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To: [Local Government Mailbox](#)
Subject: Re: CVC rate rises
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Dear sir,

I have just viewed and made a decision on the rates increase estimated by council over the forthcoming three years to be far too exorbitant.

As a unemployed volunteer worker I am unable to find work and am unlikely to secure work with my husband other than the volunteer work we carry out in the Clarence Valley I consider the rate increase to be excessive.

Added to this we both have worked many years in a voluntary capacity overseas and have no superannuation to fall back on.

My unemployment benefit coupled with my husband's aged pension are unlikely to increase enough to sustain that type of increase.

Food while relatively stable are expected to rise disproportionately over the next three years in a normal cyclic event.

Energy costs have risen by over 20% and are expected to rise again by a similar amounts, again disproportionately to inflation or compared to the CPI which my benefits and his pension are based on.

Further with the highway to be opened shortly; bypassing Grafton, it is expected that the economy will lose around 15-20% of passing traffic, resulting in a lower expenditure in the district, higher retail foreclosures, lower employment opportunities and possibly a real decrease in population as has been experienced in other cities and towns where the bypass has occurred creating a shrinking economy.

There fore I must stand opposed to any increase based above the CPI at least until the full results of the highway bypass are absorbed into the local economy and the exact long term fall outs are known.

Yours,
Liu Nanying