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Submission: We are primary producers and have 2 properties within Dungog Shire running beef cattle. We currently pay over \$8000 per year for our rates.

We see the need for increasing the rates but believe Dungog shires submission is unfair on Land owners who have already suffered much hardship . We have been through massive floods and drought depleting our finances and earning capability. If Dungogs submission for the special rate variation is accepted as is, our rates will effectively be raised to over \$16000 per year. This would make our Farming business unviable.

Dungog shire council needs to accept that they are and always will be unviable. Stop shuffling the deckchairs on the titanic. It cannot be saved.