

18th June, 2017

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Dear Sir,

We were shocked after reading in Tea Gardens News of the area June 8th, 2017 that Mid Coast Council (MCC) have applied for a Special Rate Variation (SRV) of 11% for four years, followed by 5% till 2021.

We live in a rural area whose southern boundary is on the north shore of Port Stephens. We are remote from the offices of MCC and feel neglected when our needs for normal road maintenance et al are routinely ignored.

The council recommendation for a large rate increase for our area is quite unfair for roads and bridges that are a long way from us.

Over the last 3 years Great Lakes Council (who have merged to become MCC) increased rates by 8% (compounding); another increase of 11% is surely very unfair. Many people in the area are retirees with no money trees in the back yard.

Please give us a fair go!

Yours faithfully,

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Beatrice Mitchell (Ratepayer).

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