

# Saying No To Rate Rises For Coffs Harbour Due to some of the following reasons:

Our Coffs Harbour City Council has been using "In confidence Contracts" for years for things like event spending and wasting millions over the years in these areas alone. They won't reveal the ratepayer portions of what they spend each year in fear of being found out by the ratepayers.

The waste [REDACTED] concerning the council management runs into millions year after year. Buying up worthless flood prone land at secret prices for so called Retainment basin areas for 1 in 100 year floods that they admitted won't even guarantee flood proofing anyway. Its all been one fiasco after another. The main flooding is in the city due to flash flooding and they've done nothing to tackle the issue of drains being totally unsuitable to cope with that situation. The housing areas that flood will flood again anyway because they are built right next to the creek. They're spending 18 million on these works which really aren't required as they won't solve the flooding problems anyway.

Overpaying on real estate on a whim from a few people to an old heritage court house building now that's been totally gutted for a museum that's totally unsuitable for our town. They've already ruined the heritage component of the property. Its a fire, theft risk and its much too small for its intended use. They paid some crazy \$800,000 for that now want to spend another estimated \$650,000 on this old home which is all it is. Its just an old home. A total white elephant and disgrace.

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[REDACTED]. Money spent to refurbish a building with around 1 million spent on office furniture etc.

Overstating construction jobs to get more money from the government. The list is endless and they have a lot to hide. Approving plans in areas that should have been approved that are environmentally sensitive like the property easement currently being built on near a Huge Bat colony. Its in here: [www.coffsonline.com](http://www.coffsonline.com).

They're paying out some millions every year of public use facilities running at huge losses which could be sold and put into the public sector to worry about instead. The council vehicle fleet is well over extended for the amount it gets used. They spent up to \$24,000 just to go to Japan but can't afford to fix and widen footpath and school crossing at Coffs Harbour Public School.

All our pedestrian crossings are unsafe and you risk your life just crossing them each day. We have no sealed footpath building program in place so residents, disabled, people using wheel chairs, mobility scooters, people pushing prams have to use busy roadsides. You can see the photos on this site: [www.coffsonline.com](http://www.coffsonline.com)  
The photos don't lie. You'll see a lot more throughout that site on what never gets done.

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[REDACTED]. They need to be closed down and an administrator brought in to finally clean their mess up and get programs working that benefit the whole community in the long term. The waste and mismanagement are the only reason they need the rate rise to cover up their ongoing issues.

We pay some 1 million each year on environmental rates and they can't find a cent from that to keep our waterways and streets clean. Pollution is rife around our town. They provided a biased assessment for ratepayers to choose from which basically gave them only a choice in the favour of the council continuing its waste.

This was totally unscrupulous [REDACTED] on their part. People clearly never wanted a rate rise but they're going ahead with it anyway. They totally misled the public with their assessment procedures and choices. At no time did they reveal their wasted operations.

The wasted works spent of fixing up the same sections of road and pot holes has been ongoing and disgraceful.

The surveys the council provided were totally inept and again misled the public in every way possible due to their waste and operational procedures.

Nothing is as it seems in Coffs Harbour and [REDACTED]. Hundreds of thousands wasted on legal fees unnecessarily to protect land that was already approved for building on. It was a case they couldn't win they should have known that.

A council that can easily be pressured by outside influences and is totally in disarray. They employ more people than they ever need. Spend a fortune on assessments they never intend to use. It's just one huge mess.

Don't give them any rate rise but give them an ultimatum to get an administrator in to clean all their operations up. We even have a [REDACTED] risking the health of thousands of people just to keep an event going last year. Again no one will investigate these claims and they just choose to [REDACTED] up because it's all government involvement. Find evidence and photos at my site:  
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