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Submission: I wish to lodge my objection to the Coffs Harbour City Council intention to seek a Special Rate Variation. This is based on the following: 1. The wording used on the survey postcard was totally inappropriate, either Option A "A further deterioration of Public Assets" or Option B "Increase the Investment for Maintenance & Renewal of public Assets". I found this ultimatum offensive. 2. Community engagement - 2 Polls 71% against rate increase, 88% and 89% for the survey postcard and online polls against the rate increase. 3. 6 out of 9 Coffs Harbour City councillors voted for the special rate variation despite strong community objection to the increase. Why bother consulting with the community if our views are to be totally ignored? 4. Independent consultants in their report to Council do not believe that it was necessary for Council to raise additional funds, rather look at internal cost cutting to reduce the deficit. I trust you will give my submission your due consideration. Thank you Linda Hill