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Subject: submission to impart with regard to Clarence valley councils srv

Dear iPart

Our Valley CANNOT afford a 37% rates rise. As a rate payer on a disability pension, I defiantly cannot afford any more. the council has said to residents that it is a small rise like a few cups of coffee a fortnight. We are already in the top 1/3rd of average Residential Rates for All of NSW and that we are in one of the poorest Local Government Areas as measured using the Australian Bureau of Statistics Socio Economic Index For Areas (SEIFA) analysis. This is higher than the Sutherland shire in Sydney. The council are planning a 17.04 Million dollar Depot we neither need nor can afford at the moment at a site which is simply inappropriate. The council has 314 Cell Phones we pay for and the 182 Vehicles we provide to staff (yet Council refuse to provide details of) might get a mention. The Council's is in \$150 Million dollars of Debt and the depot and this will just increase that amount. Please put a stop to this insane council's rate rise.

Yours truly

Michelle Johnstone