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Submission: I am greatly concerned about the continuing deterioration of our road infrastructure and I understand that this is the legacy we bear from many years of no increases. Whilst I recognise the councillors of the day may have thought they were doing the right thing, we are left with roads that are not maintained and are falling apart. It worries me that the area does not look as good as it should, that visitors constantly write about the state of our roads and that our area is now known for this. It is shameful. There are plenty of people who say that the council should spend our money more wisely, but there is plenty of information released by our council that tells us of the improvements they have made. For example, our council spends 40% of its budget on our roads compared to the average council spending 16%. That is no mean feat with a budget of \$50M. My wife and I are 100% supportive of this SRV and we are greatly appreciative of the council's concession for pensioners. We are also very impressed that the last SRV we paid continues to be spent on infrastructure and so we have no concerns that the council will do the same with this one. The Manning Valley needs some help and we should all be chipping in to give it that.