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RE: SRV in Clarence Valley

Dear IPART,

Council tells us it is striving to be Fit for the Future. What does that mean to us residents?

Council tells us that they are making economies on the running of the council. We cannot agree or disagree on this because we are not told much about it. Yes, we had a few 'meetings' about this issue of the rates, but the huge tables in colour were unintelligible to many of us and what we heard mostly was how good the council is and how terrible an administrator will be for us all. It looks like we just cannot afford to have such a 'good' council after all!

Not only they want us to pay more rates, but they will, we know put up the service charges up after that. So we worked hard and we saved hard to have a comfortable retirement. Now it seems, it is all going towards comfort for our council, and with us giving up much of our comfort, to keep it going.

We came here for a peaceful retirement, but we are getting to a point where we may have to move to better council areas as the rates on our homes and the services provided are just too expensive for pensioners, and the like.

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