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Submission: My family lives on a rural property in the area of the old Great Lakes Council. For our rates we get our weekly rubbish removal and most (not all) years the dirt road will be graded. We strongly oppose the increase in rates and do not believe that the Council polling of the public was an accurate representation of the sentiment of the people. It seems incredible that we will be told to pay more when we already receive far less than the people who live in Tuncurry and Forster. The Council needs to raise the rates because they allocate more money according to potential votes not according to basic need. Why do we have to pay more so they can have new council buildings?? Where is the equity in this system? Please don't give them carte blanche to waste more of our money!