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Dear Tribunal members,

I write to you asking that you deny the SRV requested by Bellingen Council.

I'd also ask that investigation and further inquiries be made by your tribunal of Council's waste of money in legal costs associated with numerous Code of Conduct & ICAC complaints by staff and the removal of heritage listed shade trees Camphor trees in Church street?

In association with the removal of the trees the so called 'beautification' of the (no longer) treelined historic streetscape with subsequent loss of 16-17 car parking (+ 20 at the arbitrarily blocked off Carl Foster garage on main street by a local property owner/developer)

A slew of businesses are now closed, due to the construction and loss of car parks, and more to close in coming weeks with the loss of numerous jobs especially for young people.

No heritage impact statements undertaken.

Bellingen 'was' No 9 in the top 10 of "favourite historic towns of Australia"

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The cost of 20 police officers was allegedly \$220/hour EACH on secondary employment contracts!?! You do the maths. The LAC Coffs-Clarence advised the Greens Mayor, [REDACTED], that businesses only receive 2 days notice.

Sadly the people with the most say, and the loudest, in this town have only been here 5 minutes.

The dire situation requires Ministerial intervention and secondment of someone of the calibre of [REDACTED] GM of Nambucca Shire, to clear the deadwood out of the Council Chambers. Especially the \$750K of GM & 2 DGMs!!!

Please help to stop the financial impost on the aging ratepayers of the Shire, the destruction of historic Bellingen and the loss of it's iconic businesses.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Joe Walker

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PS: The iconic monthly Bellingen Community Markets of 280 stallholders (which is noted in the OEH heritage listing of the Church Street Camphors. They started there under the trees) are now under threat of a \$170/stallholder fee by B\$C. 3 Markets were rain affected last year so this is an enormous impost and surcharge. Again legal advice is being sought.

Relevant newspaper articles regarding B\$C ineptitude, financial mismanagement and incompetence.

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