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Submission: My husband & I run a beef/vealer production enterprise within the Gloucester Shire Council. This business is our only income source. For the past 2 years this area has been in drought, the cattle prices have been at the same level as 15 years ago, input prices are continually increasing. The local council seem to have overlooked that a large percentage of this area is owned by farmers who are in similar circumstances to us. I realise that Council's costs have also increased, but it appears Gloucester Shire spend money on unnecessary items, while ignoring crucial roads & infrastructure, let alone the plight of farmers of the community. An extra rate rise at this present time should be re-considered.