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Submission: I don't understand how a council can continually apply for special rate variations. Our community voted and 90% are against it! Please don't slug us AGAIN! We are still getting rises from the last variation to upgrade our pools, and now this. Like this time the majority of our community voiced their concerns/opposition with the rise but weren't listened to. How much can the ratepayers be expected to fork out. I find it absolutely ludicrous that the basis for the argument for more money THIS time, is to clean up the river. HOW is this our problem? We are the last stop on the rivers journey to the ocean and all the responsibility for the health of the river is on us? HARDLY! What's happening upstream? The river system is huge and it cannot be solely on us. That's what makes everyone highly suspicious that this intended rate rise to "fix the river" is just an entirely underhanded attempt to fleece even more money out of us. On your records you will see the evidence and level in rate rises in the past 10 years is astounding. If anyone has a conscience, now would be the time to put a stop to it. You CANNOT agree to this special variation, it is against the majority of the communities wishes, even some of the councillors voted no, help us out, please.