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I object to the Bellingen Shire's application for Special Rate Variation on economic grounds. We (like many residents) are on a fixed income and this projected increase will cause economic hardship. The Council's own calculations set the cumulative annual increase by 2021 at 19% (6% pa). This is well above the CPI or any other way that the majority residents can expect to raise their income. I do not have confidence that the Council is well enough run economically to have my support in this.