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As a member of the Dungog shire community i feel that this "special rate variation " is an absolute farce. The council being deemed as "UNFIT" has put forward a plan to increase the rates by 90+% over the next 7 years. Personally having just purchased in the shire with a young family am very dissapointed that the council has come to this descision and find it hard to believe that more people are for this rise than were against. We have a small land holding and look to see our rate nearly sky rocket to just under [REDACTED] a year while others up to nearly \$6000 or more how can people afford this cost on top of day to day living expenses such as fuel that keeps rising, the cost of living keeps rising home loans need paying schooling , child care ect the list goes on for everyday families. But to say that this rise is necessary for the community as a whole is rubbish. Maybe an amalgamation with a stronger well run council would be the answer but i beleive this opportunity was already passed upon and removed as an option. Anyway just wanted to share my veiw on this application for the rate increase as i had also written to council during what they call their "consultation process" which i never heard back about it. In a nutshell i am of the beleif that making the members of the Dungog Shire hand over nearly double the annual rate fee over 7 years is absolutely disgraceful as apposed to the normal rate rise per year that is normally applied. Thanks for your time and consideration.