 26, 2013 10:35 AM
503	the rates are high enough already and you will increase them each year to the max allowed	Feb 26, 2013 10:34 AM
504	Eveyr year I have less to spend on food, bills, because of increases in rates I wish my pay went up 8% every year	Feb 26, 2013 10:33 AM
505	Eveyr year I have less to spend on food, bills, because of increases in rates I wish my pay went up 8% every year	Feb 26, 2013 10:31 AM
506	I'm only on the pension and I can't afford the rise in rates going up	Feb 26, 2013 10:30 AM
507	Non urban land - why should we pay extra when we cannot work of live there	Feb 26, 2013 10:29 AM
508	Not shown on rate notice. Stop wasting money on roundabouts, traffic hazards and street beautification works. The amount of dredging witnessed in past 13 years has been trivial and ineffective. Get rid of the caravan in Little St.	Feb 26, 2013 10:26 AM
509	3 1/2% support	Feb 26, 2013 10:24 AM
510	Not easy for aged pensioners	Feb 26, 2013 10:23 AM
511	GLC is notorious for requests for extra rates over and above rate pegging levels. Public service wates are pegged at 2.5% p/a (cost of living). Even allowing for cost shifting by the State Gov enough is enough. You can't keep asking for more.	Feb 26, 2013 10:22 AM
512	Levy oyster rarmers 10% of gross income	Feb 26, 2013 10:21 AM
513	No because being a pensioner the rates are just too much. As this is just a holiday house we are not entitled to discounts and find it almost impossible to continue the big payments. How about pensioner discounts?	Feb 26, 2013 10:20 AM
514	Should be 5%. We pay too much rates. The roads are deplorable and footpaths are non existing forcing senior citz to walk on roads.	Feb 26, 2013 10:19 AM
515	Our rates are over \$2000 per year already. We are on a penion. Struggling to pay our rates now. We can not afford the levy which on rate of \$1000 per year will add another \$160 EXTRA to pay (due to our rate levy).Plus next years increase of rates	Feb 26, 2013 10:16 AM
516	The details given in questions 1,2,3 &4 are already knows. How much does the survey cost to carry out?	Feb 26, 2013 10:14 AM
517	Dredging was offered free of charge to ratepayers by Non Lani but refused by Council who preferred to tax ratepayers disguised as a levy	Feb 26, 2013 10:13 AM
518	rates are too high now.	Feb 26, 2013 10:12 AM

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519	After watching the wasting of ratepayers money on inappropriate projects by Council I can not support this levy, and this survey makes no sense when Council does not include a reply paid envelope so most surveys will end in the bin. Stop wasting our money!	Feb 26, 2013 10:10 AM
520	Being age penioners we find it is difficult to live as all our hosuehold accounts continue to increase. Our Council rates are too high now and I do not agree with this 6% levy. Stop wasting money on consultants	Feb 26, 2013 10:10 AM
521	No! IPART noted you were amongst the highest rating copariable regional councils and had amongst the lowest ratepayer average income - live/work within your means	Feb 26, 2013 10:08 AM
522	I find this a ery bad case of priority as Council sees fit not to zone the land which we bought 25 years ago. Why are we subjected to rates at all?	Feb 26, 2013 10:07 AM
523	As you see I'm old male I don't approve of this levy. Stick it on the oyster farmers they can claim it as a tax deduction, I can't. And most all old bastards lime can't I'm on a part pension. How about repairs to Squires Hill Rd? I drag the gutters every time it rains so they stop flooding. There is more gravel in my paddocks than on the raod and it floods across more now you let the forestry strip clear the hills that flow into the wee of a creek which flows across Squires Hill Rd. In fact I had to sell my lovely car cause of the flooding. And I ain't happy with that so I object to this levy, I do Council work enough cleaning out drains free to Council but cost \$ and time to me. As i going to Forster I give it a miss cos Lakes Way at 100 KPH is ...drive on its so narrow and too pot holey for safety. Check it out if you don't believe me.	Feb 26, 2013 10:05 AM
524	First of as far as the Wallis Lake oyster contamination crisis is concerned, we all know what and who caused that problem and where it originated from, not water from people's properties. Why didn't you people take up Lani's offer of dredging was it political?	Feb 26, 2013 9:36 AM
525	The rates in this area are too much. I lived on the waterfront in the Gosford area and paid less rates	Feb 26, 2013 9:34 AM
526	Spend money on beautifying Main Beach area - we have great beaches, good tourist attraction but terrible surroundings	Feb 26, 2013 9:34 AM
527	I'm so old I don't really care what happens after the next 5-10 years. The next generation can pay to fix-up what my generation has ruined, that unfortunately is the way of the world.	Feb 26, 2013 9:33 AM
528	Council spends too much of rates income on staffing (approximately 70%) and should look to keep these costs to 50% of rates income at max. It also spends too much drawing up plans etc with little chance of eventuating. Proper budgeting = no levy needed.	Feb 26, 2013 9:31 AM
529	Owner of North Arm Cove. If I can't live there, I don't want to be part of it (the levy). I pay rates for no reason!	Feb 26, 2013 9:30 AM
530	I have to live on my pension why can't you live on your rates. I can not put a levy on the government to get more money.	Feb 26, 2013 9:27 AM
531	Me being a single penioner these levys (tax) that the fed gov state gov and councils expect us to pay makes it very hard to try and put good food on the table. We don't live we just exist. I understand Council needs money to do	Feb 26, 2013 9:25 AM

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the jobs it does but each year the rates, waste, water charges all go up. This so called levy is just another word for tax so why not call it tax as in the oxford dictionary. I am a single penioner and I appreciate the fact that we receive \$250 off the rates but that hasn't changed for many years. I know I am not alone many of my friends are in the same boat. We are just existing I would like to have a night out or a coffee each day but after paying all the bills just can't do it.

532 Unless you do something to address root cause. Too much is spent treating and not enough on prevention. Septic systems in areas such as Coomba Park is left, out of sight, out of mind. Address the source and I will support the levy. Feb 26, 2013 9:24 AM

533 If this paper was printed in black and white and posted out with the third installment maybe the % could be reduced. Feb 26, 2013 9:23 AM

534 Illegal rate increase and dredging has a flow on effect of erosion of the foreshores up stream. Eg Pipers Bay, Green Point. Where do you think the sand came from? That you want to dredge again. Feb 26, 2013 9:22 AM

535 This sand you dredge goes to places its not needed - then where do you think the sand you now want to dredge came from. It came from our foreshores and beaches in Wallis Lake. Feb 26, 2013 9:21 AM

536 There was a government grant given to Great Lakes Council - what has happened to that money. I have not seen any dredging happening. Feb 26, 2013 9:19 AM

537 AS I see it, other ways to fund these works, could and should come from cutting STAFF. Council employs far too many people, don't you know how us oldies are battling to meet our everyday needs now? Our rates are \$50 a week now, and that doesn't include water, electricity. Feb 26, 2013 9:18 AM

538 A reduced level of say 4% would seem adequate. Feb 26, 2013 9:15 AM

539 I would be accepting if I saw money being spent more wisely, instead of being spent on 'Pet Projects'. Eg Cycle Tracks, RA Gardens, Efficiency ALSO Weeds to be addressed. Feb 26, 2013 9:14 AM

540 Considering the mismanagement of the environment by the Council in 'hot spots' such as Winda Woppa I see little point in continuing with local decision making in this particular regard for area. Feb 26, 2013 9:10 AM

541 Considering the levy has been in place for over ten years, the level of work seen in forster is minimal. the Dredge only appeared last year! Feb 26, 2013 9:08 AM

542 I think most of councils expenditure goes on the forster district. We are the "Forgotten South" Feb 26, 2013 9:06 AM

543 As a full rate payer I think GLC should concentrate on improving Tuncurry especially after the Woolworths fiasco! PS How much did all these letters and flyers cost??? Are you seriously trying to help or hurt??? Feb 26, 2013 9:01 AM

544 We think you should have more clean ups then one a year. Feb 26, 2013 9:00 AM

545 Why was this special newsletter not mailed out with our last rate notice instead of wasting money on 2nd mail out! Our rates are too high on our rental proeprty. Much higher than our home rates with another Council. Feb 26, 2013 8:59 AM

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546	No we have a piece of land at North Arm Cove we pay rate yet we can't build on it	Feb 26, 2013 8:57 AM
547	Bicko's. I don't live there. The land was approved by the government many years ago for housing In fact all the roads ??? Built they just don't have ??? I pay rates to the Council but am not allowed to build on my land. Can't even camp on my land. How about my rates?	Feb 26, 2013 8:53 AM
548	Plan your work according to funding. Control your work according to funding. 6% on top of rates = Slush fund. Increase pensioner rebate. Has been stuck at \$250 for 10 years!	Feb 26, 2013 8:50 AM
549	Fix roads and health and schools first. They are more important.	Feb 26, 2013 8:47 AM
550	see no benefit, just more red tape and higher rates. we want road improvement in NAC - more important.	Feb 26, 2013 8:46 AM
551	No benefit to me - Council wont rezone our land for building - so i don't want it.	Feb 26, 2013 8:40 AM
552	The money spent on the mail out with glossy photos and expensive paper just goes to show the total disregard this Foster centric council has for the rate payers funds.	Feb 26, 2013 8:39 AM
553	I don't support environmental ? until you lot let us build on the land	Feb 26, 2013 8:38 AM
554	have lived here 27 years great place to live keep up good work.	Feb 25, 2013 3:32 PM
555	i love wozzas - water organising anti mozzi areas great progress on water gardens.	Feb 25, 2013 3:32 PM
556	absolutely.	Feb 25, 2013 3:30 PM
557	there has been enough damage to the enviroment. each tax payer shoudl be given some free trip to the tip!	Feb 25, 2013 3:30 PM
558	we would like to be able to sell our land as we will probably be dead before its rezoned - otherwise we will never enjoy the environment around this area.	Feb 25, 2013 3:27 PM
559	we are fortuante to live by this beautiful lake. le us do what we can to keep it healthy and unspoiled.	Feb 25, 2013 3:25 PM
560	thank you for continuing to repair and protect our natural environment. we saw dolphins near shore of lake at coomba park indicating clean water.	Feb 25, 2013 3:25 PM
561	hope to build and enjoy area more.	Feb 25, 2013 3:24 PM
562	when is council going to allow north arm cove (3000 lots) to go residential? we all need to protect our eco systems for now and the future. well done council!!!!	Feb 25, 2013 3:23 PM
563	if you don't keep dredging the lake silts up the joint will becomea ghost town so tell greens where to go.	Feb 25, 2013 3:22 PM
564	but to attract tourists you need to commit to fixing the roads and not just around forster area ie the bucketts way.	Feb 25, 2013 3:22 PM
565	i conducted reasearch into the environmental impacts on lakes (particularlry	Feb 25, 2013 3:21 PM

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lake illawarra) along the NSW coast for quite some time. problems investigated; trace metal contamination, sediment build up, impacts of dredging (much published in academic journals) lake illawarra is much more degraded of great lakes fully support your efforts.

566 providing the money collected is used for the intended purpose i think it is an excellent opportunity to keep the waterways pristine. Feb 25, 2013 3:20 PM

567 glad i paid them also help continue the project for all involved to build on i'm ready. Feb 25, 2013 3:19 PM

568 please spend levy wisely and look after the environment. get rid of feral animals, - should be a high priority. Feb 25, 2013 3:19 PM

569 i commend the plan to clean up the lakes however i would like to see attention given to the possible pollution coming from the bat colony in smiths lake. this could be a source of disease. Feb 25, 2013 3:16 PM

570 although council has been very active on environmental issues, it falls down greatly on "dust pollution" eg newmans road (excessive speeds by increase in vehicles and horses) wattley hill road, kilometre of tar each year promised 1960). Feb 25, 2013 3:13 PM

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572 as an old age pensioner i am finding it increasingly difficult to keep with rising costs. however i realise if we want our town to be cared for the money has to come from somewhere. Feb 25, 2013 3:10 PM

573 but fix the bloody roads! Feb 25, 2013 3:09 PM

574 although i agree with the principle of a levy i would feel more comfortable if it was reduced to 5%. Feb 25, 2013 3:09 PM

575 very worthwhile and acquiring results. Feb 25, 2013 3:08 PM

576 dredging should be 50% of levy and pipers bay adjoining the forster key canals should be dredged and the channel and tidal flow blocked by nino lani to access his home should be reopened for tidal flow. Feb 25, 2013 3:07 PM

577 as the dredging will support my land to not flood. Feb 25, 2013 3:06 PM

578 i been paying rates for the last 25 years and still nothing happen so i cannot use my land. Feb 25, 2013 3:06 PM

579 any well thought out researched and scientifically based project to help and preserve our environment is worth supporting via a levy if necessary. Feb 25, 2013 3:03 PM

580 but i do not support more than 6%. Feb 25, 2013 3:02 PM

581 so long as it is used for the environment and dredging and not used for anything else. Feb 25, 2013 3:02 PM

582 it is most important to keep our lakes clean for many reasons - health, the oyster industry, for all who use the lakes - residents and tourists. it is the Feb 25, 2013 3:00 PM

