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Submission: We wish to object to the proposed SRV & urge the Tribunal to refuse Council's application. In a period of low wages growth, in one of the state's lowest socio economic areas, 25%+ is unreasonable. We urge you to investigate the claim that all other attempts at savings have been made.

We attended a Community Roundtable last June, as mentioned in CVC's submission, p58. Despite good suggestions it became apparent the 'roundtable' was to be a lecture justifying the position council planned to take. A question regarding the viability of Grafton airport (when most people travel to the larger jet services) was brushed aside with assurances that the operator would soon be charged higher landing fees. Time since has shown the exact opposite to have happened, with the operator requesting a trial discount in fees to attract more customers.

We also completed the survey referred to p59, finding it superficial and leading. A vote for financial sustainability was not SRV support.

Initially council embraced the need for cost cutting, but as soon as there were influential objections or community backlash, they backflipped—be it Iluka library or the Grafton Gallery. It does not sit well that CVC largely supports an expensive Gallery in one centre, even if touted as Regional.

Also, the super depot for Grafton typifies the unwise spending decisions of this council. The cost of this poorly conceived project has blown out to about \$20m. Efficiencies could have been gained by better management of the Grafton based outdoor staff still operating under inefficient pre-amalgamation work practices.

Even at the most recent council meeting (February 2018) an officer's recommendation to maintain the sponsorship level for a program, was overridden and increased unanimously. This does not look like a council trying to live within its means!

CVC certainly needs help; we urge you to force this council to change its practices & not take the easy way out! More of the same will only beget more of the same!