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Submission: I wish to object to Ballina Council's application for a rate rise as it is unwanted and unfair. After consulting the community to find an overwhelming majority were against the rate hike for the pool upgrades, the council decided to increase the rates anyway. Also the decision to have fluoridation of our water supply - which would cost rate payers \$100,000 pa. was made with no community consultation. There should have been a poll conducted before this decision was made. I hope you will investigate the validity of Council's public consultation process and reject the special variation rate increase. Thank you. p.s. It would be great if people could have 'direct' voting via the internet to increase people power (like a referendum on important issues on a yearly basis.) To bring about true democracy.