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Submission: My family pays rates for land we own in the Isabella locality of the Oberon Local Government Area. I object to the proposed rate increase as excessive and unacceptable. In lieu of the proposed increase, Oberon Council and the NSW Government should reach an agreement whereby Forestry Corporation pays rates on land dedicated to the commercial production of timber. Forestry Corporation plantation forests represent a sizeable percentage of the Oberon LGA. Their operations utilise the Oberon LGA road network to transport logs and forestry machinery. However, the Corporation does not return to the community any rates for road maintenance, yet their operations contribute much of the wear and tear. In the longer term, Oberon Council should consider temporary betterment levies to fund infrastructure improvements. These would capture some or all of the resulting uplift in land values. One improvement would be the re-alignment of the main roads, e.g. the Duckmaloi Road, which are notoriously windy: hampering productivity and endangering lives.