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My name is Les Weiley , I am a fourth generation Clarence valley resident . My Maternal great grandfather came here in 1860, and his uncle served as an ALDERMAN in GRAFTONS first COUNCIL. My Paternal grandfather arrived, from the Manning, with the gold rush of the 1880's. Both prospered, raised large families, and immersed themselves in the VALLEY that they grew to love.

The WEILEY side has provided, 4 ALDERMAN, 2 MAYORS AND ONE M.L.A. My GRANDFATHERS would be pleased. The DOUGHERTY and the FAHEY branches, another 2 ALDERMAN. I do not think they would be pleased with this present COUNCIL and SENIOR STAFF.

If you know the valley, you will understand the feelings that many of us have for our home, and you may realise the disgust we have for our current management. The loss of 40 timber mills ,brewery, match factory, joinery works, PETERS ice cream factory, gaol, numerous government depts., and the shrinking of the fishing industry, has created a situation where we possibly have the lowest average income of ANY coastal local gov. area.

The council wants to put the RATES UP! We are already in the top 30%. They have refused to consider the sale of unused council assets, are apparently leasing some 180 cars, although I find that hard to believe, though I was told by a friend who lives at JUNCTION HILL, THAT THE GIRL DOING THE MAIL NOW HAS A COUNCIL VEHICLE (HEARSAY)exclude. We of GRAFTON, are on the brink of GREAT THINGS. Highway upgrade,2 new bridges. IF this rate increase goes through you will be rewarding a lazy bludging council , who has squandered our cash. The good thing that will come from a rate increase, I WILL MOVE TO BRISBANE. LES WEILEY. [REDACTED]