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Submission: The ratepayers of all amalgamated councils were promised by State Government that there would be no increase in rates for four years. Therefore, I am totally against a special rate variation for MidCoast Council. Why is this merged Council the only one? Our rates are already high. And as for "community consultation", this is always a farce. Meetings for this purpose are always conducted at a time which would be impossible for working people to attend. All this Council, which is under administration, does is "tick the boxes" for State Government. If they were "fair dinkum" they would be waiting until after council elections in September where the community could genuinely have a voice.