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Submission: As one of the majority of Coffs Harbour rate payers who gave a resounding NO to the three poles carried out by the Council to determine support (or lack of same) for the Council applying for a Special Rate Variation, I wish to request IPART to reject the application. My reasons for making this request are: 1) Council's own research has clearly shown that the majority of rate payers DO NOT WANT THE PROPOSED INCREASE. 2) Six of the nine Councillors ignored the clear message that the ratepayers were sending to them. 3) As an aged pensioner, I am very aware that one must live within ones means - giving an excessive salary increase to the Council Officer who has not managed to keep the Council within its means and then ask the rate payers to make up for the increasing debt does not appear to be in the best interests of the ratepayers of this Council.