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Subject: Proposed 20% rate rise \_ Bellingen Council...

To whom it may concern,

My wife and I, as ratepayers, vehemently oppose the proposed rate increase for a variety of reasons including:

- Bellingen Shire Council's incompetence over a whole range of matters and a complete lack of understanding and efficiency regarding their expenditure.
- Council rates within the Bellingen Shire are already amongst the highest in the state yet, apart from the recent "CBD revitalisation", which they completely got wrong, very little has ever been done within Bellingen. This is a low socio economic area yet many standard sized blocks in town are rated between \$2,500 and \$3,000 per annum. We previously lived 15 minutes outside of Bellingen and paid approx \$2,000 per annum in rates. We had no sewerage or water, absolutely no road upkeep, no garbage collection etc. We got absolutely nothing for our money.

Most people are opposing the rate rise because a rate increase is not the answer. A COMPLETELY NEW ADMINISTRATION IS!

Sincerely

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