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Submission: I am a full time Primary Producer with no off-farm income and wish to object to the proposed 12.5% increase in rates on the grounds of financial hardship. I find it incomprehensible that an increase could be levied against us at a time when we are experiencing a once in 100 year drought and historically low cattle prices. In my opinion, I would suggest that going forward local govt should be financed by a percentage of the GST tax.