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Submission: as an owner of property in the Eurobodalla, i kept abreast of the issues facing the local council in respect to the maintenance of infrastructure. councils across nsw have faced similar problems and despite addressing expenditure in a vigorous manner. also, i note that the eurobodalla council has not has a successful application to increase rates in nearly a decade. this continued circumstance cannot continue and must be addressed. i believe the council has put forward a strong case to warrant what i see is a modest increase of 6.5% (4.1% above the standard fro nsw). they have articulated where the funds will be spent, prioritised each project accordingly and outlined a mechanism to ensure validation of expenditure is monitered. i hereby request you support the councils application with the knowledge that the silent majority understands the reasoning and wishes the shire to grow and offer continued services. thank you