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Dear Sir Madam,

I am a co-owner of a unit in the township of Urunga which is part of the Bellingen shire.

I was advised in a recent rate notice containing the BSC newsletter that the council is seeking a; "Proposed Special rate variation" – "despite our best efforts, cost continue to rise faster than our income....."

With a rate notice for a two bedroom unit of \$619.00 per quarter which is \$200,00 per quarter more than a home in the Sutherland shire (Sydney), I consider the Bellingen Shire Council rates already high and excessive.

I emailed the Bellingen council prior to a council organised public meeting of rate payers, (07 February 2018) expressing my total objection to the proposed increase of rates. I have received an automatic email response confirming receipt. To date I have not received any further advice from the council.

Even though I am now not living as a permanent resident in Urunga, I am aware of some the wasteful practices of this council. To mention a few examples that need further scrutiny.

1. Why does this council require two Assistant general managers?
2. Why does the council have so many light vehicles (Cars – utilities) that sit around all day in a dedicated council park not being utilised?
3. With a council experiencing financial pressures, why would they spend money supporting such causes as "Gay Marriages"?
4. With the amount already paid in rates exceed not by tens of dollars but by hundreds of dollars over and above comparable councils, we see little of the money been spent on roads or other public facilities in the Urunga area.

In conclusion I strongly seek your support in totally rejecting this Bellingen Shire Council's "proposed Special Rate Variation" on the grounds that if the council was to apply best management practices and resulting efficiencies, this increase in rates is not required. In actual fact with efficiency practices in place there should be a reduction in rates, not an increase.

Regards

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