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Submission: I live on [REDACTED] and for years I have paid to have gravel put at the roadside to stop my property flooding when it rains. The council doesn't grade the road so I've had to pay my own money to fill the holes and do what I can to stop a dam forming. I pay my rates every quarter as required and for what? For me to pay more money to do what the council don't?! [REDACTED] is one of the main roads in Tanilba Bay and it looks like it's from a ghost town. Funny how Tanilba Ave got kerb and guttering and proper drainage seen as [REDACTED] lives there. Now you want us to pay more money in rates.. And still have roads that are an embarrassment! Why would I be happy to pay extra rates to then see nothing for it?! Parks in Tanilba that no one uses are getting upgrades yet a road that is one of the busiest in Tanilba gets nothing. The whole thing is a joke. Maybe I should start billing Port Stephens Council for the truckloads of gravel I get for my roadside. The whole road is unsafe. The potholes on the sides of the road mean that most of the time only one car can drive past at a time. If cars pass each other they have to drive through the numerous potholes which I know have damaged my car on more than one occasion. If you're going to raise my rates I want to see something for it.. In my street.. Not at the deserted park down the road!!!!