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**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: Submission

Hi [REDACTED], yesterday afternoon I went into Ipart's Web Site and got into the Email section and after I finished it would not accept the Email as I am not with [REDACTED]. Unfortunately I could not retrieve the Email so I am asking if under the circumstances you could please allow my Submission today.

I do not want the new Price Rise as Council do not spend the money on Roads and Bridges which are in a sorry state.  
I attend different Meetings from time to time and have found all they want to spend money on is TOURISM, buying Hundreds of acre off land to turn into Subdisions to make money.  
Unfortunately the land sits there for years and years before any thing is done with it other than the local Motorbkes and 4 WD's tearing it to pieces because they don't Police it. In Scone for over 10 years now we have had an Industrial Estate that is not selling because Council will not allow Colourbond as all buildings have to be built of Brick.  
At the moment they are spending a fortune putting a shade structure over the Employees Car Park behind the Council Building and it has just come out this week that all Council's buildings are going to have Solar Panels.

They spent 1 Million dollars on the Local Council run Saleyards a few years back and they are now about to spend another million plus to put shade over the cows and the Employees. What about the cows in the paddock and the builders etc they don't get any shade.  
They are building an Under Cover Horse Arena at huge cost to out do Tamworth which is very pricey to use.

They paid \$15,000 for an ugly horse made out of wire and baler twine for Tourism reasons and already the baler twine is rotting off it.

They have built a boardwalk at Kingdon Ponds for Tourism and I went to Council for directions today and they couldn't give me any and nothing on the Computer.

I went to a Meeting 3 weeks ago called the Revitalisation of Aberdeen. They have a Boardwalk planned for under the Large Bridge over the hunter River which will wash away as soon as the River rises after this drought is over. They advertised that they are having Huge Paintings for Tourism on all the Wheat Silos in the towns that have them of course without asking permission. Got a hell of a shock when Aberdeen Grain Corp. said "no, we are pulling them down."

I moved to [REDACTED] Street, [REDACTED] 21 years ago and my Rates were \$[REDACTED] and now are almost \$[REDACTED] and in that time nothing has been done in this Street. There is no Sewerage for 4 houses here and no curb and gutter. I am on [REDACTED] acres and there is a drainage problem so my place can't be done but those 4 houses that could be. The last curb and guttering here was 1973 and the last thing to be done in this Street. So, do I really need another increase to my rates to get nothing in return. At 72 years of age I don't think so. 56 per cent of the District do not want an extra Rate Increase so why are the Council not listening to us? You came through for us last time so please come through for us again and say NO.

I know the Council gets a lot of money from Grants to do things but about 5 years ago I went to a Council Meeting about the bad state of Roads and Bridges and an old man asked Council when would they take over grading and gravelly the road he lived on out of town about 40 km,s He had been doing it at his expense for 20 odd years. They had a little huddle and the answer was "NEVER" I just about fell off my seat with shock. The same happened to me after having made enquiries about subdividing a couple of blocks for my kids the Council put out a Public Notice with other things that they intended to make my Street a Flood Zone and my neighbour has 8 acres and his neighbour about 25 acres we were effectively told. " You won't be able to

Subdivide." Guess What! I live in a street that has never flooded. This is Council, so they have the monopoly on Building blocks.

We have a Rose Garden Park here done by the local people, many years ago with much pride and Council are going to rip it out, close the Road and redo the Gardens at an extravagant amount. Why do they spend money on these things in the name of TOURISM when they don't even water the trees they plant in the streets now.

I met a lady several years ago from [REDACTED], Scone (village area on the way out of Scone) and she told me her rates were over \$3000 then. She was a Pensioner also and it was just an ordinary building block in a very old Subdivision. I am Lucky I have the acreage but the others in my Street pay the same Rates as I do for an ordinary building block.

Thank you for listening, very sincerely Lyla Ridgway, [REDACTED]