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Subject: Ballina Shire Councils application to ipart to increase rates over and above the approved 1.5%

1. Following extensive community consultation rate payers indicated total opposition to the proposed increase.
2. Should Councils application be approved the increased rate will compound annually and become the future base rate.
3. Council completely ignored the opposition of the community and moved to seek the increased rate over and above that allowed by ipart.
4. Only a year ago Ballina Council sought and were granted an increased rate approved by ipart over and above that proposed to fund two new swimming pools to cost \$8 million.
5. The accepted tender price was \$14.5 million and Council admitted they were forced to arrange a loan to cover the shortfall.
6. Hence the ratepayers are already funding an increased rate compounding annually to pay for the two pools and enough is enough for the time being.
7. We and many others like us have been forced to tighten our belts with our income decreasing dramatically over the last few years and its time for Ballina Council to do the same.
8. We believe the Council have adequate funds to undertake the tasks required of them and should not continue to seek further funds from ratepayers. The bicky tin is near empty.
9. We “strongly oppose” Ballina Councils approach for additional funding and appeal to ipart to reject their application.

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Ratepayers of Ballina Shire Council