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Submission: We reside in the Dungog Shire. We believe the current rate variation that the council is seeking is too much. The area has been affected by drought. This has placed financial and psychological strain on residents, especially the farming community.

Our household income has not changed in the past 5 years, with no prospect of that changing in the near future. While our household income has remained the same, our out goings have increased.

We feel that the size of the rate variation that the Council is seeking is 'out of touch' with the residents of Dungog Council area.

Regards [REDACTED]