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To: Local Government Mailbox <localgovernment@ipart.nsw.gov.au>

Subject: Objection letter from David Mason to the Richmond Valley Councils
Proposed Special Rate increase.

Please find my objection letter attached.

Kind Regards,

David Mason

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Objection to Special Rate Increase Application By Richmond Valley Council Feb
2019

I wish to strongly object to our council's unjustified application for a special rate increase of 5.5% over the next 4 Years.

RVC has just completed a cycle where they were granted a special rate increase for the past 5 years, with the initial year of that period being a 12.5% increase and each year after that an increase of around 5.5%. The total increase over the past 5 years being around 37.5%.

Their very 1st go to after slugging the rate payers for the last 5 years straight is to slug them again for the next 5 years. This would equate to 10 years of rate increase at a total of a 59.5%, this is just plain unfair on the community.

On top of these increases the land values have also gone up in the Richmond Valley area approximately more than 20% in the past couple of years (Richmond valley council have just been promoting that values have gone up around 22%).

To increase the rates again would be a double hit as land values have risen dramatically as you can see.

This proposed rate increase is just plain unfair on the whole community. It will hit pensioners and low incomes earners very hard regardless of if they are a home owner or tenant. Investor owners will need to pass these costs onto the tenants, this will have an adverse affect on our entire community.

The Northern Rivers area of NSW have some of the poorest people in the state and another rate increase will be a massive burden on our community.

Again, I strongly object to this proposed rate increase.

Yours Sincerely David Mason Ratepayer RVC

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