

Independent Pricing and
Regulatory Tribunal

03-03-2021

Dear Sir,

I protest against the rate rises proposed by the Kairpool Plains Shire Council based at Quirindi.

1) The farmers graziers and most of the business in town have not yet recovered from the recent devastating drought bringing the average farm debt to approx. \$500,000 dollars. Some have prospered in tyre industries as you can't carry on freighting goods to keep people alive without using rubber tyres. Some others have done quite well electrical repairs and Building repairs and plumbing as these are essential to carry on. They are in the minority.

2) I have never in my over 80 years seen so many vacant shops in this town. This trend so far is increasing to date.

3) The Library Complex being built now by a Jamworth firm for a total of \$3,500 Qd. 1,700 Warris Creek Willow Tree a few hundred Currabubula a Country Village Spring Ridge aka Caroon and Walabadah all Country villages of very few people. At the sum of 1.3 to 1.6 million dollars. The truth is hard to find. as it started out as a \$195,000 refurbishment it is only 1 story, and the blowout is just total incompetence, no common sense.

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It is a total rebuild of perhaps unbelievable costs and needed 8200,000 diverted from road maintenance to complete, As it will be a bare building more expense has to be incurred to fully furnish it.

3. As an aged pensioner living in an over 100 years old roomed wooden Shack I will not be able to afford the increased rates and will be homeless instead of comfortable right now.

I am not the only one Qais people are ageing and becoming a larger percentage of the population.

I beg of you to deny the Council the right to increase the rates before they drive the majority of the population out of town.

N.B there is a large block vacant, owned by the Council next door to the Council Chamber, it was proposed by at least 1 Councillor and others a much larger Library Complex could be built there and at something like $\frac{1}{2}$ the present expenditure.

Yours sincerely

