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Subject: Clarence Valley Council's proposed 37% rate increase.

Hello @ ipart. Please disallow the proposed 37% rate increase that has been proposed by the Clarence Valley Council. Please ask the question of Clarence council, "If you are short of money, why are you proposing to build a multi-million dollar 'super' depot in South Grafton???"

Our region has suffered too many economic 'hits' over the past 7 years that we have lived in the Valley, as a result of private and public sector business closures.

Many people are struggling financially here as a result, and this proposed large and unfair increase to our rates could be the last straw. Some may have to sell their homes as a result. We, the residents in our regional towns do not earn 'big city' wages. Many of us are pensioners. We will really feel the negative financial impact from this large increase. Our standard of living will certainly drop to compensate for larger rates payments. Regional cities and towns 'do it tough'. This proposed increase to our rates will certainly make life tougher for us.

Council needs to live within their means by using our current rates wisely and efficiently, not keep hitting residents for extraordinary rate increases every time their bottom line needs an injection of funds.

Thank you for your time.

Yours very sincerely,

Mrs Anne Barton
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