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Submission: Council has not achieved cost savings that were announced as part of the previous forced amalgamation of the five Clarence Valley councils. The Council has been wasteful and short sighted in spending money on projects such as the new library in Grafton and swimming pool (water park) upgrade in Grafton. Other population areas in the shire are faster growing e.g. Yamba - where infrastructure upgrades could be utilised by a larger number of residents. The Council has failed to be proactive in securing contracts e.g. the concrete construction contract for the new Harwood bridge. This valuable contract went to Coffs Harbour. The Grafton central works depot issue has been expensive and a debacle. The number of staff employed by the Council is high in comparison with councils elsewhere of a similar size. In summary I disagree with the Council's current SRV application because the Council has shown ineptitude in managing finances. Further revenue raising via ratepayers is not the answer to solving these financial mismanagement problems.