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Submission: Dear Sir/Madam I write to object to Wakool Shire Council's application for a special rate variation. As a rate payer I made the time during our busy harvest period to participate in a community consultation session. The outcome of this session when put to a show of hands was that the Council's proposals received unanimous opposition. The community further suggested the Council might look to get its own house in order prior to seeking to raise additional funds from a economically stressed rural community. This has not occurred rather quite the opposite. The council's workforce has continued to grow & no sign of a review or efficiency drive. Consultation is supposed to mean listening to the community, it is not simply a box to be ticked on the way through. Andrew Douglas