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Submission: This idea is just another grab for cash from inefficient, greedy Councils. If the population has grown it usually as a result of increased development. Firstly, the councils have pocketed the money the Developer pays to build. Secondly, the Council collects rates from more residents occupying developed property. For example, Sutherland council allowed a 6 storey block of units to be built where 2 houses stood. Instead, of collecting rates from 2 houses they collect rates from 30+ units. They also increased the rates for unit owners by \$300 a year a couple of years ago. There are no more parks or swimming pools built. They don't even maintain the parks we have to a reasonable standard. Maybe the Council should put an efficiency dividend on themselves like the Federal Govt does on Public Service Departments instead of looking at the ratepayers as a 'cash cow'. Council need to learn to manage within their budgets and not continuing hit up the ratepayer. The NSW Govt allows more development which increases the population and they want the residents to pay more for this atrocious policy.