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From: Bernadette Trela [REDACTED]
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Subject: Saying NO to the proposed 26% SRV Rate increase by Clarence Valley Council
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Dear Ipart,

I cannot afford a 26% SRV Rate increase.
No one in the community can afford a 26% SRV Rate increase.

It is with great concern we sit down to write this submission strongly opposing the proposed rate increase 26% SRV over 3 years !

Since moving to the area 3 yrs ago from Sydney we have struggled with a Council who seem determined to undermine the town and its very low socio economic community. This community doesn't have much of a voice. Many people in the area are simply consumed with getting by on a basic day to day basis. Work is scant and a large population are on pensions and welfare.

We have witnessed costly bad decisions being made time and time again.

Decisions that the community never wanted/needed such as the Shiny New Toxic Depot being built on a sewerage and asbestos dumping site, next to a High School that is now under siege from the beginnings of heavy traffic and other consequences such as the removal of tons of asbestos. The budget for this depot has blown out by millions.

The rate increase is to pay for the blow out of this depot and other continual bad decisions being made by CVC.

Many in the community are beyond despair!

Unfortunately the CVC has over and over again proved it is incapable of or simply unwilling to do what is right for its community.
It is truly time for an administrator to be brought in to assist the Town and community and install a new Council that will bring back some hope and restore the DEBT this council is leading us further and further into.

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It is not the answer! The answer is to have a Council who are able to run the town like a business and not put us all into receivership or continually increase already disproportionately high Council rates for an area where property values are very low!!!

Warm Regards
Bernadette Trela