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Greetings

Our local newspaper has advised us Coffs ratepayers that, despite an overwhelming majority of respondents rejecting any special rate rise, our local council has gone ahead and sought your approval for just such an increase. Please say no. The reason they don't have the funding for roads etc is that they waste money on every arts and sports function that comes along. Just to top it off, they are spending another \$25,000 on an overseas junket to Japan for a "sister city" visit. If they weren't wasting so much of our rate money, they would have plenty for basic functions. There are a lot of welfare-dependent people in Coffs and we can't afford to pay more for our councillors to go on overseas junkets and indulge their individual artistic and sporting interests. They block just about every development that could bring in extra money (including additional rates) and then cry poor asking you to let them extort more money from ratepayers. The response to their "consultation process" was emphatic. Please don't treat Coffs ratepayers with the same contempt that our councillors do - don't approve any additional rate increase above the CPI.

Yours faithfully

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