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I PART, I wish to voice my absolute opposition to the Coffs Councils intended rate rises. 6 of the 9 councillors have shown blatant disregard for the wishes of the community. Two separate polls indicated 88% and 89% of the community are against rate rises. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Many elderly residents will not be able to afford these unnecessary increases.....the answer is to tighten the budget and spending practices not to burden the ratepayer. Another cost cutting measure might be to use Skype instead of wasting many thousands of dollars on a trip to Japan by several councillors! IPART must stop this unfair taxing of the community!!!! Chris Gardiner retired ratepayer and very unhappy resident.