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To whom my may concern,

I am disgusted with this who affair. This council has no regard at all for the feeling and needs of its rate payers. The last thing people need is more rate hikes. We were slugged with rate rises to pay for fluoridation, that from my estimates, the majority were against despite councils vote for it. In the second place we are asked for more money to monitor an environment that we are systematically poisoning –yes you have it- with fluoride! Why don't you just add insult to injury.

Eleven percent of rate payers are already behind in their rates. If council continues with this madness that figure will rise drastically. Pray tell me, how are the many people who are already struggling going to increase their income to meet the added eleven percent, just to fund this project!

This area is known as one of the lowest income areas yet our rate are some of the highest in NSW. This forces up the price of rents and will force people from their homes. My rates have doubled since I came to Lismore but my income certainly hasn't. Am I expected to live on bread and lard so council can follow its own agenda with little regard for those who are already struggling to pay their council bills.

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