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Hello,

I am writing to make a submission about the special rate variation that is taking place at the Dungog Shire Council.

I have read through some of the documentation and I understand that it is necessary to increase rates within the council area in order to maintain the funds for upkeep of the infrastructure.

My concern is the amount of the rate increase. I think that an increase of 15% in the first year is substantial, but added to this is an additional 16% over the next two years and I believe that this increase could be slowed down so that it is more manageable to residents.

In addition to this there have been recent issues around council amalgamation, and changes in management. These may not be connected to the SRV, but it may be worth sorting out the business model of the council before asking residents for more money to cover deficits.

Please consider this submission for a reduction of the amount and a slowing down of the timeline for this increase.

Regards,

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