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Submission: The proposed increase is excessive and will be financially crippling to me as i am on a fixed income and at an age where future employment is unlikely. The the recent goverment grants recived by council and the future promises made by both major political parties along with the transfer back to the State govt of some main roads which will then be funded/upgraded by the state, the proposed rate increases will not be warranted. If the promised funding from which ever political party wins at the upcoming poll is not delivered as promised then they should be prosecuted under ICAC regulations.

Succesive state govts have ignored the basic funding rewuirements of all regional councils especially smaller country areas such as Dungog Shire.