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To I. P. A. R. T.

Dear Folks,
I've read that the Taxes/Rates charged to myself and other Ratepayers in the Richmond Valley area have increased in the past five years, have gone to 37%, and now the council want to apply for another special Rate Variation. The last S.R.V. was on top and over the previous years increases. Don't these tin-pot Polities know how to live within 'other peoples' means? The answer is evidently NOT.

I am against any and all Special Rate Variations for at least three years, and would TELL the Richmond Valley council to have a 'Rate-peg' and an increase of 2.7% only for the next three years, at least. As a 'classic' example of Councils (lack of any environmental credentials) squandering of Ratepayers rates they have over the last two or three years planted a very limited variety of semi-mature trees at the sides of roads approaching/bordering the town of Casino. On at least two of the plantings)

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Roadsides they planted 2-3 metre high poplar & Crepe myrtle trees. C. Myrtle is a tree native to Malaysia & India, and Poplar is a Native of Europe & Asia. (Sic) I ask you, no wonder the Casino / Richmond Valley is 'known as the 'Red Neck' Capital of the North Coast. On the same Road, out of town, the Crepe Myrtle planted, are, near two Hundred Native Teak / Flindersia sp. planted some 27 years ago. These teak trees have, to my observation have been totally ignored in my 26 years here, and are dying for lack of water and some attention, and indeed some have recently been cut down, and this lot / Council want even more monies to waste & squander.

I am saying NO.

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