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Submission: The main reason for the rise was to clean up & improve the Richmond River. The river is a State responsibility & passes through many council areas. The scope of works for Ballina council do not include State run responsibilities. It can't fulfill its community obligations in fixing roads, parks etc yet wants to involve itself in State Govt projects. 90% of Ratepayers surveyed were against this rate rise however Concil still went ahead with it. They have wasted thousands of dolars on a survey, just to ignore it. We already pay well over \$2000 a year in rates. [REDACTED]