

Local Government Team,
Independent Pricing & Regulatory Tribunal of NSW
P.O. Box K35,
Haymarket Post Shop. NSW 1240

24th February, 2015

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Special Variation above the Rate Peg in 2015/16 and 2016/17

Ballina Shire Council has applied for an 11.0% cumulative increase over two years to be retained permanently in the rates base, mainly to upgrade Ballina and Alstonville pools.

Considering that many families and businesses in the Shire are "hurting financially" at the moment, and the downturn in the economy, we feel this is an unjust impost on the shire residents and ask that you decline this Council's application.

One only has to look around and notice closed business shop fronts and the unemployment figures in this shire, to see that this is an inopportune time to ask residents to fund something which most residents do not even use. Also, the current facilities are more than adequate.

Good financial management dictates that when income doesn't match expenditure, one needs to cut back on expenditure. Most households have had to do this, of late. Surely the Council could follow suit.

Yours sincerely,

CONCERNED RESIDENTS OF ALSTONVILLE

