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Submission: 1. the unstable nature of Local Government boundaries under the current state government amalgamations project would cause rate base inconsistency problems if Taree and Gloucester council merge with GLC. it would be better for this amalgamations issue to be finalised before special rate variations are considered for all Councils involved.

2. the GLC submission does not provide a 'score sheet' on projects scheduled and completed for the previous special variations granted (2012-2016). Is GLC meeting the works schedules for works completion. is this more money for existing projects (2012-2016) or future works (2016-2020).

3. The GLC submission does not provide a cost benefit analysis from the previous special variation to work performed. Is GLC using best practice and achieving value for money, What is the cost % of GLC admin/office cost to actual works materials and labour for previous projects and how has this % changed over time?

4. the special environmental and dredging levy application does not identify income stream from the use/sale of sand dredged. future costs are budgeted but income is not accounted for. the dredged sands have previously being sold or used in Council projects.

5. The Environmental and dredging levy is being used to supplement state projects to which the Council wishes to expedite for self gratification. Example being the Darawak wetlands purchase and rehab. these project should not proceed until full state funding is achieved. i.e. state timetable.

6. the environment and dredging levy is wasted on the Jimmys beach sand reclamation project. Millions have been spent on this project over 20+ years and the current status is no sand, road washed away and no nett benefit. Council is still approving residential development on this highly erodible sand peninsula. this is not explained in GLC submission. no more special money should be collected until a detailed plan is developed with funding guarantees from relevant state government stakeholders.

7. GLC ratepayers pay some of the highest LG rates in NSW. GLC should be restricted to work within the rate pegging system, manage internal costs.

Happy to discuss