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Subject: unacceptable rate increase

Hi I totally against a rate increase of 29% over two years as applied for by Shoalhaven City Council, why ist the Department of Fair Trading looking into the outrages increase. I attended two local meetings at Sussex Inlet where it was said by a Shoalhaven councillor that by the year 2020 Shoalhaven Council will be debt free from current gets and loans now why are they wanting a 29% increase over two years, yes i know the Shoalhaven is in bad shape as its been vastly neglected in maintenance, for example a jetty belonging to the Council had no repairs for near 30 years, council deemed it as unsafe why simple because they had neglected it for all those years,another is the storm water canals in Sussex Inlet no maintenance for near or possible over 30 years, a local group called Safe Navigational Action Group (S.N.A.G.S.) called upon the council to dredge the sand from the main river to allow safe voyage for boats using the water ways, some way they also looked at dreading these storm water canals but after checking the water depth found that the depth had not change all that much they then decided to replace the sandy beaches at the rear of houses along the canals why as most are never used, some beaches replaced to hide the asbestos sheeting used as a retaining wall, if you or I tried replacing sand to cover up dangerous asbestos sheeting we possibly be ask to move the danger not just cover it with 600mm of sand which in time will be exposed again by tide and flood waters. But getting back to the rate increase this would only put hardship on home owners as many are old age pensioners plus it would also increase landlord charging a higher weekly rental. I say to the Shoalhaven City Council look at cost cutting within the council, look at what council cars that are not really required in the job subscription, cut back on expenses as a private company would do rethink about amalgamation with Kiama this would surely cut down numbers needed (if your doing your job as required you will not have a problem of losing it) AMALGAMATE with KIAMA. I move a vote of no confidence in the Shoalhaven Council. Also one other issue I have contacted the office of Ann Sudmalis (as yet no return call) asking why is it parts of Gilmore have 100% of their sewage allowance rebate for aged pensioners while other parts of Gilmore only given a 10-15% rebate and why the discrimination , yes I know some are supplied by Sydney Water and others by Shoalhaven water, yes Sydney has a higher charge on water used then Shoalhaven but I would rather have Sydney's higher used water charge and the 100% rebate on my sewage allowance i would still be 6 to 7 hundred dollars better of.

**PLEASE STOP THIS UNACCEPTABLE RATE INCREASE**

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