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Submission: I am strongly against any Special Variation rates increases being approved for Byron Shire Council. As a single mother of two young boys I am well aware of the financial struggles that many residents have to endure and also aware that the majority of Bryon Shire's residents oppose this increase. This is an area where many of its population earn some of the lowest salaries in NSW and a lot are only employed in part-time positions. The planned increase of 33.5% would place a lot of the Shires's residents under financial stress and would increase average yearly rate bills by over \$500 a year. Over the last twenty years, Byron Shire Council has a history of mismanagement and they have wasted millions of rate payer's money on failed legal challenges. I have no confidence that any additional rate payer funding will be managed efficiently. This proposed increase will force a lot of long term residents and families to have to leave the area and this will be to the detriment of the community