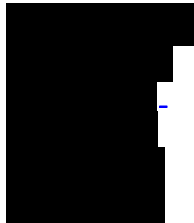


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To IPart



NSW 2460.

23-2-2018

Dear IPart

To whom it may concern

As a concerned ratepayer of the Clarence Valley in regard to council trying to impose on us a 26% SRV rate rise.

As a senior citizen of the valley, i'me afraid this huge rate increase will force me to sell my home and move. I will have to make serious decisions about life saving medications, food, household bills, vehicle expenses, and paying the extra 26% rate rise the council is trying to impose on us will cripple a lot of people, already doing it tough. Clarence Valley Council cannot curb their massive spending.

Why should we the valley residents have to pick up the short falls for a council who mismanaged funds, and spent beyond control.

Council are building a new super depot that we could not afford, and no-one wanted at a time when they are in financial crisis, and were declared not fit for the future.

The new so called super depot is like a gaol. It has rolled barbed wire all around the top of the fences like the state prisons. This fence backs onto Sth Grafton High School, so the children and teachers will view this every school day. It is also a highly populated residential area. There are soccer fields and school sporting fields there also. It is an eye saw in a town area. The rolled barbed wire on top of the fence was not on Councils DA plan.

A survey from C/V council was sent to all ratepayers and residents. The way it was worded was trickery for ratepayers, It was confusing and geared for the council to put into IPart for this massive rate hike they want. We were asked if we wanted the rate rise, otherwise more services would have to be cut. They will use it to their advantage. This was all political spin and threats to the ratepayers.

I simply cannot afford to pay the excessive rate rise they want.

Services have been cut already, we have no tourism centre here now, council closed that down. Our waste bin services have been cut back to every fortnight instead of weekly. Library services have been cut. C/V council have a high number of council workforce, with a huge amount of fleet cars, and a huge amount of mobile phones.

This is a low socio economic area. Shops are closing, people are out of work. More shops will be forced to close if this increase is granted, and people will be forced to sell up and move, otherwise they risk loosing their homes. Kids leaving school are forced to leave the area to gain work.

People are living on the streets, women and children are forced to live in their cars because of the high rents.

I am asking Ipart to please consider this SRV rise, it will impact so many people in the C/V.

Thanking you kindly

Regards

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