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Dear Sir,

I am writing about what I consider total incompetence of the Clarence Valley Council. This Council seems to go from crisis to another.

At the present moment, the Council is over \$150 Million dollars in debt. It has plans to further increase that debt by over \$15 Million Dollars for the construction of a new works depot.

To pay for their incompetence, the Council has attempted to obtain a rate rise that equates to over 37% over 5 years. That is just not acceptable.

The rate rise, if approved, would have a devastating effect on the residents of the Clarence Valley, who are mostly pensioners and people on fixed incomes.

The proposal to build a works depot is just one of utter incompetence for the following reasons.

- 1) The proposal is next to a fully operational High School housing over 800 children.
- 2) The site has been contaminated by asbestos.
- 3) The traffic congestion from cars, trucks and earthmoving machines, from this depot would impose a hazard to nearby neighbours and the High School.
- 4) The safety of the school children must be a priority.

As this council obviously has little idea of basic administration procedures, I would recommend that an administrator be appointed to Clarence Valley Council.

The administrator may be able to correct the stupidity that is occurring at present.

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