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I strongly object to any rate rise in Armidale. Our rates are extremely high already, I live in a modest house with a modest yard and I already pay almost \$2500 per year. I have heard and seen some ridiculous wasting of money and resources by this council, from council workers using council vehicles for their own personal use to simple jobs being dragged out for way too long. The council not too many months ago had a ceo and 2 general managers who despite their massive salaries could not handle funds at their disposal [REDACTED]. Budgets on many projects were completely blown including moving the town library to its new premises, \$900000 over budget and it was into a building that was already built. A proposal to have a flying school in Armidale sat on the [REDACTED] desk for that long, not acted on that the flying school actually went to a different town. Anyone wanting to enquire on land at the new council industrial area walk away after the real estate agents cannot get those responsible at the council to return their calls. They couldn't even apply for grants offered by the government that would have benefited the town. There is a history of mismanagement of funds and non transparency by this council and I do not think they should be given a chance to continue this practice. They have made the mistakes

and should be held liable, not be able to sweep it to the side and milk even more money from the people to waste. In a normal business in the event of financial issues belts are tightened, projects are prioritized, cuts are made, and business practices are looked at as a means to save money, you don't just start overcharging your customers to cover your shortfalls.

Armidale is a town that is dying. Countless shops and businesses are closing. We have had the inept council doing whatever they can to stall development, continual drought, bushfires, and COVID 19 to name just a few. People simply cannot afford to be paying even more to live in this city. We already pay some of the highest rates in the state, our water just increased to over \$4 per kilo litre, unless you are the tomato farm, they only pay \$1.70. When is it enough? A further rate increase will see people leave this town to be able to afford to live. Those that don't leave won't have money to spend. Less money into businesses already struggling will see even more businesses close and the circle just keeps going around and around. This town cannot afford a rate rise and the council needs to learn to live within its means just like everyone else has to. They have completely wasted money to the point where they have put themselves in a very bad situation and they should not be able to take the easy way out by breaking the backs of the citizens of Armidale.

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