

**From:** monique eggins  
**To:** [Local Government Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** No to SRV  
**Date:** Monday, 12 March 2018 4:49:42 PM

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Dear IPART,

I can not afford the 26% rate rise and I object the clarence valley councils special rates variation, for many reasons not only do they constantly provide and allow local media outlets to publish false information to the community, about the variation of the rates but they also have not tried to come up with a plan b so fix the problem. They continue to spend money, hoping they get the rise to cover themselves. How long will this continue for? We as a community can not afford any rate rise let alone such a drastic one like 26%. They got the last rate rise and what did they actually do with the money? What do they have to show for their effort of trying to be fit for the future, They havnt shown the community any improvement in their budgeting since the last variation but threaten constantly with service cuts if they don't get the rate rise. The mayor stated in an article posted by the daily examiner that they will not upgrade any roads because of funding and are waiting on the outcome of the SRV. Many roads have had issues for months some even ongoing for years, He also stated that the council is in IPARTS hands. This is a ridiculous statement to make, im sure any other business who can not recieve constant handouts of money, somehow make it work or think of other ways to make it work. The council claims they cannot fix roads because of funding but wasn't the last variation for roads? If they don't have any funding only 7 months later how will they ever have any. They spent millions of dollars on a super depot that at night seriously looks like a jail to save 1million a year, well they won't be saving a million a year until the initial amount of the depot is payed.

Please dont allow this council to have any variation in rates our community will not be able to take it. This local council has to realise that money is a limited source, and they need to learn to spend within the councils means. Lavish spending on the depot site and extra added cost because they IGNORE the sites history of asbestos,(this council was one of the culprits of dumping it there, I am unsure how they could not check their own records for this). If the council actually looked internally at their spending, there should be a lot of savings to be made there for a start.

On regards to the community involvement with explaining to the community about the SRV, they have allowed media outlets to deliberately provide false information, so the community believes the rate rise is actually lower then what is going to happen. Many elderly people do not understand the impact it will have of them.

Our community has rallied together to provide over 5500 signatures against the SRV, because we understand that we can not afford to be hit with huge added burden the council is trying to put on us. I hope you take that with huge consideration of not allowing council to continue to get away with this. I also hope you make them accountable for their actions of spending funds they don't have available.

The suicide and crime rate for the clarence valley is high enough let alone adding more fiancial stress on us low income earners. The council needs to look at savings in costs from office expenses and assets that can be sold. Idealy an administrator would begreat to come in and take over so hopefully one day in the near future my child will have the option of staying and working locally, rather then being forced out of grafton in order to survive.

Thank you for you time.

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