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Re: proposed rate rise Maitland City Council

I own a property in East Maitland. Last year I built a second dwelling (small two bedroom, about 60 sq m) on the same block ie: dual occupancy. Before building could begin I had to make a 'donation' to Council, in addition to DA's, of over \$10,000. I was told this went towards providing amenities in the area for the extra residents - in this case, two adults. The street is curbed, guttered and residence is close to many existing facilities. In light of this huge 'donation' I strongly oppose a rate rise. I am lead to believe all new constructions make this donation to council, and looking around at all the new homes being built in the Council area, there must be enormous revenue flowing in. Surely this could offset any rate rise. I am vehemently against a rate rise for this reason. I, for one, have contributed my more- than- fair share. Perhaps Council would consider an exemption for all of those property owners who have made these contributions of thousands of dollars for the privilege of building in this Council area.

I say: NO RATE RISE