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Sent: Friday, 10 March 2017 11:15 AM

To: Local Government Mailbox

Subject: Ballina Council Rates

Sir/Madam,

My wife and I wish to register our protest at the Ballina Councils proposed rate rise of 17% , supposedly for clean up of the Richmond River. The reasons for our protest are as follows.

- (1) 85 to 90% of the pollution comes from up river , which I personally witnessed when working on both Coraki and Woodburn ferries in the late 1970 s
- (2) Both of us have spent many years , in our "Tinnie", fishing on the river and have seen the out flow of the drains after heavy rain with filthy water flowing off the farm lands.
- (3) Council Rangers should know who or what is causing pollution and should have prosecuted those responsible long before now.
- (4) Any extra expense or effort expended by Ballina Council will prove fruitless on stopping pollution unless it can be stopped along the length of both the Richmond and Wilson Rivers and this entails cooperation of up river councils. (will they get this ?)
- (5) This impost of further rate rises , due to Land valuations, will cause hardship to many in the area
- (6) Not one word was heard from Council prior to last years elections about this proposal so the question arises, were the voters of Ballina deceived ??

The above are just a few of the reasons why you should reject Councils request for this impost as they are aware that the majority of rate payers are against it but some of them don't appear to think before they vote such as, what happens when the next flood comes and all the filth washes down river? Do they then request another rate rise for another clean up.

Please refuse Councils Rate rise until they come up with a positive solution to stop pollution at the source.

Thank You,
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C and V H Kean.