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To: Local Government Mailbox

We have been a rate payers in the Blue Mountains for over 17 years and we would like to say that we believe this rate increase cannot be justified in any way. We were one of the only "less than 12%" who completed the survey and we voted "NO" to any increase at all. This council has notoriously wasted the ratepayers good money over many many years and many of the council projects that have been funded with our money, should have been funded by involving private enterprise as well as council funds. Council has no idea how to budget correctly and we believe the financial mess BMCC is in is a direct result of this. We believe Hawkesbury Shire Council encompasses an area similar to BMCC and it has half the employees to BMCC and it manages well and is in a healthy financial state. BMCC has too many employees who do not do their job properly and get paid too much for doing nothing. How did it take me 20 phone calls to the same person at council over 4.5 months to finally get a result, when at the outset she had agreed that the mapping issue was incorrect? On the 20th phone call I raised my voice and miraculously the next day, the map was changed! Is this not a gross waste of council's time and MONEY in having this person working for them? How many underachieving people are hiding out in the council chambers? We have absolutely no respect for council and their inept way of doing things. We believe BMCC should become a part of Penrith Council from Faulconbridge down and from Linden and up, should be joined with Lithgow Council. BMCC should be entirely done away with and we could finally get rid of all the dead wood in there. Why are they always able to give themselves such substantial pay raises when the wider community must tighten its' belt? BMCC believes it is a law unto itself and listens to no one. This is a very self important attitude and they have gotten away with it for too many years. It is time that people take a stand and say what they think so something may be done about it. To think that BMCC can apply for this rate increase of 40% over the next four years is justifiably infuriating, especially knowing that it will be wasted on their wage increases and other things that the majority of rate payers are not in agreement with. It is proof of the audacity of this council that they even try to push ahead with this rate increase proposal, considering so few people took part in the survey! How can they consider they have a mandate when so few people took part in the survey and many may not have understood fully what was at stake? Please put our "NO" to this proposal in CAPITAL LETTERS!!!!

Sincerely,

