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Submission: My concern regarding this rate rise is 2 fold. Firstly the only reason I became aware of it was by visiting the council website for an unrelated reason, I have received no correspondence from the council at all. The second concern is the disproportionate increase towards farmland and the service levels that they receive. I own dry farmland in the Wakool shire however I live in a neighbouring shire. The rates for my farmland, with a value around \$250k, will see an increase in the first year of around \$150 yet a residential block with a similar value sees an increase of around a third of this. I will receive no benefit from any increase in rates yet the people who reside in the towns will. The council spends most of their revenue in the residential/business areas yet most of the rates are collected from farmers. . If the Wakool council is unable to operate in a sustainable fashion then they should be treated no differently to any other entity. They should either close down and cease to exist, I will not notice any difference in service levels, or amalgamate with neighbouring councils. Farmers should not have to continue to support residential areas and receive little or no benefits themselves.