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**Subject:** Dungog Shire Council Special Rate Variation

As farmland ratepayers in the Dungog Shire Council we Very Strongly Oppose the Special Rate Variation increase of 97.8% over 7 years.

We believe the SRV is VERY UNFAIR.

An issue of concern is the distribution of the rates burden on farmers compared to residential. The land valuation on farmland is much greater than on residential

The farmland ratepayers will be paying the major portion of these increases in revenue and it is EXTREMELY UNFAIR and INEQUITABLE to farmland ratepayers.

THE IMPACT on FARMERS to RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY:

It will be grossly Unfair to Farmers: A crisis to Farmers : Render our operation Unprofitable : WE will have to reduce essential spending on fertilizer – seed & feed. Which would reduce our productivity – so less income

The likely impact of the proposed SRV of 97.8% over 7 years upon the shires agricultural industry and support services should be considered.

There has been an announcement prior to the State Election, some of the main roads in Dungog Shire will be transferred back to the State Government. Also money has been pledged to councils roads backlog. This should lessen the burden on ratepayers.

WE accept there has to be a rate increase- BUT A MORE MODEST INCREASE BE SOUGHT. KJ & CA Boyton