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Submission: To whom it may concern, I wish to voice my opposition to the Clarence valley Council (CVC) special rate variation for the following reasons; the CVC has not in my opinion moved in any constructive way to reduce spending, The CVC has continued with projects of incredible cost in the face of considerable public opposition, the CVC is bloated with Full time equivalent employees (in non-hands on roles) that could be done away with, the CVC has wasted funds on road works that were non-essential at best, squanders at worst ( i have worked in road works and witnessed this). And, from a social perspective; the cost of rates increases to local persons will be passed on to already debt stressed families struggling to pay exorbitant rents here. Persons such as myself will struggle to pay the increase, and my wife and I both work, so how can a single income family afford this? The Clarence valley has a work force that is highly engaged in hospitality and tourism (where we work) and we have recently suffered a real cut to disposable income, in the form of penalty rate cuts, and to increase our costs is simply unjust. I am prepared to tighten my belt in the interest of profitability and competitiveness so why cant the CVC do the same, Sincerely