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Submission: I am a property holder and business person in Batemans Bay, owning both residential and commercial property. I understand Eurobodalla Shire Council's need for a rate rise, and support their strategy for managing finances. Without the income from the rate rise, basic, essential and fundamental services and community improvements will be withdrawn or provided in an inefficient or incomplete manner. Communities are always going to reject a rate rise because of the impact on their back pockets, but there are times when a rate rise, for the benefit of the community and of our children, is essential. For Eurobodalla Shire to continue to grow and prosper, a rate rise is essential. Kind regards [REDACTED]