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Sent: Thursday, 15 June 2017 2:29 PM
To: Local Government Mailbox
Subject: Mid Coast Council Proposed Rate Increase

I am writing to object to the appointed Administrator for the Mid Coast Council's decision to apply for a 28.5% rate increase over four years including 11% for the 2017-2017 year.

The NSW Government stated that there would be NO rate increases for amalgamated councils for four years from the date of amalgamation however someone in their "wisdom" has decided that this promise need not apply to Mid Coast Council.

The proposal to amalgamate The Manning, Gloucester and Great Lakes Councils was initiated by the Gloucester and Manning Councils who are well known for being financial basket cases however the proposal was supported by the Great Lakes Councils. It would appear that some of these councillors were just "Empire Building" because I can think of no rational reason why the amalgamation would be supported by the ratepayers if they were in possession of all of the facts. For those who did support the amalgamation I can only assume that this support was before they were told that they would be slugged with the proposed rate increase.

Other Councils have been paid a lump sum as compensation for any additional costs involved and I would only support the amalgamation if this council is treated in the same manner as those who did receive a substantial lump sum.

The administrator who is proposing the rate increase is not an elected official and it seems as his term is soon to expire that he has decided to take one for the team as he won't be around to face the ire of the ratepayers. The soon to be elected councillors will be able to say "we didn't do it"

Regards

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