

I live in [REDACTED], (Gwydir Shire). We have been notified that Council intends to seek an increase in rates above the allowable pegging increase. I would like to protest this move, The majority of rate payers living here are either pensioners or I suspect on unemployment benefits. We live in an area that is very dry, with extremely hot day and night temperatures. This leads to increased expenses incurred by using town water (my last bill jumped from \$38 to \$91, and I didn't waste water on grass) and extra electricity for cooling. Cost of living is more expensive in these small villages as is, and I think my present rates of \$1852.00 per annum is more than enough.

Kind Regards
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