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I would like to add my dissatisfaction with the 'rates grab' which continues with the Bega Valley Shire Council.

Bega Valley Shire Council continue to advertise their transparency in their dealings with ratepayers funds, however this would not appear to be the case.

A great deal of money was spent putting in sewage lines to Oaklands Flats in Pambula and pump were purchased for this operation - it is my understanding that these have not been used and will probably need to be completey overhauled or replaced.

The land purchased for the new Bega Hospital could well be in a flood area which could make it unviable or much more expensive to use.

The airport upgrade contract at Merimbula has been passed even though it was the most expensive quote and whilst the Chamber of Commerce is very much in favour of this, they are not the ones paying the high rates.

There is a total inbalance of the rating system in as much as property in Bega (supposedly the C.B.D.) is much lower than those on the coast where we are not blessed with luxuries like footpaths, decent roads etc..

I hope you will consider my submission.

Yours faithfully  
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