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Your submission for this review:

I believe that the councils financial position is due to gross mismanagement by the professional officers of Central Coast Council and its councillors. Their incompetence defies belief and will forever taint the confidence our community has in local government. The magnitude of the debt incurred has apparently gone on unnoticed by those whose primary task was to manage the budget. Councils Chart of Accounts must have clearly had dissections that showed sources of income and expenditure linked for each of Councils departments. Reviews of the budget should have been undertaken as a matter of course to ensure budgets were adhered to and that any changes agreed to by the budget committee. The heads of departments had to be aware of any change in expenditure and variations should have been included in business matters at Council Meetings attended by The elected members and the CEO and relevant department heads. The current Public Enquiry reeks of a [REDACTED] with the responses of those called before the enquiry trying to abbreviate their responsibilities by sheeting blame or by professing memory losses to explain their oversight. The Minister for Local Government appears to have also amnesia. Isn't the oversight of LGAs and the audit of their budgets her responsibility. Clearly there are many examples of [REDACTED] and my concern is that this Enquiry will attempt to snow job the truth and expect the community to pay for the gross negligence of others. To use the community as cash cows to redress this gross negligence is wrong. We are the victims in this debacle. My General Rate has increased by 38%. My superannuation pension increased by 3% in the last two years. I want to know where the money was spent. Half a million dollars could have gone a long way to provide much needed amenity and address a backlog of works. But all we see is parks and reserves neglected, drainage works in disarray, roads crumbling and parking solutions getting worse.