

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 5 April 2017 2:37 PM
To: Local Government Mailbox
Subject: Ballina Shire Council Special rate rise

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to submit my objection to the proposed "special " rate rises for Ballina Shire.

This is a high unemployment area with a great number of home owners employed in Casual work as that seems to be the standard way business employs now and many home owners are retired elderly residents living on the pension.

Many of us have lived here in our community for decades and are loathe to sell and move elsewhere.

Now that our area has become "Hot property" and sought after by people selling up in Sydney and Melbourne with money to burn and looking for a sea change and warmer climate our housing prices have gone through the roof.

Unfortunately this has meant our children are unable to afford to buy in the area and Ballina Shire Council has decided we must pay extra council rates for ridiculous projects like covered, heated swimming pools (of which we already have two privately run pools).

Also the further rate rises being applied for the rehabilitation of the Richmond River, whilst at the same time looking to open further sand mining on the ross lane flood plane, which would cause sulphuric acid run off (from the acid sulphate soils being exposed to water and oxygen) into the North Creek subsidiary of the already polluted Richmond River. Go figure!?

Whilst Council is quick to say this will not happen, it is well known there has already been acid sulphate runoff from land fill at new housing developments Council is involved with.

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I would humbly plead with the IPART board to Not allow Ballina Shires Special Rate rises to go ahead [REDACTED]
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Thankyou for your consideration,

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