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I am firmly against any rate increase above the pegged 2.5%. The more money given to the Wingecarribee Shire Council means that more money will be wasted or lost through unwise investments.

For example the WSC replaced the garbage bins after only 10 years at a cost of over \$3 million. The old bins had a 25+ year life but were shredded for recycling.

In our street, in the last 12 months, the WSC has twice had a contractor clean up the unformed gutters, using men, bobcat, and excavator and tip trucks in preparation for a light bitumen seal to reduce erosion. The work is again being overgrown and was again a waste of resources. Are they capable of planning & completing a simple task?

A short time ago we had the Corbett Walkway that ran from the top of Valetta Street, near Moss Vale High School, down to Kirkham Street near the town centre. The walkway now has a locked gate on the concrete path, barring a safe exit at the bottom, about two thirds of the way down the path. No signs or anything else to warn residents of the situation. I have written to the W.S.Council about this safety issue to find out that they were already aware of the problem but have no definite plans to provide a safe exit or give out any details about the whole matter. I did refer this matter to our local State MP.

Most of our streets and infrastructure are in very poor condition and have been neglected for years. All of a sudden there is furious work taking place on many sites in the Shire, seeming to coincide with the request for an abnormally high rate increase. The roads & other infrastructure in neighbouring Shires are in much better condition, so sack our Councillors and amalgamate us with a council that is capable of delivering on time, economically and to satisfactory standard.

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