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	lakes that attract people to this area.	
583	happy to see it continue forever	Feb 25, 2013 2:59 PM
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585	dredging will be a great help to oyster farmers, what happened to the point road development too hard basket.	Feb 25, 2013 2:57 PM
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587	keep up the good work; the lakes look a picture!	Feb 25, 2013 2:56 PM
588	provided the levy remains at the current rate for however long the population remain at its current leve. when population increases the rate should be lowered.	Feb 25, 2013 2:55 PM
589	i value the council's commitment to protecting our environment in this way.	Feb 25, 2013 2:54 PM
590	we need to stay on top of things, so that people will want to keep coming back to 2428 and support the local economy.	Feb 25, 2013 2:53 PM
591	reluctantly i agree because i feel it is necessary but i would be agaisnt any increase of the levy.	Feb 25, 2013 2:52 PM
592	but with reservations. until recently i have nto seen any dredging being done and i feel it is desperately needed in the channel and under the bridge. it is a great pity that council saw fit to waste so much money building woolworths (of all greedy people) a huge shop with all amenities as well. then wollies are now turning tuncurry intoa ghost town and why? bad decision Jan councils, especially in small country towns ahve no business entering into a landlord and tenant situations, especially as it is not council money you are spending. i mean i support any further increases as its just ridiculous the way these things are done.	Feb 25, 2013 2:50 PM
593	you jmight also fix the road entry into tuncurry golf course as it happens to be a major tourist attractrion.	Feb 25, 2013 2:48 PM
594	we should do everything possible to sustain oru wonderful environment we have now.	Feb 25, 2013 2:47 PM
595	ratepayers and visitors alike need to look after and respect the eco system in this area. the wildlife need our support to maintain their survival. we should all be striving to support wildlife and humans to exist together in this beautiful area.	Feb 25, 2013 2:45 PM
596	the council seems to ignored all responsibility for caring and maitneance of yuor largest drainage reserve (forster keys) when are you doing to acknowledge your responsibility.	Feb 25, 2013 2:43 PM
597	great lakes council to continue do great work etc "10 out of 10" council to ensure the future.	Feb 25, 2013 2:43 PM
598	why is our town not important enough for you to include as a locality in 1. above? i don't like seeing my levy wasted in using it to fund models fo waterways in the shire. i don't mind it being used constructively to improve the environment.	Feb 25, 2013 2:42 PM

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599	protecting the local environment is not about local economy and tourism its about responsible management and sustaining this unique and pristine environment for the future which will continue to prepare us through climate change.	Feb 25, 2013 2:41 PM
600	Instead of dredging and returning sand to Jimmy's Beach, is the council looking at something more sustainable in the long term. Example; artificial reef in the bay. It seems a total waste of ratepayers money on such a regular basis to continue sand replenishment.	Feb 25, 2013 2:36 PM
601	but don't forget roads, etc in the more rural areas.	Feb 25, 2013 2:19 PM
602	but not if there isn't any special levy for Winda Woppa residents given the extensive and long term sand movements. are they?	Feb 25, 2013 2:18 PM
603	only if IPART and other third party/independent advisors continue to advise ratepayers in regard to value for money and to prevent money from being redirected elsewhere.	Feb 25, 2013 2:17 PM
604	please note: we live in Lake Macquarie and own property in Bulahdelah.	Feb 25, 2013 2:15 PM
605	i understand the need for an environmental levy but don't understand why i pay a special Jimmy's Beach levy for a beach that most tourists use.	Feb 25, 2013 2:14 PM
606	but only if the Winda Woppa/Jimmy's Beach special levy is dropped. why should i pay two taxes for the same thing.	Feb 25, 2013 2:13 PM
607	what controls exist with commercial fishing in the upper rivers? over the last three years i have not been able to catch fish. friends tell me that the upper river shallow bay are regularly commercially netted - this leaves nothing for recreation fishing or sustainability.	Feb 25, 2013 2:12 PM
608	as former resident - Tuncurry last time = 23 years all is necessary.	Feb 25, 2013 2:11 PM
609	i support anything that the council does for the environment.	Feb 25, 2013 2:10 PM
610	i have no car now, i handed my licence in because of my age.	Feb 25, 2013 2:06 PM
611	re funds spent. more needs to come to HN and TG compared to Forster, little is done, other than Jimmy's Beach.	Feb 25, 2013 2:04 PM
612	keep up the good work - the environment can only benefit.	Feb 25, 2013 2:04 PM
613	i do support continuation of environmental restoration and protection. but not the ridiculous placement of concrete planter squares in Kularoo Drive Forster. a nice wide street where lines would have sufficed. it is hard enough for cyclists in this area as it is and a danger to motorists.	Feb 25, 2013 2:03 PM
614	but only if this levy is used "honestly" towards the regeneration and maintenance of our once natural area prior to this over development and razing of a village which has lost its identity. so much for "progress" (money rules!).	Feb 25, 2013 2:01 PM
615	would love to have curb (kerb) and guttering in my street (Motum Avenue, Tea Gardens)	Feb 25, 2013 2:00 PM
616	for better of the town.	Feb 25, 2013 2:00 PM

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617	the levy is essential to maintaining a healthy lake system.	Feb 25, 2013 1:59 PM
618	assuming the levy is spent effectively!	Feb 25, 2013 1:59 PM
619	your rates and water accounts are twice as high as my home area on the blue mountains, no more rises please.	Feb 25, 2013 1:58 PM
620	rates are hight, but the results worth it! council might like to consider sturdier barriers to hawks nest/winda whoppa to deter day trippers from jumping the fence instead of using designated path ways to beach.	Feb 25, 2013 1:57 PM
621	We have moved from Sydney in Dec2012 and were not made aware of the levy. Looking at the results of previous work we are happy for Council to continue with it.	Feb 25, 2013 10:43 AM
622	Do like every other business does - trim your costs and the wastage. Review current expense patterns and make adjustments!!!! Given the current rates paid absolutely NO reason why should have to be paying this.	Feb 25, 2013 9:54 AM
623	Great Lakes Council has been ripping off all rate payers with this special levy. let Nature do what Natuer does. Rate payers have contributed more than enough to this special levy. A minority of rich people with big boats need the creek or rivers dredged so they can get their boats in or out of the creeks or rivers. Make the Rich pay for it, There is a whole community of people struggling to make ends meet. I know that my employer does not include extra wages for me to cover this so called special levy. Both Federal and State government offers funding for Enviroment projects, Great Lakes Council should apply like all other councils and Volunteer groups do. If Great Lakes Council was serious about knowing who wants to pay the levy and who does not want to pay they should have had a vote on the issue at the Local Government Elections. By sending out this special newsletter council relies on the fact that the majority will not respond. Leave Nature alone, get on with running your council, stop ripping off the rate payers and apply for funding from the government if you have Enviroment issues.	Feb 25, 2013 7:41 AM
624	I would want to see all the rate monies collected from North Arm Cove ratepayers returned to our village. This is certainly not happening at present, we should not be funding Forster/Tuncurry.	Feb 24, 2013 3:24 PM
625	Like much of GLC community I value efforts to protect our waterways, so support this measure. I also encourage GLC to extend this care to critical water in its catchment aquifers. Measures to extract CSG use polluting chemicals, sand & high pressure water, to fracture rock & allow "trapped" gas to escape, often through aquifers. This method is so far an imperfect science particularly in our area where the geological structures are much "faulted" and thus interconnected Effects on waterways short & long term are unknown. Certainly not fixable with an "Environment & Dredging Levy" Helen Gillard Winemaker Mill Creek Vineyard	Feb 24, 2013 12:50 PM
626	No I don't support the environment levy Rates at Forster are far more expensive than properties in Sydney that are of a greater value. The environmental levy has not improved the environment the ocean water quality seems to have detrained over the years. after 25th of December there appears to be a cloudy appearance and if NE winds blow the foam on the beach near booty national park would turn to a brown froth that would leave a stain on the sand the sea grass in the lake the is no longer green it appears to be covered in a layer of dust and the quantity of fish life seem to have reduced dramatically in the up reaches of Wallace lake. The quantity of	Feb 23, 2013 8:46 PM

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prawns also seems to have reduced since the sewer was connected in the area. And yet the outbreak of contamination occurred after the area had been connected to the sewer. Was there any information gathered by the great lakes research group as part of the levy useage that can be used to measure any change in the environment? Is the dredging to keep the channels open from natural silting and sand movement or make access to the new development? The wet land changes behind Dent St what was the thinking behind that has it reduced the numbers of mosquitoes? I have visited and holidayed in the area for the last 50+ years seen improvements to the area over that time an extra levy should not be needed to carry out the work that council requires to do.

627	To much money has wasted on repeated dredging over these years with vertually no gain. Please come up with real solutions and stop throwing money down the drain	Feb 23, 2013 5:49 PM
628	Suggest dredging a channel off Cockatoo Island to the north side of Wallis Island and the Cockatoo Island side of the sandbank. This would then be marked with channel markers, stopping the numerous passing speeding boats from grounding on the sandbank and encouraging boat traffic away from the Wallis Island shores that are suffering from erosion.	Feb 23, 2013 4:23 PM
629	I strongly approve of paying this levy to "protect waterways" and applaud Council for seeking and heeding Community concerns. I therefore encourage GLC to further protect our precious waterways AT THEIR BEGINNING and do whatever it can to avoid breaking (fracking/pollute) aquifers until the imperfect science used in CSG extraction is fully understood. To do otherwise is irresponsible and contradicts measures employed to protect the very resource we could be endangering.	Feb 23, 2013 1:03 PM
630	is it going to include maintenace or fixing of roadside drainage and driveway drain pipes.	Feb 23, 2013 11:24 AM
631	A little history - my late parents honeymooned in Forster in 1945. Ever since our family has holidayed regularly in Forster, in fact my daughter's family has just spent 2 weeks in our unit in Forster. We love Forster for its clean waters and well managed high-rise development, making it a lovely holiday location for all families, especially those with young children. I personally love the fresh seafood, beaches, fishing and the testing Tuncurry golf course!! I fully support the levy as I still remember the environmental issues in the lake and the impact they had on those lovely Wallis Lake oysters. We don't want to see any recurrence of that issue. All the best up there in "Gods country" and I wish I were there now!! Regards, John	Feb 23, 2013 9:21 AM
632	We pay enough in rates as it is & with everything else going up their is a limit to what people can pay .	Feb 22, 2013 5:37 PM
633	Regardless for any funding arrangement the lakes and rivers belong to state government, they collect fees from mining quarries, fishing and oyster and other leases, it is their responsibility not rate payers, also other projects would benefit ratepayers more	Feb 22, 2013 5:13 PM
634	I feel that at the time the levy was introduced 16 years ago, it was mooted as a special circumstances item, but over the years it has been considered by council as an on going additional earner. If the problems haven't been fixed over the past 16 years, they never will.	Feb 22, 2013 5:12 PM
635	Should not have pay on 3 blocks	Feb 22, 2013 3:18 PM

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636	Did we need this glossy unenvironmental survey and newsletter - waste of money! Only for environmental reasons - not dredging, creates the worst environmental damage - Winda Woppa, Yaccaba and the inundation of tidal mud flats at Pindimar Bay, Lower Pindimar and Piggys Beach is appalling	Feb 22, 2013 3:17 PM
637	Full support but monies not to be wasted on sand restitution at Winda Woppa	Feb 22, 2013 3:15 PM
638	The levy - we now pay \$2685 rates beign pensioners - a decrease we would prefer but yes we support the 6% to help the environment of our river - 1/ The river west of brige needs Corrie East channel dredged and 2/ Riverside downs development should not be allowed	Feb 22, 2013 3:14 PM
639	To help the environment and our river riverside downs development should be canned	Feb 22, 2013 3:12 PM
640	When are you going to build an offshore reef (of car tyres? etc) at Jimmys Beach to break up the storm swells from the SE Winda Woppa rate payers should contribute time and \$s	Feb 22, 2013 3:11 PM
641	Will have long term benefits for all not only now but for future generations	Feb 22, 2013 3:05 PM
642	Need to keep oyster industry viable and healthy	Feb 22, 2013 3:05 PM
643	I do hope this levy, being for the environment as a whole, will also assure protection from coal seam gas mining	Feb 22, 2013 3:03 PM
644	I don't live here full time but have always been pleased with the work done by Council. Always improving the area.	Feb 22, 2013 3:01 PM
645	Providing the actual rates are not increased, which would affect those who are no longer wage earner because of age	Feb 22, 2013 3:00 PM
646	Perhaps some action could be taken to clear up the mountains of seaweed that build up along the shore as well, and removal of the oyster lease remains	Feb 22, 2013 3:00 PM
647	Preservation of our waterways and coastline is of utmost importance. No scheme which contemplates erosion of present boundaries (ie Crown Harbour Project) should ever be countenanced.	Feb 22, 2013 2:58 PM
648	No more rate rises	Feb 22, 2013 1:15 PM
649	At my age and a sole a pensioner I will have no use for the above	Feb 22, 2013 1:15 PM
650	Not 6% - try at less %	Feb 22, 2013 1:14 PM
651	This Council wastes too much money in non productive works over staffing and a general lack of sound priorities	Feb 22, 2013 1:14 PM
652	The rates are already too high. Council needs to be much more efficient in spending our money - staff salaries are too high and there are too many staff. The roads are a disgrace and badly need maintenance	Feb 22, 2013 1:13 PM
653	Council rates are already too high. Levy should be folded into the yearly rates. \$1000/year is a lot of money for a pensioner	Feb 22, 2013 1:10 PM
654	Mr Barclay is a millionaire let him pay extra to keep the water clean. I have a	Feb 22, 2013 1:09 PM

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enviro cycle and no one comes near me

