

From: michael spalding [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 3 March 2016 12:09 PM
To: Local Government Mailbox
Subject: RE: review of local gov rating system

I dont know if I included in my submission that GLC's infrastructure was so poorly maintained that for 3 out of the past 5 years said infrastructure was destroyed. pavillions, roads and bridges. All of which was rebuilt using federal and state disaster funding. Nice trick.

They also recieve multi millions under roads to recovery funding.

<http://myallcoastnews.com.au/bob-baldwin-comments-federal-funding-great-lakes-roads-4921>

Our only access rd (Bundabah Rd) was delayed 10 years until we were black mailed by GLC with a massive rate increase or further delays. Only later we discovered the cost of the rd was fully funded under the roads to recovery program.

Essentially the only works for 70% of the region come from external state and federal grants. Nothing from council.

Most recently they announced they would spend \$6 million in and around council chambers.

We asked to be amalgamated overwhelmingly with Port Stephens.

Our region is 170kms as the crow flies directly north of Australias biggest city.

We have no water, sewer, mobile reception and only poor digital TV reception.

In April 2015 nearly 1000 people went without power for 19 days. That meant no water because pumps couldnt be powered. They couldnt even flush a toilet or have a drink.

It is criminal how negligent this council is.

<http://myallcoastnews.com.au/drainage-issues-on-the-agenda-for-pindimar-bundabah-residents-10433>

All rate increase money is diverted to Forster / Tuncurry and never used outside that area.

GLC had control of 2 large tourist parks in Tea Gardens / Hawks Nest. They fell into such disrepair the state government stripped control from GLC and took over management.

This is the same for 70% of the area.

The federal government has provided funding for our roads. There is no need for over 8500 land ownes of "non urban" land paying over \$500 per annum in rates now to be stung with another 19.75% increase for unusable land.

Please do not approve the rate increase.

Thanks

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From: michael spalding [REDACTED]
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Subject: RE: review of local gov rating system

As our council (great lakes) are in the process of adding the final nail in the coffin to 8500 land owners whilst simultaneously trying to sting them with another 20% rate increase - yes I would like to make this an early submission.

The land owners in both Pindimar and Bundabah are still trying to recover from the devastation of the cyclone of april 2015 which as we have no mains water or sewer or mobile reception left us without food, the ability to raise the alarm or even flush a toilet. For 10 days! This is 170kms directly north of the biggest city in Australia. Our council still hasnt cleaned that mess up. Then floods in December with federal funding for road repairs and drainage work syphoned off to Forster again. Both Pindimar and Bundabah are still partially flooded. Magically they found \$6 million to tart up their town centre.

When will IPART act and stop rate increases to this corrupt council?

Thanks

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From: michael spalding [REDACTED]
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Subject: review of local gov rating system

As 1 of the nearly 8500 RU2 (rural / non urban) land owners in the Great lakes Council area who contribute multi millions in rates per year are we able to make submissions to this report?

Right now Great lakes Council has on display for public submissions another change to their LEP which will remove the last option for any use of this land. We are currently paying around \$500 per annum in rates for unusable land with Great Lakes Council about to apply for a 19.75% rate increase over the next 4 years.

We are desperate to have our voice heard.

Thanks

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