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Submission: I am an individual writing to object to Byron Shire Councils variation/ increase of rates. Many possibilities have been presented to Council by Rate payers, either through the local news paper or submissions to Council members. These suggestions have not been investigated as a genuine way to raise funds, council has decided on the EASY option of raising rates. We live in a town which is swamped by tourists 365 days a year. The infrastructure is under pressure from tourism not by residents. Please make the Council accountable to the rate payers and have this rate hike suspended until all avenues have been reviewed.