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Sincerely,
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Local Government

BELLINGEN SHIRE COUNCIL SPECIAL VARIATION APPLICATION

Individual

My main concerns about Bellingen Council's SV Application are that :

- a) above-IPART-recommended rate rises are becoming an entrenched feature, rising exponentially and on-goingly;
- b) high rate rises are unlikely to revert to IPART's recommended increase percentages once 'special variants' have become more the norm and easily accepted;
- c) the extensive rural roads and bridges on which Bellingen Council says it needs to spend the extra money are heavily used in our Shire by the departments of State Forestry and National Parks whose financial contribution (to my knowledge) is not at all in proportion to the wear and tear they cause by the tare weight and numbers of their timber trucks, heavy vehicles, equipment etc -- and rather than demand this contribution, it seems an easier route for the Council is to squeeze the (relatively low numbers of) residents and businesses for money via IPART;
- d) we have an increasingly numerous elderly population whose income does not rise concomitantly with high percentage rate rises, and who are given no assurance that Council will give rate discounts equivalent to high rate rises so they can stay in their homes.

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