

IPART, My considerations being I strongly oppose this excessive and unwarranted rate RISE.

Firstly IPART why don't you call it for what it is, A Rate RISE how you have determined a Rise/increase a measured proportional increase is associated with a PEG is astounding, why have you taken the public for fools attempting to disguise reality using washed down week government wording instead of the truth.

Please be factual in future it is and always will be an "Increase".

1. The alleged purposes of this rate Rise being "Healthy Waterways", In particular the Richmond River and associated estuaries, some several hundred kilometres of tidal water stretching from Ballina NSW to Casino Lismore, Coraki and beyond. The entire catchment itself extending well beyond the Border Rangers and beyond the southern QLD boarder, a huge catchment and feeder of runoff into what is in comparison to a rather small waterway.
2. Ballina Shire Council have to date not produced any management plans or strategic measures to prevent farm run of or pollutants entering the Tidal estuary system.
3. In fact the bulk of pollutants and serious contaminates both herbicides and pesticides and toxins stream into the local water by the gig- litres in the event of rain fall which sits on low set farm land and cropping areas, rice sugar cane and macadamia for example.
4. The control gates pictures show eventually release this untreated polluted soup direct to the waterway on an unfathomable unregulated scale.



5. Essentially these are "permitted pollution", with council not addressing this major pollution activity in any way shape or form, hence by Neglect BSC and many other councils are consenting to this polluting activity.
6. The perpetrators polluters and individuals should be accountable, no my wallet.
7. The financial burden of a Clean Waterway Strategy should be shouldered by dozens of councils and hundreds and thousands of ratepayers opposed to the immediate 42,000 residences.
8. My last count there are many many dozens of these mitigation gates throughout the Richmond River. Notwithstanding many other industrial piggery cattle farm infrastructure generating unmanaged pollutants.

Why wouldn't the major polluters be required to pay more being the major cause of pollution and water degeneration?

Why aren't past councillors initially approving these directly called and question about accountability?

What is the guarantee of Clean Waterway? ZERO as I suspect my money will be wasted, As usual there will be no one accountable, either the proposing scientist with tax funded REF or councillors who implement these strategies.

As my community, constituents and fellow workers expect and proposing councillors and those accountable will simply walk away, my money wasted and in vain, seldom is there guarantees or bureaucrats taking ownership of these matters.

How can a department like yours consider this proposal all, some \$440 increase compounded over next three years when you approve increase to utilities, gas, water, power with increases tenfold beyond CPI, and a false index you have provided indeed.

Please visit the "Bureau of statistics" your own government's facts and statistics.

Wouldn't a reasonable rate increase benchmark be the councils pay increases they afford their own staff, I encourage you seek this information.

My wage certainly does not increase at this proposed rate rise annually therefore and increase is detriment my living standards. And puts country families in arrears

I would also think a reasonable test being the average wage for the area, 2478, council rates should be reduced accordingly.

Consequently across many NSW councils a call for FIT for the Future meant instant and excessive rates rise, a conflict of interest at best yet many approvals from government.

Based on evidence this "Clean Waterways" has no strategic planning in place.

The majority of the funding is sought from one Council and immediate residence, the proposal needs a much broader scope across a regional demographic.

The rate Rise is out of order excessive way beyond the prescribed CPI and local economics.

There is no demonstration how Council arrived at this magic figure, why not 10% a year.

Thankyou I look forward to a response.