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Submission: The behaviour of this unelected Council and administrator is undemocratic for a start. State government sack elected councils, merge a huge area, appoint administrators. The administrators Midcoast council call a special AGM giving local rate payers and interested persons 2 days notice. They refuse to discuss the huge rate increase and ignore submissions at the meeting stating this increase is a done deal and will go ahead. This area has a large population of retirees and is not in a high social economic region. This proposed rate increase is beyond belief. One only needs drive around this vast area to see Council wastage, carrying out unnecessary work and ignoring the residents concerns. I guess this is to pay for the monstrosity that is to be built in Lake street, Forster, new a library, council offices, 9 floors high. Fed up with poor decision making and just to add another contentious issue, Midcoast Water should not increase rates in July. We already pay excessive water rates for undrinkable water. IPART need to knock this submission on the head NOW and not allow an unelected Council bring this community to its knees.