655	2 decades ago I bought NAC land with the promise it would be rezoned residential, it is still farmland zones. I am still waiting. I want to live at NAC.	Feb 22, 2013 1:09 PM
656	Council has not graded our road for 20 years and no works in this area	Feb 22, 2013 1:08 PM
657	If rates increase by 8% the personal cost is too great. At present we struggle to pay our rates	Feb 22, 2013 1:07 PM
658	Everythin go up and up except our pension, but evry budy as mor and more, you want us to rub the ban?	Feb 22, 2013 1:07 PM
659	We already pay enough rates to Council. I would like to see less waste of Council money on wages to some who stand around and watch others working eg on repairing of roads (and employed to do the work of 4)	Feb 22, 2013 1:05 PM
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661	Give us a break. As self funded retirees our income has dropped by around 25% over the last 2 years - how can Council justify 8% increase with inflation less than 3%?	Feb 22, 2013 1:04 PM
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663	We are paying too much. My answer is definitely NO. Apply for a grant from the NSW government! These levies are always the same - for a certain time, then they become permanent.	Feb 22, 2013 1:03 PM
664	does this relate to the Jimmy's Beach erosion problem too? Years ago a suggestion was put forward that rock groynes be constructed. if this had eventuated there would be no problem now and Winda Woppa residents wouldn't be paying excess rates. Council would have saved money.	Feb 22, 2013 1:02 PM
665	As a pensioner we truly just cannot afford it	Feb 22, 2013 12:07 PM
666	We get no benefit as we have nothing to do with Forster area	Feb 22, 2013 12:06 PM
667	Ou rates haev skyrocketed in the past 15 yrs and we see nothing from this Council in our area. What happened to the large exess you have left over from last financial year? The council already has large increases in the pipeline for future years	Feb 22, 2013 12:05 PM
668	I do not agree with the continuation of the levy. Also please remove dogs from our beautiful pristine beaches as they are nothing but dogs toilets	Feb 22, 2013 12:04 PM
669	Seal unsealed roads - no dust, no silt, no dredging, no levy. Start at the begining of the problem not the end. Phil Gardiner, 365 Markwell Back Rd, Bulahdelah	Feb 22, 2013 12:04 PM
670	Council ruined plans to retire at NAC - can't build. Told this would change in 2-5 years. That was when I cont. to work for 20 yrs plus. Paying rates for over 30 urs, but not a cent goes to NAC. why should I support council?	Feb 22, 2013 12:03 PM

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671	Please see separate letter attached as to why we say 'no' (re Winda Woppa/Jimmys Beach)	Feb 22, 2013 12:01 PM
672	No No No! spend some of the levy on curb and guttering in Bulahdelah and I may have said 'yes' - we get NO value for money at Bulahdelah	Feb 22, 2013 12:00 PM
673	I doubt if this letter will be read let alone taken notice of. its just a blatant, bureaucratic waste of tax payers money to 'rubber stamp' an already decided for 'extra levy'. We at NAC have paid more than our share for over 35 years, with millions of dollars in rates from non-urban blocks being funnelled north to beautify Forster while this area gets nothing in return, except retaring (at end of financial year) of one small strip of road (unsuccessfully)	Feb 22, 2013 11:59 AM
674	the E & D levy does not benefit me. Waiting for rezoning. then the case becomes different.	Feb 22, 2013 11:58 AM
675	Its good to protect the environemtn, but to enable owners to develop their land would also be a good idea but it doesn't always happen	Feb 22, 2013 11:57 AM
676	Is a continued cash grab which should have been a '1' off levy as originally intended, following an incident in 1997. Once a bureaucracy has extra funds through whatever means, they find it extremely difficult to operate efficiently without it. Consideration should be afforded to ratepayers who are forced to continue payment of this levy.	Feb 22, 2013 11:56 AM
677	I am horrified that Myall Lakes and its special ecosystem will not be protected by necessary dredging. So I no longer support your levy!	Feb 22, 2013 11:53 AM
678	I paid Council almost \$5000 in land rates this year. I live at Pindimar and get no services eg gravel road, no sewer and no water. I have to pay extral for onsite sewer management system and I don't need a dredge.	Feb 22, 2013 11:53 AM
679	I pay a lot but in my case get very little for my rates	Feb 22, 2013 11:52 AM
680	I pay too much money for rates now	Feb 22, 2013 11:51 AM
681	I would like to see the money spent on sweeping the gutters expecially between Tuncurry Primary School and South St. The man drives the sweeper past and ignores the mess and the water banks up also	Feb 22, 2013 11:49 AM
682	The cost of living is just to expensive at present and we have seen no benefits at Coomba Park - the mosquitos are driving me crazy ad the roads are terrible	Feb 22, 2013 11:48 AM
683	Our rates are very high and money is someties wasted eg traffic hazards on Kularoo Dr	Feb 22, 2013 11:47 AM
684	No - and shouldn't be - sick of environmental issues just another bloody tax imposed. If council is so worried re environmental issues then why don't they clean up this town. Old run down houses, that all need demolishing, foothpaths, guttering full of weeds grasses etc. No insight as to improve the look of this beautiful area.	Feb 22, 2013 11:46 AM
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686	I feel that after 12 years of paying this special environmental levy it is now time for GLC to cover this cost in their annual budget. As ratepayers, given the ongoing increases incurred by us for so many extras, we should not have to carry this burden any longer. It seems that any time a levy is introduced for a supposedly short time to cover a special need, it somehow always ends up being a permanent impost that r/payers have to bear. In this case, I feel very strongly that council should be able to manage their finances efficiently enough without causing an undue extra burden on the people it serves. thank you.	Feb 22, 2013 11:30 AM
687	i support the levy FOR THE TIME BEING on the basis that EVERY levy dollar is applied to the specific environmental/dredging purposes and NOT directed to other programs. council should be required to specifically account to ratepayers for this levy, ie total revenue from the levy and how funds were expended.	Feb 21, 2013 4:27 PM
688	good job well done	Feb 21, 2013 2:42 PM
689	Once again levies seem to be a " back-door " way to raising more income after being refused a request for a rate increase above the State Gov't base rate. Environmental programmes should always be funded adequately in council's budgets and not announced as an added bonus because of a dredging activity which is debatable anyway.	Feb 21, 2013 1:17 PM
690	This levy when added to the annual increases of 8% pa in general rates over the past 3 years is a significant impost on ratepayers in a climate of rising costs. My GLC rates are now higher than I pay in Sydney. Council should eliminate or reduce the levy.	Feb 21, 2013 12:21 PM
691	I live in Old Bar but work in the Great Lakes LGA. The levy has clearly delivered significant positive environmental and economic benefits to the LGA	Feb 21, 2013 11:37 AM
692	Unless something is done quickly, presumably dredging, the channel into Tea Gardens will be cut off, leaving us with no access to the ferry. This would be disastrous for the local area. The oyster leases have already been destroyed through indecision and inaction. What does the Council actually spend the dredging levy on? Is it being stockpiled? For what?	Feb 21, 2013 11:37 AM
693	no objection to any levy which will benefit the area	Feb 21, 2013 10:52 AM
694	I don't know where they levy is spent apart from the lake dredging. Along Cape Hawke Drive there is always stormwater lying alongside the roadway causing a mosquito infestation (health hazard)	Feb 21, 2013 9:41 AM
695	As an ordinary ratepayer I do not think that we should hve to pay the levy, it should be for those who make money from their business from the lakes.	Feb 21, 2013 9:40 AM
696	I would like to see some dredging of the lake	Feb 21, 2013 9:37 AM
697	'User pays' the groups that benefit from the levy are, oyster farmers, fishermen (commercial) and tourist boat operators. Let these groups pay the levy. The culvert at the front of my house (residential) is 1 metre keep. levy that for repairs.	Feb 21, 2013 9:37 AM
698	Muddy Creek is an an appalling state even after a huge amount of money has been wasted on two failed attempts to solve the Bramble Pde wetland. Increased numbers of mosquitos and putrid, algal water n the upper creek	Feb 21, 2013 9:36 AM

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the only result

699 As a ratepayer since 1982 I am not happy with Councils failure to rezone North Arm Cove. My wife and I planned to return to a house at North Arm but that is not going to happen Feb 21, 2013 9:34 AM

700 Council should not use a levy to raise funds for this. Council should review its current expenditures and find funds as required Feb 21, 2013 9:33 AM

701 How has it been used for this area? i am extremely disappointed that no dredging has been approved for Myall River at Hawks Nest Tea Gardens. (article attached on 'Have your say on Myall River dredging' which is from the State government Feb 21, 2013 9:32 AM

702 The rates that are charged should be adequate to cover these costs. Need to have more productivity from some staff and workers Feb 21, 2013 9:31 AM

703 What about the Myall River Feb 21, 2013 9:30 AM

704 Is any of the money being spent in the Hawks Nest area? The information on where money spent is not clear Feb 21, 2013 9:30 AM

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709 All these years - money wasted on dredging. Why is it you people do not listen to those who know better? Go to Holland and they will set you straight. Also you have allowed HN to deteriorate into a dump. Overseas visitors appalled as well as us locals Feb 21, 2013 9:26 AM

710 Plenty of info from the Netherlands common sense; only will support if a breakwater is put in, money is being wasted, by pumping sand, it will always wash away Feb 21, 2013 9:24 AM

711 I would support the levy if some of it came to TGHN for dredging of our river which in turn helps clean the lakes down our way. It's not all about Forster Tuncurry Feb 21, 2013 9:22 AM

712 I do not want my rates paying for Forster thank you Feb 21, 2013 9:11 AM

713 I would support the levy if the funds were used to dredge the short cut in the Myall River and the sand deposited on Jimmys beach Feb 21, 2013 9:10 AM

714 Would like to say yes, but frankly am finding it incredibly hard to pay existing rates Feb 21, 2013 9:10 AM

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715	The rates go up and so does the \$60 - the shire Council? has ot live within their means, as we have to	Feb 21, 2013 9:09 AM
716	Nerong, does not even have the blocked gutter drains cleaned. I have reported this previously. why should I pay a levy when Council doesn't do basics	Feb 21, 2013 9:08 AM
717	Because I can not biuld on my block of land it is not rezon you puted farmaland, the rates cost me more then the valeue of land	Feb 21, 2013 9:07 AM
718	Council should reduce staff numbers in line with budget restraints	Feb 21, 2013 9:05 AM
719	Get sick of the cost of this fancy pamphlets and how much they cost when Hawks Nest is need of lots of repair. I wish someone in the Council would care about the state of HN. You print all this matter out regarding dredging and just a clean up of the town square would improve it to no end. The old liquor store property is left derelict with the sign nearly falling down, you talk about OHS am sure no other commercial area would be allowed to have the sign in such dangerous condition also the awning next to it looks like it is about to collapse, just hope it doesn't hurt anybody. The footpaths are needing urgent work. HN was a thriving community township, I can except that things have gone backward lately with TG going ahead with BiLo and extra shops but we can at least have it respectable and the 13 properties left unkept in the middle of the town look disgraceful	Feb 21, 2013 9:04 AM
720	Stroud shire council allowed 'devepment' at Winda Woppa. GLSC is exacebrating this lunacy by allowing further devt on this sacrificial sand spit. State governments created a major shift in sand replenishment by dredging lime kiln channel, now you ask us to pay!! Past Councillors should be sued and present councillors lynched for not reading draft reports.	Feb 21, 2013 9:00 AM
721	i object to the money wasted from my rates over many years on sand works at Winda Woppa for the benefit of 'a few'. Spend the money on sport facility, footpaths & roads - not koalas and 'studies'	Feb 21, 2013 8:56 AM
722	where did you get your 'mythical' \$1000 rate from???	Feb 21, 2013 8:55 AM
723	where did you get your 'mythical' \$1000 rate from???	Feb 21, 2013 8:54 AM
724	As a pensioner - I thought we are paying enough - 89 years - wife 84 years	Feb 21, 2013 8:54 AM
725	Sorry but we are retired and struggle to pay our rates now. With a proposed increase of 8% dropping this levy won't even give us par. Rates are killing us and many others	Feb 21, 2013 8:52 AM
726	We in the outer rural edges receive only garbge collection, WHY should we pay rates for the Forster Tuncurry holiday makers when our roads over Stroud - Booral Way are in desperate state of repair - re Berkley St Stroud and Booral Rd and the Mountain	Feb 21, 2013 8:51 AM
727	Let nature be!	Feb 21, 2013 8:43 AM
728	Rates are paid to Council to build and maintain roads and bridges etc (parks & playgrounds, swimming pools etc)	Feb 21, 2013 8:42 AM
729	Rates too expensive now for what we get in return	Feb 21, 2013 8:41 AM
730	Where is mine roads money spend? Why would I support the levy in Forste	Feb 21, 2013 8:41 AM

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when you can't even maintain the main street of Stroud. The approach to Stroud Southern end is a disgrace.

731 Our rates are too high anyway. Extra charges are unaffordable to pensioners. Feb 21, 2013 8:40 AM

732 These blocks at NAC should neer have been sold. Council knew they would never be built on. We haven't a retirement home now, and have wasted a lot of money with rates etc and all we have is a useless block of land. Who is going to buy it? As pensioners we are truly bugged.

