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Submission: I have read all the council submissions of how they are applying for a rate rise. What they plan to spend the money on is a worthy cause BUT they have failed to demonstrate or show how they could or have at least attempted to make savings with their general expenditure to be able to afford their submission projects. Imagine my anger when I read in the paper of the rate rise proposal being submitted with IPART, despite 90% of respondents to the council survey being against the rate rise. We also have a local Councillor (██████████) clearly explaining that the rise is not needed or justified. Council when applying for a rate rise in the past (which was approved) to fund improvements to our pools ignored their survey results of 78% against the rise. WHY SURVEY THE PUBLIC IF THE RESULTS ARE IGNORED. It is extremely poor government to keep increasing taxes without any evidence showing matching or effective cost savings that are possible. Why are council spending \$1 000 000 to fix up a lake foreshore at Lennox Head when the majority of the residents do not want it to occur. Why are less cost effective solutions for the lake not investigated? Why are we spending \$50 000 to pay a consultant to keep track of significant trees in the shire? Consultation with indigenous elders and local community members could be done for free. As this was also in today's news as being approved by the council. I would love to own a Mercedes Benz and own a house at Lennox Point and travel to Europe every year but I do not as I have to live within my means. It is about time our council learns to do the same.