

Sent: Monday, 23 February 2015 12:05 PM

Subject: Proposed Rate Rises for Gwydir Shire Council

My name is Lesley Brown-Kerr, I reside in the Gwydir Shire Council in the township of Warialda.

I believe the Council has submitted and request for "special rate variation" of 30% over and above the set rate peg of 2.4% for the financial year.

As a home owner and rate payer within the Shire I object to this additional rise being granted, as it will cause serious financial burden on the rate payers within the Shire, especially to those on low incomes and pensioners. These people already struggle to keep their heads above water so to speak as it is, the suggested increases to rates will see them drown. People are struggling to keep up with inflation as it is let alone have our local Council throw this huge rate increase at us because of poor financial management on their behalf.

I put it to the IPART members/committee that a full investigation should be conducted into the financial status of the Gwydir Shire Council, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] one would question why? how? what has happened?

I strongly oppose the proposed rate increase above the set rate peg as requested by the Gwydir Shire Council, I hope that IPART will look closely at the situation and consider the rate payers with regard to this matter.

Regards

Lesley Brown-Kerr