733 I do not suppor the Environmental Levy being a % of rates. it should be a standard amount. Your quote of \$80 in \$1000, \$240 in \$3000 is that fair? Feb 21, 2013 8:38 AM

734 Levys are one way of a Council increasing the rates ...??? should ... immediately. Feb 21, 2013 8:37 AM

735 Like us use what money you receive and make better use of it Feb 21, 2013 8:36 AM

736 We do not benefit in any way from this levy so we should not be paying it at even 6% Feb 21, 2013 8:35 AM

737 I have paid rates for 30 years on the land. I cannot build on it. and have to keep paying rates. The rates keep going up every year. The GLC hs decided to improve roadside river crossings stabilation works & environmental & dredging. All this works & programs is cost. How is it going to help me? One of the 1000 victims, Lot 822, Tenterfield Rd, NAC, Brian Freeth Feb 21, 2013 8:34 AM

738 Nabiac community don't get enough done in our own area from rates we pay now Feb 21, 2013 8:32 AM

739 Do not support any levy Feb 21, 2013 8:30 AM

740 More dredging needs to be done around the bridge. it's already looking like another beach. People come here to fish in that area not swim. Feb 21, 2013 8:30 AM

741 your trigger happy rangers for environmental issues make sure they meet their criteria \$ in fines issued to ratepayers for any issues \$\$\$\$\$ to put in hungry bag. Feb 21, 2013 8:29 AM

742 We are selling our home at Failford - we had hoped to retire there but the incresed costs of living there have got too much for us! We have been coming to Forster for 30 years. We are so disappointed!! It's great to think of the environment but consideration for your local community is needed too! Feb 21, 2013 8:29 AM

743 Please send me a proper information about my valuation change if I support? What will happen with my land? Feb 21, 2013 8:27 AM

744 The NSW Gov transport have now added Maritime to their title, subject any dredging is a maritime problem their refusal to pay will only be another hidden tax by way of Council rates Feb 21, 2013 8:27 AM

745 Wallis Lake is by far Great Lakes largest asset, it is imperitve to keep it in the best condition possible. Feb 20, 2013 7:39 PM

746 normally I would expect GLC, as I do, to live within its means without having to resort to a levy but I am prepared to make an exception in this case. Feb 20, 2013 7:32 PM

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747	Levy=Rates. Rates=Levy. Tax=levy.Levy=tax. Just keep putting the tax up! "Say no more" Rog	Feb 20, 2013 6:36 PM
748	It would be better if Wattley Hill would be graded, this is the area in which I live. My contribution should go towards my area not Forster. [REDACTED]	Feb 20, 2013 4:26 PM
749	Can not afford rates anymore	Feb 20, 2013 4:25 PM
750	I don't support this as I am paying for land we cannot build on	Feb 20, 2013 4:24 PM
751	I am a widow aged pensioner I feel we are charged more than enough for the fees we already pay. the pension does not cover the utility charges! For 1 person living in a home.	Feb 20, 2013 4:22 PM
752	Stop bleeding us dry. Don't hit us. Get your funding off State and Fed govt. Don't hit us poor struggling workers	Feb 20, 2013 4:21 PM
753	I am a pensioner. Fuck the levy.	Feb 20, 2013 4:21 PM
754	Happy to protect water quality in the lake. A benefit to locals and visitors	Feb 20, 2013 4:19 PM
755	our home backs onto the narrow end of Wallamba Cove, Regency Cct Tuncurry (2/24). it is so silted up with mud, dead trees, etc it's impossible to get a boat out at low tide or back. What chance of having it cleared out?	Feb 20, 2013 4:16 PM
756	My roads should show decrease as the valuation of my land property was lower at the last assessment by Valuer General?	Feb 20, 2013 4:12 PM
757	more cleaning of pipers creek.	Feb 20, 2013 3:42 PM
758	we are proud of our clean waterways when visitors to town comment on how clear the water is.	Feb 20, 2013 3:41 PM
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760	australia's future lies in the hands of our children and those who care.	Feb 20, 2013 3:40 PM
761	customer service convinced me - we get good outcomes and clean waterways.	Feb 20, 2013 3:40 PM
762	the lakes and waterways require a constant and ongoing maintenance program and a small levy such as this is of no consequence.	Feb 20, 2013 3:37 PM
763	you are doing a good job.	Feb 20, 2013 3:36 PM
764	thank goodness you are keeping the lake clean.	Feb 20, 2013 3:36 PM
765	BUT i would be thankful if you came and removed a few branches from the trees at the back of my home.	Feb 20, 2013 3:35 PM
766	our waterways are our greatest asset. please take care of them.	Feb 20, 2013 3:33 PM
767	it is imperative that we keep the lakes system clean and free from the inevitable rural run off as a result of human habitation, farming and grazing.	Feb 20, 2013 3:30 PM
768	environmental protection is vital to the well being of region.	Feb 20, 2013 3:30 PM

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769	if the levy was increased it would create a problem as the pension is my total financial source funding.	Feb 20, 2013 3:28 PM
770	so long as not squanered away as was and has been done eg corner third ridge and amaroo drive, smiths lake - disgrace!	Feb 20, 2013 3:25 PM
771	it is necessary to maintain the health of the waterways.	Feb 20, 2013 3:25 PM
772	please give more consideration to jimmys beach and the myall river.	Feb 20, 2013 3:24 PM
773	to clean the river open a channel at north end to smiths lake or the ocean. yes if the dredging is done soon. to save money build a rock wall along the west end of jimmys beach so as the fill sandis not washed up to the short cut or up the river, as far as it is now to the singing bridge.	Feb 20, 2013 3:23 PM
774	as long as this levy does not prop up other things needed in the community.	Feb 20, 2013 3:21 PM
775	we would like to see clean waters in all our lakes and rivers and dredging of the short cut channel.	Feb 20, 2013 3:20 PM
776	as a member of the myall koala and environemnt group, i strongly support the environmental and dredging levy.	Feb 20, 2013 3:19 PM
777	the work the council does is grat for us all - i now money is scarce but we live in the best place - keep it up. robyns haw, 8 annette place, tuncurry. i am nearly blind and i think you do a wonderful job for everyone!	Feb 20, 2013 3:19 PM
778	it is ovvious that a discontinuation of the levy would be very likely to resutl in a marked deterioration in the environmental sustainability of the lake system and their tributaries in the GL LGA there is not excuse for public ignorance in that regard.	Feb 20, 2013 3:18 PM
779	a small price to pay to ensure the maintenance/improvement of our majestic waterways. my family and i fully support the levy.	Feb 20, 2013 3:17 PM
780	we have to look after our environment. keep up the good work.	Feb 20, 2013 3:16 PM
781	as a new residenti would hope that by contiuing this levy more standard rates could be used on the raods for such a high tourist road, tea gardens road is a disgrace.	Feb 20, 2013 3:15 PM
782	provided attention is given to rectifying themouth of the myall rive at tea gardens - no more surveys - action NOW please.	Feb 20, 2013 3:12 PM
783	need a permanent solution to erosion at jimmys beach. "fix up" solution is a waste of dollars.	Feb 20, 2013 2:47 PM
784	river dredging also the river outlet should be dredged with money fromthe NSW govt urgently!	Feb 20, 2013 2:46 PM
785	river dredging also the river outlet should be dredged with money fromthe NSW govt urgently!	Feb 20, 2013 2:45 PM
786	i have no issues inpaying the levy providing the funds are used for the correct purpose.	Feb 20, 2013 2:44 PM
787	but you know the people at tea gardne hawks enst and "other people who come to fish here" will not eat fish caught in the myall river from the oyster	Feb 20, 2013 2:43 PM

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	hut to past bridge to short cut (until it is dredged the river has no salinity it is "dying".	
788	in monkerai we don't benefit from the dredging levy but do support the effort.	Feb 20, 2013 2:42 PM
789	we would like to see the dredging program extended to the myall river mouth (short cot) as the river has deteriorated due to the reduced tidal flow.	Feb 20, 2013 2:41 PM
790	I think the administration of the council's finances are a disgrace, for every 1 bloke working there is 5 blokes standing around and another 20 being desk jockeys. better finacial management and the retrenchment of useless council workers will provide greater finacial resources for the enviroment	Feb 20, 2013 2:40 PM
791	s a pensioner this is a lot of money, but for the benefit of all it is reasonable. yours faithfully lesley beards	Feb 20, 2013 2:36 PM
792	i support hte levy but this rubbish about the rate peg will come back into force for 2014/2015 is lies. You know that you will apply for an increase above this rate as council always does and we pay more again. peope on residential blocks and maybe all blocks in limeburners creek pay three times more than they should. we get nothing for it. i've even got to mow the council's area here at limeburners creek becuase your reps spend our ratemoney on trips overseas having a good time. it was proved any excuse to drag more money out of us. great mistakes council. rather than buy the machine needed for the stroud area. call me on 0439 073 165 craig mcphan - i dare you to!	Feb 20, 2013 2:36 PM
793	The dredging should be paid for by the, main state holders eg Oyster industry, or the industry should be removed, it takes up to much room on the lake, and they do not keep it clean and tidy, the old leases have not been removed.	Feb 20, 2013 2:10 PM
794	hopefully the dredging in wallis lake continues to be a success unlike the sand pumping to winda woppa which has been a waste of time and money as well as causing an envrionmental disaster at the foot of yacaaba headland.	Feb 20, 2013 1:56 PM
795	my only request to Council "ever". as a ratepayer for over 45 years, i would like to see the eastern channel to Corrie Island dredged (mouth of Myall River).	Feb 20, 2013 1:55 PM
796	as long as it is NOT used to sustain winda wopa and jimmys beach. how much did it cost to send two glossy pages of self promotion out. "for the Myall River " yes!	Feb 20, 2013 1:54 PM
797	as long as funds (6%) goes towards what has been proposed.	Feb 20, 2013 1:53 PM
798	too old to care.	Feb 20, 2013 1:51 PM
799	i think this is a very good initiative. based on my current rate and the levy of 5% i pay \$280.00 per annum.	Feb 20, 2013 1:50 PM
800	we have been paying rates on our farmland block since 10/08/1982 and can't see any benefit. the roads were all overgrown, the lat time we visited. there is over 2000 blocks in the estate.	Feb 20, 2013 1:50 PM
801	i support environmental levy, not the dredging component. this should be a state govt responsibility ie waterways authority.	Feb 20, 2013 1:47 PM

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802	online survey not available.	Feb 20, 2013 1:45 PM
803	we need to maintain and keep our waterways beautiful to enjoy.	Feb 20, 2013 1:45 PM
804	we need to maintain and keep our waterways beautiful to enjoy.	Feb 20, 2013 1:44 PM
805	keep up the good work.	Feb 20, 2013 1:41 PM
806	i assumed my rate payments contributed to maintenance of the great lakes area. i struggle with my finances and would appreciate a smaller percentage if possible.	Feb 20, 2013 1:40 PM
807	particularly for safety and health and the oyster industry.	Feb 20, 2013 1:39 PM
808	it would be an environmental disaster not to continue the current strategy.	Feb 20, 2013 1:38 PM
809	more than happy to pay for environmental improvements as long as the money is spent on these things and not other things within council.	Feb 20, 2013 1:37 PM
810	only if some of the money is spent in our area. put some pressure on tate govt to remove the oyster racks surrounding bundabah (they haven't been used for years). then spend some money rejuvenating the foreshore.	Feb 20, 2013 1:36 PM
811	waterways need continual dredging.	Feb 20, 2013 1:35 PM
812	i support this levy provided funds are available to deal with sandloss at jimmys beach winda woppa hawks nest.	Feb 20, 2013 1:34 PM
813	give details of the expenditure of this levy including the amount raised and spent each year to ratepayers.	Feb 20, 2013 1:34 PM
814	i like the fact that you can actually see where your money is going.	Feb 20, 2013 1:33 PM
815	The Environment and Dredging Levy must be reinstated so that Council can continue to undertake important environmental works across the LGA.	Feb 20, 2013 11:01 AM
816	After the recent rain the lake was chocolate brown water. Gardens are a waste of money. Try living on a pension you eat or pay, rates levys, water or electricity	Feb 20, 2013 10:47 AM
817	Council have priced out older to middle age people that have lived here for years and have paid for their infrastructure (council don't know when to stop)	Feb 20, 2013 10:46 AM
818	We are already paying exorbitant rates on the water at NAC - GLC does nothing for the money collected	Feb 20, 2013 10:45 AM
819	The rates are too high already, and this levy was only supposed to be for 3 years - it's already gone on too long.	Feb 20, 2013 10:45 AM
820	I bought my land in 1980 when Frotower developed it. I am sick of paying rates on land I cannot live on no matter what gets done in the area.	Feb 20, 2013 10:44 AM
821	because rates keep going up	Feb 20, 2013 10:43 AM
822	why should we pay when it's not even in our area. How does it advantage this area. it doesn't.	Feb 20, 2013 10:42 AM
823	Living in NAC we seem to support and finance every area of GLC. and	Feb 20, 2013 10:42 AM

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receive nothing in our local area, we need some give and take

