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Submission: I am putting in a submission to give my support for the rate increase asked for by Dungog Shire Council. Due to the circumstances of the amalgamation process over the past 3 years our Shire has been in a bad situation where they were really in limbo. They could not look forward but know they can and this rate increase will allow them to start that process. We have no state funded roads, all Dungog's responsibility, such a burden. And how many wooden bridges that need replacing or repair. We need this rate rise. And it is only on the general rates over the seven years and it is a staggered rate increase, spreading it out so as not to be a burden. I, as a ratepayer, thinks this is fair. I want to do my bit for seeing our council head in the right direction. Also the council has updated and made their hardship policy more inclusive. Again I say we need this rate rise over the seven years