

To whom it may concern

I would like to state that the shire of Gloucester held several meetings with their rate payers

2 such meetings were held in our local hall at Waukivory

- 1) No one at these meetings supported the shire rate paying increase
Can I please state that this is not what they reported back in our local paper.
- 2) They made us pay for the garbage pickup that they put on us without any prior notice. We stated to them that we didn't want or need garbage pickup as we lived 1km from the main road and as we need to travel into town for our supplies that we took our own garbage. Their answer to this was that no we didn't have to take our garbage out to the main road and we could continue to take it into town but we still would have to pay the \$509.00 just for the service that was offered to us.
- 3) In 1966 vealers in Maitland made \$ 1.15
To days market we are very lucky to get \$ 2.00 in 49 years later. Do you think that we can cope with a 42.7/8/ % increase in our rates along with the rising cost of farming seed, drenches, cartage to sale yards, selling fees, vet bill, and this list just gets longer.
- 4) So how many farmers will you see that will or can stay on their land if such an increase is granted.??
- 5) You are turning the young families away from the land as they see the struggle that their parents have put up with.
- 6) Many farmers are finding life on the farm is too hard SO please don't add this rate rise expense to the farmer's burden

Yours sincerely,

Ian and Gayle Hollingsworth and family.

