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Gunnedah NSW

Dear Sir/Madam,

Recently I attended a meeting with the Gunnedah Shire concerning the increase of rates for the shire. At this meeting it was stated that "we are not in debt" but they are insistent on this rise.

The rate payer is not responsible for the unwise choices made by the council when drawing up the agreement with the mining company – they are suppose to have our interests at heart. It seems very unlikely that they contacted any other regions where the mines are established to discuss the 'pro's and con's', if they did we would certainly be getting a good percentage of every tonne that is mined in the Gunnedah district.

They want to spent \$930,000 on 'the Namoi Parklands Development'. This development is down by the river.....where it floods!

There are more people in administration than outside council workers. We are living in a computer age – it is not necessary for it to be like this.

This council has employed a man [REDACTED] to look at the councils 'organisational structure' to help correct glichs and help put council on the right track.....isn't that the job of the general manager. They are paying [REDACTED] Dear oh dear this really shows the incompetency of the council.

In Gunnedah there are many people who just cannot afford this outrageous rate increase. Those who are not rate payers will also be affected by a necessary rent increase.

I have enclosed a letter to the editor – which was not published, I did leave them my name address and phone number.

Please do consider the many letters you have received before allowing this rate increase.

I thank you for your time.

Regards Judith Hall