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SUBMISSION ON PROPOSAL FOR A SPECIAL RATE RISE – CLARENCE VALLEY COUNCIL:

We strongly object to a rate increase of 28% in our rates because of the mismanagement of the Council.

When amalgamation was proposed we were assured that if it went ahead there would be no new big offices and no new big depot. We were assured that the area Council would cover would be too large to service with one depot, as it would cover from Yamba nearly to Armidale and it would not be efficient to take machinery and manpower that far, therefore smaller depots would be used.

Older residents of South Grafton are aware that the site chosen had been a dumping ground for asbestos, therefore due diligence was not observed when choosing the site.

Because of this mismanagement an estimate of \$3m for the depot has blown out to over \$30m. We do not know the exact figure because we are not told and the local paper is very scarce on information on Council's activities.

It is galling for ratepayers to be expected to pay for this huge blunder, especially as the town is made up of a large proportion of retired people.

The payment of this cost was not included in the estimates on Council's brochure which it sent out detailing what the works the increases were to cover, so there is still no indication as to how it is going to meet this

expenditure.

We already pay over \$27,000 a year in Council rates, and are horrified at the idea of having to pay another \$6,000.

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