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Subject: Re: Objection to Byron Shire Councils special rate variation

If I Part approves the unjust special rate variation proposed by the Byron Shire Council the impact will be both significant and damaging on residents that live in this shire.

It is worth noting that many people that reside in this shire are on low wages and struggle to make ends meet as the cost of living has escalated significantly. If this special rate rise is approved it will cause undue hardship and financial stress at a time when many residents are already struggling to make ends meet.

This significant rate increase will create a host of detrimental problems such as, higher rents for residents, increased hardship and debt, less housing affordability, more homelessness, less diversity of people living in the shire and the wider community, more traffic congestion as people can't afford to live in the shire but travel here to work, plus an unsustainable increase in holiday letting as landlords look to cover their increasing costs by chasing the tourist dollar.

Important: In terms of residents being properly consulted by the Byron Council on their proposed special rate variation this was undertaken in such a misleading and unprofessional way that there should be an inquiry into what took place by the State Government.

I am really hoping that I Part sees this rate rise as clearly unsustainable and unjust and does not endorse it as the consequence with be detrimental to the residents of the Byron Shire as a whole.

Yours sincerely ,

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