824	To much money is wasted on island in middle of road 'plants' also to much money is wasted on roads not repaired properly. Also road works bludge on council	Feb 20, 2013 10:41 AM
825	Enough is enough	Feb 20, 2013 10:39 AM
826	When you can find the money to tar the dirt at the end at the end of Prince St I do pay the same rates as the rest of the shire	Feb 20, 2013 10:38 AM
827	I am very disappointed with Council. The only place Giant Parramatter Grass was on the Myall was on the side of the road and they did nothing to get rid of it	Feb 20, 2013 10:38 AM
828	to date none of the 6% levy has been spent in the NAC area. We own 4 blocks which substantially impacts on my finances (currently unemployed)	Feb 20, 2013 10:37 AM
829	In the last 3 years my rates have increased by 38% mainly because my kland value has not changed compared to the 20% reduction of most land values in the area. this is well above your approved increase amount and it is hitting me hard. Also you still have not provided sewerage to my area. i do not support ANY increase in rates.	Feb 20, 2013 10:36 AM
830	Being a pensioner can't afford it	Feb 20, 2013 10:35 AM
831	Enough is enough for so high rates already we all pay. Give us a brake will you. Don't create taxes from the thin air.	Feb 20, 2013 10:35 AM
832	We are struggling financially and we don't have extra money to afford rate increases	Feb 20, 2013 10:34 AM
833	We don't have any kind of roads why I'm paying any rates I don't know? (NAC)	Feb 20, 2013 10:33 AM
834	We get nothing for our rates now it won't change a thing (NAC)	Feb 20, 2013 10:33 AM
835	Only if you indicate hlep with dredging for TGHN. You have NOT said what you propose to do - you have a reading with NO information - poor show.	Feb 20, 2013 10:32 AM
836	While this work is improtant (more so to Forster Tuncurry residents) it is equally so to each rate payer. I would support a levy of the equal for all but not a levy percentage of rates.	Feb 20, 2013 10:31 AM
837	How about using some of the rate money received from NAC to do some environmental benefits for this area. Instead of sucking out of here to beautify Forster/Tuncurry area - as usual	Feb 20, 2013 10:27 AM
838	We have a holiday home at blueys Beach usually reside in Manly, agree with the levy.	Feb 20, 2013 10:21 AM
839	am happy to support this initiative but we also need to get the potholes in Bucketts Way immediatly south of the town of Stroud to be fixed. It is a disgrace.	Feb 20, 2013 10:20 AM
840	I think this area is the best on the Eastern seaboard. The lake is beautiful	Feb 20, 2013 10:19 AM
841	Please go ahead	Feb 20, 2013 10:15 AM

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842	this work must be continued	Feb 20, 2013 10:15 AM
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844	Well done. The Federal Government needs to make environmental levies a tax deduction	Feb 20, 2013 10:14 AM
845	Providing a review of all works leads to the most efficient and cost effective implementation of the dredging and environmental program	Feb 20, 2013 10:12 AM
846	Very supportive. However like any ongoing program it needs an independent review - say by 2014	Feb 20, 2013 10:07 AM
847	As I live at the outer most limits of the Shire and get absolutely nothing for my rates not even my road graded. I am extremely disappointed with the performance of this shire it seems all the money goes to the pretty end with no thoughts to those who pay just as much and get nothing. Sorry we got a survey to ask us if we would like to pay more for nothing.	Feb 20, 2013 10:06 AM
848	Must keep Forster Tuncurry beautiful	Feb 20, 2013 10:04 AM
849	It's our environment. Keep it up	Feb 20, 2013 10:01 AM
850	It's our environment. Keep it up	Feb 20, 2013 10:01 AM
851	I live in this area for the lakes and beaches and feel these are our most precious and sustainable resource	Feb 20, 2013 10:00 AM
852	I feel it is something we have to have, but am finding it difficult to cope with rising food costs home insurance and power charges, as well as a rate increase yearly	Feb 20, 2013 9:58 AM
853	BUT I would like to see which project will be undertaken by Council. The glossy brochure was a waste of money as it did not set out a oist of environmental works needing to be done.	Feb 20, 2013 9:57 AM
854	We need to make our workd a better place for future generations	Feb 20, 2013 9:56 AM
855	worth every cent, as our ability to use our waterways in confidence both water quality and navigation are important	Feb 20, 2013 9:55 AM
856	The rain run off into Smiths Lake is full of mud etc is the water tested	Feb 20, 2013 9:55 AM
857	As a resident of Tea Gardens, I don't see a lot of value in the levy. Problems that have been ongoing for years and Council are very slow to react. This levy is an excuse to waste more money	Feb 20, 2013 9:54 AM
858	But dredging of Myall River is not happening. Why? Badly needed	Feb 20, 2013 9:53 AM
859	Our estuary health is key to our towns future a asmall investment for our future	Feb 20, 2013 9:52 AM
860	Very important	Feb 20, 2013 9:51 AM
861	As long as this doesn't mean an increase in rates!	Feb 20, 2013 9:07 AM
862	As Council appears to be gaining control of the encironmental problems, I suggest that a bigger percentage of the budget be allocated to dredging in	Feb 20, 2013 9:05 AM

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Wallis Lake and other waterways in our area to ensure their future

863	Please do not increase this rate!	Feb 20, 2013 9:03 AM
864	as a veteran of rate paying for 3 years, there has been nothing contributed to my little nook of the woods.. we dont have a environment plan for my region and the only levies that are building in my neighbourhood are those that continue to degrade the already greatly rutted roads that we are expected to utilise to access our properties...i see the rate rise going to the coffers of the council to line their delapidated pockets to remunerate their activities that they proposed to perform on our behalf	Feb 19, 2013 11:09 PM
865	I believe that the State Government should approve the Environmental Special Rate to be ongoing. It is clear that the environmental projects funded by the special rate will require funding on an indefinite period, the proposal has always enjoyed strong community support, & that the process of seeking community input every 5 years is a waste of scarce Council resources. It is also important that Council & the community has some certainty in relation to the long term planning of its essential environmental projects.	Feb 19, 2013 10:17 PM
866	Excellent progress	Feb 19, 2013 9:53 PM
867	6% levy is ridiculous.	Feb 19, 2013 6:55 PM
868	Keep up the good work!	Feb 19, 2013 5:49 PM
869	Council should maintain a controled budget and we appreciate that some projects may have to be put on hold but it is imperative that Great Lakes Council control its operational costs at 6% and not an increase for 2013/2014 of 8% as indicated as this community relies on retirees income.	Feb 19, 2013 3:10 PM
870	Excellent programs funded by this levy. we must continue to improve our environment.	Feb 19, 2013 3:01 PM
871	excellent program, excellent environmental and educational benefits. I support this levy 100%!	Feb 19, 2013 1:31 PM
872	Because on lack of funds services have been tapered drastically or eliminated. Taking this into account this issue is far less a priority and should be eliminated compared to other services in general and particularly education, medical, seniors, road improvements and maintenance.	Feb 19, 2013 1:17 PM
873	There are a lot of noxious weeds along the southern shoreline at Green Point --it would be good if GLSC could liaise with parks and wildlife and organise clearing days--i'm sure many locals who do not have time to organise a local group would be willing to help if days were specified with some overall supervision from GLSC/PandW	Feb 19, 2013 12:47 PM
874	As the Secretary of the [REDACTED] I strongly support the continuation of the environmental and dredging levy. I [REDACTED]	Feb 19, 2013 12:32 PM
875	Vital for the health of this community to care for the environment.	Feb 19, 2013 11:54 AM
876	We have to ensure the future by haing these works carried forward	Feb 19, 2013 10:46 AM
877	Councils have to learn to live within budgets and CPI yearly	Feb 19, 2013 10:45 AM

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878	The rock embankments along the watercourse as well as dredging is a good thing continue with this clean-up work	Feb 19, 2013 10:44 AM
879	The standard Council has attained throughout Forster Tuncurry is highly commendable. Congratulations. Waterways must be kept navigable. Go for it with our blessings.	Feb 19, 2013 10:43 AM
880	It may be worth investigating the redress on funds raised ith the fishing licence fees?	Feb 19, 2013 10:42 AM
881	A decent safe road from the Lakes Rd to Blueys shops would be a better way to spend rate moneys instead of decades of doing nothing with ratepayers money	Feb 19, 2013 10:41 AM
882	At the present time money is very tight. Let people that want to donate to the environment don't impose another tax on rate payers who already find things hard. Cut government waste you will have all the money you want.	Feb 19, 2013 10:40 AM
883	Doing a great job with the dredging for the oyster farmers and keeping the town alive - not so happy about BiLo closing and Council's involvement in Woolworths opening. I do feel part of the blame has to go to the owner of the BiLo arcade and his greed.	Feb 19, 2013 10:39 AM
884	This levy is essential to protect the asset of our natural environment.	Feb 19, 2013 10:36 AM
885	I pay too much in rates already over \$2000 yearly	Feb 19, 2013 10:35 AM
886	I think our waterways are a very improtant asset to ???	Feb 19, 2013 10:35 AM
887	What about our roads - appalling!	Feb 19, 2013 10:34 AM
888	It seems to be for the oyster growers only. I think they should foot most of the costs	Feb 19, 2013 10:32 AM
889	Absolutely essential! Should be 10% as dredging vital to lake's health. Breckenridge Channel nearly blocked now at entrance - much more work required here	Feb 19, 2013 10:30 AM
890	Suggest sinking a navel ship of some form of barrier to break force of waves that damage Windy Woppa Point and dredge river opening at windy Woppa to keep river flowing freely	Feb 19, 2013 10:29 AM
891	Doing good for the environment will benefit the area and tourist, but don't waste our money on overprice work. Thank you	Feb 19, 2013 10:27 AM
892	I would like water and sewerage on my property first as promised as I need to sell one block so I can build on other	Feb 19, 2013 10:26 AM
893	I have lived in Pindimar for 18 years. The work promised for area never gets the money is transfered to other jobs in other areas Keep rates as is and get rid of Deadwood in Coouncil	Feb 19, 2013 10:25 AM
894	Don't like having to pay more for something I can't use. I should be putting my money to good use, elsewhere	Feb 19, 2013 10:22 AM
895	One of the most efficient ways of improving the health of our waterways would be to police Nerong residents pumping their sewerage onto the footpaths. I don't know why Council rangers hav e not put a stop to it	Feb 19, 2013 10:20 AM

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896	And a bit more support for Hawks NEst as against Tea Gardens would be appreciated. Do ALL shops have to close in Hawks Nest before any Council support?	Feb 19, 2013 10:19 AM
897	NAC land holders do not get value for moeny paid from land rates last newsletter do not mention one program for NAC	Feb 19, 2013 10:18 AM
898	Please continue to report on achievements with reference to measures of improvements. Thanks Graeme Sawtell	Feb 19, 2013 10:17 AM
899	I feel our rates are too high compared to Sydney. GLC provide minimum services to NAC	Feb 19, 2013 10:17 AM
900	Unless council is willing to restore the nonsurfaced road on Little River Track off Waukivory Rd, Upper Myall - sediment heaps washing into the Little Myall River and we need a new bridge	Feb 19, 2013 10:16 AM
901	My land is non urban at NAC and Council provides no services at all for the rates I pay	Feb 19, 2013 10:15 AM
902	A beautiful area, it's important to keep it as such, for future generations as well as ourselves	Feb 19, 2013 10:14 AM
903	We need to keep our environment attractive and healthy and our waterways usable/clear	Feb 19, 2013 10:13 AM
904	Anything that keeps the lakes clean is a good idea	Feb 19, 2013 10:12 AM
905	Our only concern is where all the sand will be deposited and how often will dredging be done in areas already completed	Feb 19, 2013 10:11 AM
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907	There is a lot more sand in the Myall River than ever before, hopefully dredging will help to clear this	Feb 19, 2013 10:07 AM
908	We at Tea Gardens are paying high rate with nothing in return. I feel sorry for NAC and Pindimar Nth and Sth they get nothing. Bad administration, one sided Forster, Forster Forster. Like I mentioned levy and nothing in return not even a return envelope shame on you	Feb 19, 2013 10:06 AM
909	Yes save our waterways. The environment is most important not just here, but everywhere in Australia	Feb 19, 2013 10:05 AM
910	don't we pay enough rates now	Feb 19, 2013 10:05 AM
911	our aged pension will not cover it. We are struggling now	Feb 19, 2013 10:03 AM
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913	I don't live in the land I just own the land not allowed to live in it so why should I pay for something I don't use	Feb 19, 2013 10:02 AM
914	Council has just achieved a large increase in rates. It does not deserve to extract more cash from rate payers when it has achieved absolutely nothing for basic community infrastructure despite greatly increase \$ take. We don't want this levy to become another 3x3 fuel tax (3 cents for 3 years) which has	Feb 19, 2013 10:02 AM

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blown out to 10cents per litre for ever and no road safety improvements.

