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Your submission for this review:

This submission is a continuation of one sent incomplete last week. I ran out of characters. Submission cont. When I first bought a property in the Gosford LGA in 1971 our rates included an additional component called a "Water and Sewage Loan". This levy was intended for the purpose of Gosford Shire residents paying for their Dam and reticulation and the Regional Sewage Works. Having paid this levy for many years, I am now told our Water rates are to be increased by a yet to be disclosed sum. This is on top of the recent general rates increase of, in my case, 38%. This increase was to reduce the council's current debt of half a billion dollars. I object strongly to the residents having to redress the incompetence of Central Coast Council who allowed this "blowout" in recent years to continue unabated. The Minister for Local Government at the time showed a dereliction of duty and her department in shambles. Budget reviews appear to have been non existent. Heads of Council's Departments were oblivious to their overspending, the [REDACTED] and his [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] went AWOL whilst collecting their generous salaries and bonuses . The elected Councillors blame anyone but themselves for not performing their civic duties. Audits by the Council and the Government failed to see glaring inconsistencies in Income and Expenditure. And the ratepayer is left to redress this [REDACTED]. Current Water and Drainage issues that need to be addressed are; Poor water volume at fish cleaning tables and subsequent health risks, Levying tourists for their water usage, Identifying sources of sewerage in stormwater drains that discharge onto Terrigal Beach, Dirty water in pipes, Health issues with water quality at Terrigal Beach and the Haven, Low water pressure in some areas and, Harmonise Water Rates to compensate former Gosford City LGA's residents who paid for the dam.