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To: IPART Mailbox

Subject: Coffs Harbour special rate rise

Having opposed the Coffs Harbour Council's proposed rate hike in their surveys, to no avail,

I appeal to IPART for assistance.

Council has revised its approach to the special rate increase proposal, saying that by freezing

water and sewerage charges for the next two years, the original estimated increased charges of

8.14% and 7.75% would be reduced to 3.9% for each year. How can the collection of less revenue solve the problem which prompted the initial proposal ?

Surely this is a scheme [REDACTED] to have IPART approve the 8.14% and 7.75% increases, which

will then be permanently in place, so that after two years, Council can apply whatever increases

it likes to water and sewerage charges without needing any permission from IPART to do so.

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