915	The amount of 1% of this levy being allocated to dredging is grossly insufficient. What are the council doing about the Myall River mouth inaction on this project is environmentally irresponsible	Feb 19, 2013 10:00 AM
916	The amount of 1% of this levy being allocated to dredging is grossly insufficient. What are the council doing about the Myall River mouth inaction on this project is environmentally irresponsible	Feb 19, 2013 9:59 AM
917	We have a non urban land that we purchased more than 25 years ago, with the prospect to built and retire in the area. The Council never gave building permits (for that and other blocks of land) and we paid and still paying rates for nothing!	Feb 19, 2013 9:59 AM
918	We have a non urban land that we purchased more than 25 years ago, with the prospect to built and retire in the area. The Council never gave building permits (for that and other blocks of land) and we paid and still paying rates for nothing!	Feb 19, 2013 9:58 AM
919	Due to cost of living pressure electricity water insurances just keep going up and up and up	Feb 19, 2013 9:57 AM
920	Keep our water looking beautiful we don't want to look like Taree	Feb 19, 2013 9:56 AM
921	i don't mine the 6% remaning, but not on top of the rate rise it is a bit much. where hs the dredging been in all these years. Spend less on stupid surveys and more on dredging	Feb 19, 2013 9:55 AM
922	I am currently atetndng the sustainable gardening course that this levy pays for. The course is of the highest quality, with awesome presenters who are teaching me practices that will ensure that what I do does not harm our precious lakes also witnessing the results of the water/lake report card I understand this levy is vital to maintain what makes our area so special	Feb 19, 2013 9:54 AM
923	Preservation of reamining native bush areas such a Sanctuary and Sourthern Parkway etc is essential. More 'bush' areas need to be added. Levy should be used for this purpose. Pathways in these areas would encourage use	Feb 19, 2013 9:53 AM
924	This is a very important levy and should be continued as the environmental problems are ongoing	Feb 19, 2013 9:53 AM
925	would like to know why requesting 6% levy when only 1% is used for dredging we pay enough rates as it is, more than Taree	Feb 19, 2013 9:51 AM
926	You could make it an extra optional payment with the rates and maybe increase it to 10%	Feb 19, 2013 9:42 AM
927	Having been funded for several years by special levy this importnat work should now be funded within Council's general fund in competition with all other Council expenditure items. We consider this environmental work to be high priority.	Feb 19, 2013 9:41 AM
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929	Since the levy's introduction the lakes and rivers in this area have never looked better. I'm not a "Greenie", far from it, but given the outcome for such a small price I fully support continuation of the levy. Council and volunteers should be proud of what they have achieved.	Feb 19, 2013 9:40 AM
930	The rates already increased every year by 8%. The Council just have to do what their have instead of asking more money from rates payer again	Feb 19, 2013 9:39 AM
931	Rates to high. support no levy	Feb 19, 2013 9:38 AM
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933	Make better use of available resources and grants. eg gutter cleaning/sweeping particularly in past months is appalling to non existent	Feb 19, 2013 9:37 AM
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935	The environment has managed without my levy lining the councils pockets for eternity before now and will do so after	Feb 19, 2013 9:36 AM
936	I tried to return this survey on line but it didn't work so I am emailing it. Thank you.	Feb 19, 2013 9:34 AM
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938	My rates have gone up over 100% in the last 10 years. Enough is enough. I can't afford it	Feb 19, 2013 9:33 AM
939	Does anyone in Council care about how much the rapid rise in cost of liing affects the low income earner	Feb 19, 2013 9:33 AM
940	I do not support any levy imposed by GLC. but would advise you to have a budget and stick to it. A levy is a tax	Feb 19, 2013 9:32 AM
941	Myself and my wife cannot afford the present 8% let alone a extra 8% increase in the comming years.	Feb 19, 2013 9:31 AM
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943	We have obseved the work done on gardens and ponds in Pipers Bay and Goldens Pond areas. Without truthful discussion of the obvious high cost of this work for minimal advantage we cannot agree to further levy	Feb 19, 2013 9:30 AM
944	I believe that any envrionmental cost should be from boluntary contribution	Feb 19, 2013 9:29 AM
945	I do not agree with another 6% being added to our bill. Council has oragnised 8% increases for more than the CPI. Many constituents don't get any increases in income, we are not we ..of money. Councils need to live within their budgets like the rest of us	Feb 19, 2013 9:29 AM
946	Unable to see an implementation of levy in NAC. Rates appear excessively increased in current year already. Details o complete levy expenditure as to areas should be made available. It all ppears to be Wallis Lake area on this page.	Feb 19, 2013 9:27 AM

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947	I fail to see how a single pensioner can keep up with payments going up for food rates, insurance, medical and petrol etc etc. Please tell me how do I live I am scared can not go on	Feb 19, 2013 9:26 AM
948	The dredging does absolutely nothing for Smiths Lake. How about fixing Patsys Flat Road	Feb 19, 2013 9:24 AM
949	Don't you et enough from the poor pensioners of Forster Tuncurry	Feb 19, 2013 9:24 AM
950	I have no residency in the Great Lakes area all we have is a block of land, this land has not be changed in the last 200 years from what it was, as it has not been rezoned. If you want us to pay more Council rates and levy then rezone NAC	Feb 19, 2013 9:23 AM
951	It has been many years since anything has been done at NAC. Never any correspondence as to what might happen there and when a very ordinary Council. If you had any idea what it has cost me over the last 18 years for absolutely zero result and even less effort and you have the hide to ask for more rate	Feb 19, 2013 9:22 AM
952	This levy is not as effective and doing only a small result. Less big salaries and more action	Feb 19, 2013 9:21 AM
953	If I cannot build on my land why should I have to pay a cent - not happy	Feb 19, 2013 9:20 AM
954	How much can the Council bleed us dry, money will only go so far	Feb 19, 2013 9:19 AM
955	I've a sore arse already. If yu can't afford return post don't have a survey	Feb 19, 2013 9:19 AM
956	Everyone is affected by the economic downturn. Therefore the Council must be too. Everything is going up and up. Our income is not.	Feb 19, 2013 9:18 AM
957	Extension of this levy has continued for to long. Time to cease with this levy.	Feb 19, 2013 9:15 AM
958	Our block is at NAC we can't build on our block rates are far to high for these blocks. PS stop ripping us off	Feb 19, 2013 9:14 AM
959	Rates are already too high and greater effort should be made to improve roads, bridges and amenities in rural area	Feb 19, 2013 9:13 AM
960	I'm already paying to much Council rates 32-34 Wharf St Forster	Feb 19, 2013 9:08 AM
961	council already increased rates and I cannot afford to pay anymore levies.	Feb 19, 2013 8:57 AM
962	Rates are to expensive now	Feb 19, 2013 8:53 AM
963	6% is too high. Council is too dependent on this levy and should fund some of the environmental work from normal budget. GLCouncil rates are among the highest in the state and this suggests mismanagement of priorities in the budget. I fully support environmental works and initiatives but a 6% levy is too much.	Feb 18, 2013 10:49 PM
964	There has been extensive tree planting on the single lane carriageway known as Manns Road which has created three blind corners on the roadway and currently tree limbs are encroaching on the roadway proper. As a former Supt of Traffic I can see this has created a dangerous situation in that sooner or later it may contribute to a head on collison betw vehicles using this road. Since Council cannot maintain the works already performed I	Feb 18, 2013 6:28 PM

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feel that I do not wish to contribute the levy for future works.

965	The economy of the Great Lakes will suffer a marked downturn unless there is continued investment in the preservation of this outstanding river and lakes system. Continue with the levy.	Feb 18, 2013 6:19 PM
966	The work done by Great Lakes Council to protect the environment is excellent and should definitely continue. We have an obligation as a community to protect the nationally and internationally significant natural areas that are in our backyard.	Feb 18, 2013 6:09 PM
967	Agreed you may need an increase, how about 4 or 5%. Do you see this as a continuing levy or is it realistic to think that it may be removed at some stage. Kind regards Neville Blake Butler	Feb 18, 2013 5:23 PM
968	Keep up the good work.	Feb 18, 2013 4:50 PM
969	However, it is currently not identified in the rate notice. i believe this is wrong. As a levy, it should be identified as a separate item. Otherwise, it could be "lost" in ratepayers memories.	Feb 18, 2013 4:02 PM
970	Essential to maintain the levy in its present form.	Feb 18, 2013 3:56 PM
971	This expensive, hard to read, full colour, shiny document was not required to get your message across about the levy. I'm sure it was very expensive and was quite unnecessary. a black and white newsletter with the occasional photo would do the job very nicely. Council is supposed to be using ratepayer funds with caution not splashing it around.	Feb 18, 2013 3:36 PM
972	Extremely important to continue the E&D levy.	Feb 18, 2013 3:35 PM
973	It is essential to continue the levy in order to protect the wonderful environment of the Great Lakes area. I am proud of the work that has been done so far using the levy.	Feb 18, 2013 3:21 PM
974	It would assist Forster Keys canals if stormwater outlets were fitted with traps to stop entry of rubbish from streets emptying into canals.	Feb 18, 2013 2:21 PM
975	GLC continues to increase rates and has wiped out any land use for residential size RU2 land in the new LEP. Thats in excess of 2000 lots that have no development options yet burdened with another huge rate increase. We should have some land uses like tourism at least or preferably GLC purchases all the land. Has the \$40,000 GLC received from Philip Lee as a result of legal action some 12 months ago been used for Kore Kore creek restoration as the courts advised?	Feb 18, 2013 1:48 PM
976	The maintenance of the health of the lake system and our waterways is paramount. Ensuring that the area is healthy, beautiful and is capable of supporting the vast diversity of wildlife, and eco-sensitive industry in the area. All environmental works carried out by the council, community groups and individuals is of the utmost importance. Thank you for keeping our backyard beautiful.	Feb 18, 2013 1:26 PM
977	It is important that our waterways be kept in the best possible condition, not only for the health of the waterways but to maintain the reason that tourism and the oyster business supports the local economy.	Feb 18, 2013 12:20 PM
978	Have always known that GLC rates are among the most exhorbitant in the	Feb 18, 2013 12:13 PM

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	state. Would support the need for a levy if it can be demonstrated to provide VALUE TO RURAL AREAS	
979	The natural environment is the reason we visit the Great Lakes area. The recent improvements in water quality have made a huge difference.	Feb 18, 2013 11:03 AM
980	Why spend so much on coloured shiny paper? Was the survey printed locally ?	Feb 18, 2013 10:56 AM
981	The Enviromental and Dredging levy was specifically to deal with the oyster contamination issue. This has been resolved and the levy should cease, and not be continued for other issues for which it was not specifically intended.	Feb 18, 2013 10:55 AM
982	Only if ALL the money goes towards the dredging	Feb 18, 2013 10:50 AM
983	Could be higher if needed. Council says on page 2 that natural beauty helps the local economy and I think a higher distribution of funds is required to Stroud West Area to help the local economy. Eg 1. Currently the roads are shocking and dangerous 2. paths 3. accommodation 4. tourism promotion etc	Feb 18, 2013 10:48 AM
984	I would support this levy if all the lake was dredged not just Forster. As a rate payer a sick of money being spent in Forster and not in the area we live.	Feb 18, 2013 10:41 AM
985	1. Environmental Issue, not rate payers financial responsibility. 2. This extra unnecessary cost will eventually drive rate paying pensioners away - is this what you want? 3. Who does this actually benefit? Only the privileged few & dogooders. 4. Why is it necessary anyway? The health of the lakes system is cyclical. 5. I didn't realised that waterways were a council responsibility.	Feb 18, 2013 10:39 AM
986	our rate base is too small to pay for the large amount of environmental protection measures that our large and sensitive area requires!	Feb 18, 2013 9:45 AM
987	GLC's environmental levy has benifited it's rate payers and enabled GLC to be regarded as a leader in environmental management and works. The levy has definitely been a positive for the GLC community and environment.	Feb 18, 2013 9:42 AM
988	? is it not true a private resident of g.lakes several years ago offered to do dredging of our lakes area free and this was knocked back, because he may have made some money out of it.	Feb 18, 2013 9:09 AM
989	The levy is not that large and it helps keep our environment so clean and beautiful. It also encourages tourism to the area.	Feb 18, 2013 7:08 AM
990	Finance the environment from the general budget like other councils do. Current rates are excessive, compared to what I pay Canterbury Council in Sydney	Feb 17, 2013 8:22 PM
991	After this extended period ends, 3% is adequate.	Feb 17, 2013 7:14 PM
992	Thanks for your literature on the levy and the environmental issues. We (2 resident ratepayers) support everything Council does for the environment including the dredging. Keep the good work up - we attended a morning tour of the Darawank wetlands a couple of years ago and we saw first hand exactly what Council is all about. Thank you for caring.	Feb 17, 2013 3:27 PM
993	This is a State Government responsibility.	Feb 17, 2013 2:07 PM

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994	as long as the money goes to the projects	Feb 17, 2013 1:30 PM
995	I believe this cost should come out of 'well managed' council rates along with contributions from the carbon tax.	Feb 17, 2013 1:13 PM
996	You make many charges, levies, and increases to improve the "primary" areas of the shire and/or the tourism areas of the coast. You do almost nothing to improve the remote or fringe areas such as ours. I doubt most of you even know where we are!	Feb 17, 2013 1:06 PM
997	I'd also like the land at North Arm Cove to be rezoned so we can build a house there thanks! I've only been waiting 30 years since I bought it!	Feb 17, 2013 11:23 AM
998	And should do more-take more \$ and do more publicity. T-F is our 'local' as much/more than Taree. Good works so far. Not so sure of the navigational stuff-wonder about the impacts-need put up statement of dredging types long term impacts!	Feb 17, 2013 10:18 AM
999	I am led to believe that the council sell the sand that they dredge. What happens to this money and why is it no being used to fund things like this, why is it that the rate payers have to keep paying for this when we are not the only people who use the lake etc why not make the caravan parks/motels/accomodation places also put in or charge a fee that goes to council for this. I think that there are other ways, I think you need to explore them.	Feb 17, 2013 9:21 AM
1000	I do not support any of this money going to remediation of Jimmy's Beach after large storms. This area should never have been zoned for residential dwellings and will be an ongoing drain of rate payers' money, especially with the forecast changes due to greenhouse gas emissions.	Feb 16, 2013 8:15 PM
1001	Providing a % is utilised for the dredging of Myall River at Hawks Nest - not as per previuos repoprt with "Do Nothing" attitude.	Feb 16, 2013 8:12 PM
1002	Environment protection around The Great Lakes waterways and riparian land is critical to the environment, oyster and tourism industries. Mining and CSG should not be allowed as it in conflict with the protection of the catchment values.	Feb 16, 2013 1:44 PM
1003	The levy is currently imposed on all ratepayers and is essentially unjust as many ratepayers are quite remote from the coastal townships and lakes that the Forster-Tuncurry based council is obsessed with. Inland rural residents have there own programs to support and pay these through a number of means - particularly LHPA. There is already a blatatnly obvious imbalance in the quality and range of services provided by Council to rural and coastal ratepayers. Imagine the outrage if Forster-Tuncurry residents were asked to subsidise cattle treatment.	Feb 16, 2013 1:43 PM
1004	We believe that businesses and recreational users that benefit from the work carried out under the Environmental and Dredging Levy should also pay the same Levy as those who pay Rates.	Feb 16, 2013 1:33 PM
1005	I agree with the extension of the levy providing the money is not waster and spent sensibly and only on what it is meant to be for.	Feb 16, 2013 12:43 PM
1006	I support the continuation of the levy but more of it needs to spent on dreging and sand replenishment around Hawks Nest. The sand needs to dredged from the 'short cut' near Corrie island and deposited on Jimmies Beach	Feb 16, 2013 11:32 AM

