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To whom it may concern

I need to inform you that there is no way we can afford to pay any increase in our rates, if the Armidale Dumersq council raise our rates we would be paying almost \$400 on top of what we have to pay annually, which in today's climate is unaffordable to pay either, due to the continueing drought and extremely low livestock prices and appalling wool prices we are struggling with any payments. Just because the Valuer General says our property is worth more does not mean we earn more. Our farm is only worth what it is when we sell it, not while we are living on it and trying to earn a living. Living on the land has become increasingly more expensive and yet are income has decreased enormously over the past 40 years, even just in the last 2 years our wool income has decreased by 75%. It is lucky I work in town to cover basic needs. I wish we could just raise our selling fees when we would like some more money in the coffers!

We are fed up that no one listens to our complaint about having to pay for garbage collection; we do not receive garbage collection we have to dispose of our own rubbish in our own dump. We should be charging Armidale Dumaresq Shire for our time taking our rubbish away and for building our own dump to dump it in.

Please help us with this unfaire council desicion

Many thanks

Julia Woods
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