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Submission: I object to the application of a rate rise by Greater Taree City Council for the following reasons, 1: The rate rise is double dipping due to each year the rate rise will be on top of previous years rate (plus GST) rise and this will compound the rise well above that stated by council. Which will effect a socially disadvantaged area of mainly pensioners and low income house holds. 2 Council has not informed rate payers enough with only a few popup stores in town that I attended. I challenged council staff on the rate increase and was told it all was about fixing the roads, now we find only a small amount is slated for roads and the rest into general revue. 3 Most other councils before have fronted APART crying poor and on receiving rate increases awarded them selves with a pay rise or new Council building for being good financial planers. So if rate rise is granted it should have simple conditions attached to protect rate payers like, (a) the reasons submitted by council for a rise is the only direction for the money raised to be spent for this is what council told it constituents, (b) as rate payers will be under stress from increased cost so should councillors and staff with a wage and remuneration freeze for the length of the increase, (c) no new major works on new buildings to the betterment of councillors and staff for the length of the rate rise, (d) any moneys (usually many millions) invested offshore/ financial institutions by council should be used first before a rate rise as the returns are very little and rate payers had no say in the squirrelling away of their money, (e) a full audit of money invested should be required by APART as a part of Council submissions and the reasons for its none use, (f) if the roads are in such poor state council have failed there basic governance charter as per their own standards of maintaining assets and should be relaced.