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1007	As long as it stays at 6% and no more, if there is an increase more than 6%, I will not support the levy. many thanks, Frank Smrk	Feb 16, 2013 11:16 AM
1008	We are over taxed as it is. The Council should tighten it's belt like the rest of us do.	Feb 16, 2013 9:18 AM
1009	Yes to Q.6 providing funds are not skimmed off to meet other short fall areas	Feb 16, 2013 9:13 AM
1010	Council should budget a lot better. They waste OUR money.	Feb 16, 2013 7:08 AM
1011	Nature will look after itself without my money being wasted.	Feb 16, 2013 4:22 AM
1012	I dont live anywhere near there and i am sick and tired of having to pay for improving forster. i live next to a coal mine that you approved, how about fixing that. i pay massive rates to live in this forgotten backwater. the only time i ever have contact with you is when you want more money. we would be better off if we were in gloucester shire your council sux	Feb 15, 2013 9:21 PM
1013	I love living in the Great Lakes and as a keen fisherman I support the work that council does to protect wallis lake	Feb 15, 2013 7:55 PM
1014	I believe that if any increase is made , people living in and around the lakes only be levied. It has nothing to do with us living in NAC. As it is, we are very much neglected with very below par facilities. Get rid of ay levies for projects of this nature	Feb 15, 2013 7:46 PM
1015	The creek behind Palmway Crescent needs dredging.	Feb 15, 2013 6:19 PM
1016	I'd like to see a levy on ski boats in the Wallamba River to offset the damage caused and the consequent Council expenditure on protecting the river banks. It seems somewhat unfair that local residents should have to bear the entire cost of damage done by people overwhelmingly living out of the Council area and paying nothing to offset the damage.	Feb 15, 2013 6:05 PM
1017	The work done so far shows the benefit of allocated rates for such activities	Feb 15, 2013 5:50 PM
1018	I strongly support Great Lakes Council's efforts in maintaining and protecting the environment.	Feb 15, 2013 5:40 PM
1019	We pay to much in rates for very little result at NAC.	Feb 15, 2013 4:29 PM
1020	This is a devious way by the Council to continue raising revenue. Like so many other fees and levies e.g. O.S.W.T.S Operatonal lic. Ins.Fees,Carbon Fees for Waste [Based on a lie, and others they become permanent and then will ultimately be incorporated in the General Rates where they increase with the excessive general rate rises in a compound manner. It is yet another devious attempt to fleece rate payers.	Feb 15, 2013 3:18 PM
1021	Only if Council intend to improve the health of the Myall River by removing the build up of sand and restoring the Corrie Island channel. The sand nourishment of Winda Woppa appears to be ineffective as it is washed away in big seas. Contiued efforts are considered a waste of ratepayers moneyt.	Feb 15, 2013 3:04 PM
1022	During the past few years seniors have come under increasing financial pressure due to Government price increases in basic needs such as Electricity, Gas, Water, Land Rates, vehicle registration, Green slips and petrol and more. Many of us are now just existing whilst Local, State and Federal Governments regard us as bottomless pits of money and continue to	Feb 15, 2013 3:03 PM

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increase costs way in excess of the CPI. We see services decrease whilst costs increase. We also see Government employees at the 3 levels of Government being granted more and more pay E.G. The prime Minister now has a Salary larger than the President of the United States and these increases have filtered right down to the Local Government. It is time for these increases to stop and services to tax payers to be restored and increased. You can start this by abandoning this ongoing 6% "Grab for Cash".

1023	In the long run it is cheaper to spend on infrastructure than patch works.E.g. provide water and sewerage to "waterfront properties"; provide free facilities for green waste and selling of mulch (at a cheap rate) produced from the collected waste. The provision of town water to replace water tanks that are breeding places for mosquitos that transmit diseases.	Feb 15, 2013 2:43 PM
1024	I believe the money could be spent better on infrastructure	Feb 15, 2013 2:27 PM
1025	I resent paying extra when he council can't get the basics right. I have a block of (non urban) land at NAC that I would like to use, but the state of the roads is appalling. Access to my block has become possible only by 4wd, and even then it isn't always possible due to fallen trees across the road, or the roads just being too overgrown with trees and bushes, and totally unkept. They are more like bush walking tracks rather than roads. I pay my rates like anyone else, but feel that the non urban landowners in NAC are treated as second class citizens with none of our rates being used to maintain the roads for access to our blocks. As a result we do not use our property. For that reason I resent paying even the basic charge, and certainly do not support the additional levy.	Feb 15, 2013 2:17 PM
1026	It seems clear that there is a concentration of expenditure in the Forster Tuncurry area. I object strongly to an environmental levy when council send me several pages of glossy paper which have to be recycled This is not in keeping with a modern environmental policy and is a waste of money.	Feb 15, 2013 1:16 PM
1027	will this advantage my land	Feb 15, 2013 12:52 PM
1028	The brochure does not state how much in total has been collected and how this has been spent against the projects. How do we know the Council is using the money efficiently and effectively. At this point Council should be able to operate within its budget.	Feb 15, 2013 12:07 PM
1029	It would be nice to see some movement on the NAC non urban land being re zoned. This land was sold with the approval of the council, rates are taken but nothing ever happens to sought this problem of not being able to use or sell the land. Please do something, I hope this comment is passd on. Thankyou.	Feb 15, 2013 11:46 AM
1030	As aged pensioners we DO NOT agrtee with any rate increase especially as your brochure does not appear to give any benefit to Tea Gardens. We suggest to increase funds that you decrease the Councils staffing levels	Feb 15, 2013 11:03 AM
1031	We are a boating family and find it difficult to navigate west due to the sand shoals on Wallis lake. We have never seen a dredge in action.....What exactly have we been paying for all these years!!!!	Feb 15, 2013 9:59 AM
1032	Rates are high enough now.	Feb 15, 2013 9:45 AM
1033	Yes, but only if money is continued to be spent on areas of need outside of	Feb 15, 2013 7:13 AM

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	Forster/Tuncurry area, like the Eastern Channel of the Lower Myall River and the "Gutway" at Tea Gardens south and west of Slip Island, as good examples.	
1034	This levy has allowed for better and cleaner water ways, keep this good work going	Feb 15, 2013 5:54 AM
1035	Council needs to learn to budget just like households do. Cut back on un-needed expenditure like the road crews and 'workers' that we see standing around all the time just filling in the hours. Contract work out so that jobs get done on budget!!! I know people who 'work' for council and they're always telling everyone their job's a bludge. Council needs to make itself accountable to the population that supplies it's budget.	Feb 14, 2013 9:08 PM
1036	Lower rate would be better.	Feb 14, 2013 5:54 PM
1037	Can something please be done about the mosquitoes in the Charlotte Bay area. We own a block of land on Coomba Road and we had intended building on it, but whenever we visit, we are mauled by mosquitoes as soon as we get out of the car. We are considering selling the block.	Feb 14, 2013 5:46 PM
1038	Common sense must apply as the levy is much to important to discard. However it would be appropriate for the NSW Government (whatever their hue) to include for these kind of works in their overall maintenance budgets and not through Council. It is all about Tourism and sustainability in the long term so as all NSW holiday makers and tourists generally will benefit, so should the NSW Gov include it as mentioned.	Feb 14, 2013 5:45 PM
1039	Great work protecting our beautiful environment. Keep it up!	Feb 14, 2013 5:21 PM
1040	There is no need for the expense of mailing me a brochure when I also receive the advice by email	Feb 14, 2013 5:20 PM
1041	Money is being put to good use.	Feb 14, 2013 5:14 PM
1042	As a Winda Woppa rate payer I already pay a levy for the restoration of Jimmys Beach. An Environmental & Dredging Levy would be an unfair imposition on Winda Woppa Rate Payers when they already subjected to a similar levy. A double whammy!!!!	Feb 14, 2013 3:30 PM
1043	i pay rates for my land at north-arm-cove and have no way of getting into it.. as it as no roads into the property ..so this is y i do not support it ...	Feb 14, 2013 1:57 PM
1044	The Wallamba River shoreline is being damaged by high-speed watercraft. Remedial work should be paid by users not residents. Responsibility may include supporting organisations such as river-side caravan parks.	Feb 14, 2013 1:42 PM
1045	i only support it for the purpose of dredging myall at tea gardens which i think is top priority. many visitors complain at the state of the river and lack of fish. can you advise what monies have been spent in past for dredging at tea gardens/corrie is/port stephens access?	Feb 14, 2013 1:26 PM
1046	Improve the catchment but take strong action against the polluters and/or land managers whether they be private, corporate or public.	Feb 14, 2013 12:57 PM
1047	stop wasting our money on stupid projects you idiots eg. planting trees on kularoo dr what a waste of rate payers money	Feb 14, 2013 12:46 PM

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1048	The cost of living is rising whereas wages are not. Council could raise the money elsewhere and not disadvantage inhabitants with this levy.	Feb 14, 2013 11:01 AM
1049	We would if Council would address the drainage problem in Wharf Road, Green Point. The mosquito problem is appalling. In three years our rates have nearly doubled. Apart from a garbage collection we don't see very much from Council at our end of the Village.	Feb 14, 2013 9:40 AM
1050	I believe that councils need to be able to maintain their public lands with the income they have available from rates and other regular income, not from extra levies. You have already had this levy for some years, and if you have it for another 6 then you will rely on it and be unable to be sustainable without it - that's a big problem!	Feb 14, 2013 8:37 AM
1051	Reduce the size of local government rather than continue to slug rate payers. We pay for a full & complete garbage, recycling & green bin service but only use it about 6 weeks per year... then are charged to use the local tip. This applies to 80% of the dwellings in Tea Gardens & Hawks Nest. Council does not deserve more money to waste.	Feb 14, 2013 8:37 AM
1052	Council is doing a good job in this area and needs to continue	Feb 14, 2013 8:25 AM
1053	What mechanism is being considered for holiday makers to contribute, given they benefit from council's environmental works as does local business?????	Feb 14, 2013 8:01 AM
1054	I want the levy to also improve the health of the Myall River at Tea Gardens by dredging where necessary. I do not want all the money spent at Forster but spread throughout the Great Lakes area.	Feb 14, 2013 7:40 AM
1055	It's criminal that the council continues to charge this "special" levy especially after ten years on. A "special" levy is a short duration for extraordinary issues. It's misleading and criminal that the council continues to extend this levy. It indicates to residents mismanagement of council finances and an inability of intelligent urban planning.	Feb 14, 2013 3:44 AM
1056	People don't live in the Great Lakes for the public transport, the undercover parking at shops or the empty roads at holiday time - they live there because it's a beautiful place to live. The thousands of annual visitors also come for the environment, and those visitors provide a large part of local businesses annual income. If the beautiful condition of the waterways at the moment (even with all the recent rain) is down to the special levy, then it's money well spent. Though I am not a ratepayer, I do contribute to the LGA in other ways, like voluntary work for community organisations 'over there'.	Feb 13, 2013 10:01 PM
1057	I hope to be a ratepayer in the Great Lakes area in the near future and the main reason I chose to live here was the area's natural beauty & great waterways. I would not object to paying an environmental/dredging levy in the future to protect our environment. Keep up the good work.	Feb 13, 2013 9:53 PM
1058	Wholeheartedly support paying the levy because of all the good things it delivers to our environment and our lifestyle.	Feb 13, 2013 9:26 PM
1059	I only just received the newsletter about the special levy. I live in Sydney but have been coming to Forster Tuncurry since 1975. My wife and I bought a holiday home in Forster in 2002. We both fully support the levy and congratulate the Council for its great work in not just maintaining our beautiful natural waterways but improving them. This work doesn't happen overnight but requires a long term strategy with proper funding. Well done	Feb 13, 2013 9:05 PM

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and keep up the great work. [REDACTED]

