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Submission: Community meetings held in Wakool Shire the majority of those present voted against rate variation. Council claims of cutbacks to grant monies have caused need for rate increase. Council should adjust their budget to reflect this. Council already had a large increase in rate revenue in the last 3 or 4 years. Council needs to allocate funds to basic services only, not be putting money into boardwalks at a cost of \$140000 which only has aesthetic value. There has been a decrease in rateable area due to Yanga National Park and Nimmie-Caira project therefore the burden of increased rate falls on fewer ratepayers in this Shire.