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To: Local Government Mailbox

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Subject: Rates variation Dungog Council Objection

Dear Sir/Madam

I would like to register my OBJECTION to the rate increase of 98% over the next seven years by Dungog Council.

Whilst I am not against rate increases I do object to an increase of this magnitude. I live on a pension and after doing a lot of research I moved to Clarence Town in the hope of having a better and less expensive lifestyle in my senior years.

To have the SRV stretch over 7 years is very daunting. Having to budget for the increased amount on a weekly basis for 7 years will put a great financial stress on all of the citizens in this small community, especially those on fixed incomes who are already doing it tough financially.

I understand the need for more funding but I also believe this problem along with other debacles such as the Williams River Caravan Park are in most part due to councils negligence.

Please review the SRV very carefully. Maybe shorten the length from 7 years down to 1 or 2 years and the % increase appropriate with the CPI not leading up to 97/98% . Then review again at a later date. 7 years upfront is very excessive.

Thank you

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