

Dear Sir,

Last year I wrote to Ipart via email voicing my concern about Coffs Harbour City Council's proposed extra rate rise for the next 3 years. Firstly I would like to thank you for not granting the whole three years and only approving year 2014/2015.

I am bewildered to read this week, after three council surveys with the large majority voting against such a rate rise, they are going to apply for the next two years anyway.

This is ironic as their General Manager, last year hired a firm of consultants to tell him how to do his job in a more efficient manner. The consultants reported back with a range of suggestions. They recommended firstly the council need to reduce running costs and they should start by reducing staff starting at the top.

The council formed a program which they named T2S (transition to sustainability).

The General Manager was chosen to head this program.

I am not aware of any staff reductions, but this week the council announced they had voted 3 to 2 to award the General Manager a significant pay rise which reportedly brought his salary to \$300,000.00 per annum or \$5,770.00 weekly (\$1000.00 a day).

This is very hard for struggling rate payers to comprehend.

So I would like to finish by saying this council are not listening to its rate payers and are blatant in their disregard for people who have worked all their life to raise a family and buy a home and now may lose it.

Thank your for taking the time to read my letter.

Regards

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