1060	Dredging various areas to prevent further silt build up. An excellent idea building a rock wall to prevent sand run off which also contributes to silt build up.	Feb 13, 2013 9:04 PM
1061	We would approve a 6% levy if it was directed to improvements at NAC as our substantial rates are subsidising the rest of the community of GL.	Feb 13, 2013 8:32 PM
1062	The levy has provided for significant public benefit through an enhanced natural environment. It is imperative that it is continued	Feb 13, 2013 7:50 PM
1063	The levy is a never ending impost on ratepayers, paying for works and programs with very poor results. Stop wasting money and mismangaging grants. Give ratepayers a refund or at very least a break in the rates. Use others' money wisely.	Feb 13, 2013 7:27 PM
1064	The work council has done to date has been extraordinary. Fully support the continuation to keep this place healthy for my kids and I.	Feb 13, 2013 7:24 PM
1065	I get nothing from the council no benefit from the region. I do not wish to pay more money to support other rate payers who get benefits when I get none.	Feb 13, 2013 7:00 PM
1066	As long as the public can see value for money eg. improvement in wallis lake water quality and improved navigation of channels in wallis lake for boats then most people would be happy to pay the levy.	Feb 13, 2013 5:58 PM
1067	Ms Jan Williams, Mayor and Glen Handford, GM, Great Lakes Council, You will know from past mails, conversations and letters to the GLA Editor, I take more than a passing interest in local matters. The first thing that struck me about the survey above was the obvious high cost incurred by Council in the compiling, producing and posting. Did it really need to be on four (4) coloured gloss pieces of paper ??? I acknowledge that, in these day of Community Consultation and 'Political Correctness', surveys like the above need to be carried out. Having said that, I would wager London to a Brick, the greater majority of ratepayers will NOT read the glossy brochure/s and, if they do, could NOT care two hoots about the matter. My questions to you are: 1. Whilst accepting not all ratepayers have e-mail facilities, why not endeavour to have as many ratepayer e-mail addresses on file and despatch such material via this medium. I further accept this method has some flaws with change of e-addresses etc. Whilst I am the furthestest thing from being even a junior technocrat, could not Council get the above message across to some residents via Twitter and Facebook??? I note many latge concerns are linked to these new mediums. I say again, my knowledge in this IT area is very, very low, so please, do not shoot the messenger of this suggestion. 2. Why the costly outlay of coloured glossy paper with all the pics? 3. Why not simply include the necessary info with a tear-off survey section on the near blank white A4 piece of paper that came with the brochures ?? 4. I am surprised Council management cannot see the hypocrisy of wanting to continue with an environmental levy for cleaner water etc and yet waste so much time, money, energy AND paper !!!! Finally, I know full well you are both busy with a myriad of issues and I do not seek a lengthy and detailed reply. A simple acknowledgement will suffice for now followed up with a brief chat on the matter when next we meet. Regards, [REDACTED]	Feb 13, 2013 5:43 PM
1068	I think dredging in the lakes area around Wallis Island needs to be carried out as a matter of urgency as navigation is getting very difficult and extremely dangerous. Keeping the oyster farmers happily dredged is one	Feb 13, 2013 5:21 PM

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thing however all tax and rate payers are entitled to enjoy the waterways and navigate safely. It is only a matter of time before someone gets hurt as a result of negligence and who is going to be liable for that?? Regards..Tax and Rate Payer.

1069	Rates are far to high as it is. My leaving the area is a consideration. Dredging should be dealt with by private contractors.	Feb 13, 2013 5:10 PM
1070	The improvements are noticeable and the area is increasingly attractive and livable.	Feb 13, 2013 5:06 PM
1071	The health of our natural environment is important to the well-being of all residents.	Feb 13, 2013 5:06 PM
1072	I am unsure, where has it been outlined ? or is it the \$25 stormwater levy that appears on our rates notice ? I am happy to add to that \$25 to bring it up to the \$60 you suggest, but no more.. Definately not 6% of my current rate... Thank you.	Feb 13, 2013 5:04 PM
1073	It's a must, without this funding the water way will go back to the bad old days. People have to funds these projects, they don;t look after themselves.	Feb 13, 2013 4:45 PM
1074	Firstly: Age, sex, rate payments and residential information are discriminatory in a survey of this kind and has little impact on infomation obtained. I see our waterways polluted by run off and storm water egress to the main channels. There is little, or no control, evident in outlying areas. Recent dredging in the main lake system was well overdue and not sufficient, in my opinion. As a resident and boat user in the area I do not expect to have to encounter the build up of sand that we have experienced in recent years throughout the channel system in the main lakes. Further, there is no evidence of any improvements to outlying natural waterways. If Council wishes to apply a levy, there is an expectation that the levy would be used to improve areas, instead of sitting on the monies raised and putting interest and principle towards other projects. I appreciate that the area we live in is 'Great Lakes Council' but not all residents live around the immediate vicinity of the lake system and object to the raising of levies that do not benefit them. I can be contacted at email [REDACTED] should you wish to discuss this further.	Feb 13, 2013 4:33 PM
1075	It's crucial that the environment is protected so that the area retains its popularity as a tourist destination	Feb 13, 2013 4:23 PM
1076	Please keep our waterways and lakes pristine for us and future generations. How much did it cost to have the glossy brochures sent to households?	Feb 13, 2013 3:32 PM
1077	I oppose this levy as it was intended to initaly cover a period of 3 yrs from 1997. It has been reintroduced ever since so this levy has essentially become a rate increase.Time for it to end.	Feb 13, 2013 2:55 PM
1078	If those who can pay a little bit more we will all reep the benefits in the future.	Feb 13, 2013 2:50 PM
1079	But definitely not beyond 2020	Feb 13, 2013 2:36 PM
1080	The health of the environment is very important specially for future generations. Keep up the good work!!	Feb 13, 2013 2:25 PM
1081	I would like to see something done to the stormwater channel from Kularoo Drive and behind Stockland Mall. It is always overgrown & full of rubbish and	Feb 13, 2013 1:05 PM

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	is an eyesore	
1082	I work and visit the Great Lakes area. The continuation of the Levy is critical for maintaining and enhancing the natural environment and continuing the fine work of Council. It would be a travesty for the Levy not to be continued.	Feb 13, 2013 1:01 PM
1083	I would support a levy targeted at the economic development of the shire. Better economic development would increase council revenue from standard sources and would improve the poor socio-economic outcomes prevalent in much of the shire.	Feb 13, 2013 12:51 PM
1084	This is necessary to continue the protection of our local environment.	Feb 13, 2013 10:26 AM
1085	Get rid of some of the dead wood in council administration and use that money for the project. many people who live in this area have no use for the lakes or waterways and it is just another money grab that elderly people are going to be subject to. The levy should be applied to business that derive a benefit from the lakes and surroundings.	Feb 13, 2013 9:46 AM
1086	Program is run by idiots. Why pump sand onto islands and banks. First storm, guess where it goes. Wallis is in the worst condition I have seen in 40 years. Oyster leases lost , very shallow, fish stocks poor, is this what our money buys	Feb 13, 2013 9:35 AM
1087	If it help,s the sustainability of the lake for tourism as well as the oyster industry it,s good. In saying that , cost and efficiency must always be considered.	Feb 13, 2013 9:29 AM
1088	Once a levy is put on it appears it will never be removed, which is wrong, it should NOT be continued, we pay enough rates as it is. you are pricing people out of living in this area. After living here for nearly 28 years, I really don't want to have to move elsewhere, but it looks as if I will have to. Self funded retirees incomes are dimishing, with interest rates reducing, and all expenses are increasing.	Feb 13, 2013 9:09 AM
1089	the lake is clean, if a cleaner lake is needed let oyster farmers pay for it from oyster sales.no dredging as this is controlled by nature and will be never ending.	Feb 13, 2013 9:06 AM
1090	The water quality and cleanliness must be maintained.	Feb 13, 2013 8:03 AM
1091	As long as we can see that we are getting something back for the money that we pay.	Feb 13, 2013 7:51 AM
1092	Council needs to urgently attend to dredging the eastern channel of the Myall River mouth before further environmental damage occurs. The State Gov't report was rubbish!. Anyone who does not believe the river mouth needs urgent attention is a fool!!!!	Feb 13, 2013 7:50 AM
1093	Just get on and continue the good work. Surely Council has worked out by now that the levy is well supported and should be permanent.	Feb 12, 2013 11:09 PM
1094	We have to keep a healthy lake system in our beautiful area. It's just common sense.	Feb 12, 2013 8:05 PM
1095	Perhaps more obvious information on what you are doing for the environment so people can see it. Signs up at places that have had work completed to improve the environment explaining what work was done and	Feb 12, 2013 6:52 PM

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	why and what impact it will have on our local environment. Just a thought.	
1096	We cannot cope financially with more taxes.	Feb 12, 2013 6:40 PM
1097	Keep up the dredging, it IS making a difference.	Feb 12, 2013 5:53 PM
1098	Yes, provided the levy is used exclusively for the intended purpose and not diverted to cover inefficiencies in other areas.	Feb 12, 2013 5:49 PM
1099	I fully support the initiative to continue indefinitely.	Feb 12, 2013 5:45 PM
1100	Since the greatest environmental damage in the long term will be the result of climate change, Council should be maximising its efforts to persuade local Federal and State members of Parliament to take meaningful action to reduce emissions and promote alternative energy sources.	Feb 12, 2013 5:26 PM
1101	A levy is basically a tax and Australians already are paying too much tax. Council should look to cutting wasteful programs rather than always raising our taxes.	Feb 12, 2013 4:40 PM
1102	As long as dredging is undertaken around the Keys and the channel to Forster as it has become DANGEROUS.	Feb 12, 2013 4:40 PM
1103	Having read the newsletter, I now understand the background behind the imposing of the levy and the importance for its continuation. Keep up the good work!	Feb 12, 2013 4:17 PM
1104	especially if it means the drainage channel running behind Bunnings and Kularoo Drive gets properly cleaned up and maintained because it is an absolute disgrace normally!!!!	Feb 12, 2013 4:00 PM
1105	I feel it is always the rate payer who cops all the levies. What about all the tourists and rent payers who also use and enjoy the lake.	Feb 12, 2013 3:56 PM
1106	Would be interested what grants are being received by Council flyer says "significant grant funds being allocated" how much are we talking about ? Also what is shortfall ? Thanks	Feb 12, 2013 3:44 PM
1107	Rates for the great lakes are already high compared to similar local govt areas. Have a look at the external council workers standing around leaning on shovels. Cut rates not increase them.	Feb 12, 2013 3:32 PM
1108	Council rates are to expensive	Feb 12, 2013 3:20 PM
1109	An idea for you. Stop replacing curb and gutter that already exists in the cbd that may save you some money also the traffic islands in kularoo drive (whos bright idea was that!) are another waste of money. Some things you could give up doing and you will have the money you are trying to drain from us	Feb 12, 2013 2:59 PM
1110	100% support levy. Important to keep this beautiful lakes area pristine, it's was a major reason I chose to move here upon retirement!	Feb 12, 2013 2:51 PM
1111	Yes to the environment aspect of the levy, but I am concerned that Council may bend to pressure from the ill informed and dredge the Myall river. There is no evidence that it will improve water quality.	Feb 12, 2013 2:41 PM
1112	I am fully in support of this levy and congratulate council on it's initiative. My only comment whilst the amount that would be saved in the big picture is	Feb 12, 2013 2:38 PM

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minuscule, I feel is worth noting. I do not see the need for the glossy brochure that was mailed to rate payers advising of this proposal. Surely a more low cost publication would have achieved the same result.

1113	Provided that the money collected by this levy is not used to fund the dredging of useless waterways such as FORSTER KEYS!!!!.	Feb 12, 2013 2:38 PM
1114	I am happy to pay for this	Feb 12, 2013 2:31 PM
1115	this survey is completed for my wife and myself. We would like to see regular advice on future projects and subsequent results from the levy if funding is agreed by residents.	Feb 12, 2013 2:24 PM
1116	The Lake is the lifeblood of the town and it is important to the towns survival that it continue to be maintained to a level that attracts tourists and supports local industry.	Feb 12, 2013 1:32 PM
1117	would be nice to see where the levy gets spent.	Feb 12, 2013 1:22 PM
1118	GLC has always applied for the maximum increase plus more thorough IPAT but lucky for us they realize how excessive they are. Other council seem aware that increases over the inflation rate cause hardship.	Feb 12, 2013 12:36 PM
1119	How much of the Council area does the Special Rate cover? Does this levy support environmental programs out in Stroud or on the Karuah River? Would be nice to know.	Feb 12, 2013 12:30 PM
1120	Providing it's use is cost effective	Feb 12, 2013 12:18 PM
1121	What is the necessity of question 1 to 4. Obviously you already have this information or you would not have sent me the newsletter. Also, I live in "The Lakes Estate" area. This waterway is becoming clogged with some form of weed on the water. Has anybody taken note of it and if so what can be done. A survey of people in this area would be interesting.	Feb 12, 2013 11:52 AM
1122	I recently took a kayak trip down the Myall river. The bank erosion was shocking as there were many large boats going up and down the river at high speed. People engaged in water skiing and fun races virtually under the 4 knots speed limit signs. It seems to me that there is abosutely no policing going on. Perhaps GLC could use some of the levy and get together with the National Parks to ensure that Myall River is not completeley destroyed by idiots.	Feb 12, 2013 11:34 AM
1123	Need to dredge northern side of wallis island as navagation blocked. Need to dredge pipers bay (northern end near kenrose canal) so triathalons and navagation can continue	Feb 12, 2013 11:07 AM
1124	The environmental works undertaken as a result of this levey benefit the whole community by ensuring our lakes and beaches remain safe, clean and attractive for the oyster and tourism industries	Feb 12, 2013 10:37 AM
1125	I do not support this levy as I'm a rate payer for land at North Arm Cove, a pocket of land that is not deemed inportant enough to re-zone residential, yet you are happy to collect ratres. So until the land is re-zoned residential, i will not actively support this project. Thanks [REDACTED]	Feb 12, 2013 10:18 AM
1126	The environment is critical to this area and Great Lakes Council has done an excellent job managing it.	Feb 12, 2013 9:51 AM

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1127	Purchasing - will be a future ratepayer	Feb 12, 2013 9:32 AM
1128	While I agree with dredging of the lake to allow for navigation, I question some of the measures taken to prevent lake contamination.eg enviro pods!!!	Feb 12, 2013 9:25 AM