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Submission: I object to the current SRV on the following grounds: 1. Council has failed to achieve any of the cosy savings identified on the forced amalgamation of the five Clarence Valley councils - indeed costs have bloomed since the amalgamation. 2. Council has failed to demonstrate a capacity to balance annual spending to within its revenue generating capability. 3. Council has failed to divest material loss making commercial operations (Grafton airport, South Grafton abattoir, Grafton regional galley, etc) thereby passing on these continuing losses to be borne by ratepayers. 4. Council has failed to clearly enunciate plans to cease further borrowings and repay all/any borrowings. Council promises to not increase borrowings are constantly ignored as new ventures are considered (Grafton water park, Yamba camping ground upgrade, etc). 5. Council has continued its mandate to be the biggest employer and, in so doing, passes the cost to ratepayers. Staff numbers appear very high compared to councils of similar size. 6. Council has failed to demonstrate any reasonable professional capacity to manage capital works programmes. The debacle of the Grafton central works depot is a perfect example of Council staff ineptitude. 7. Council continues with its delusion " it's all good " philosophy in lieu of making tough decisions for the benefit of current and future taxpayers. The appointment of an Administrator is needed to manage Council affairs.