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Subject: Ballina Council proposed rate increase

I would like to express my strong disagreement with the proposed rate increase above the pegged allowance for Ballina Council. The council is trying to say it has majority support yet to quote their own letter regarding community feedback:

"In respect to the feedback received by Council, there were 118 written submissions, of which approximately 90% opposed the entire proposal."

"There were also 501 responses to the on-line survey, with approximately 70% of those responses opposed to the entire proposal."

Thus the council is ignoring the community feedback. They are trying to say the extra money is needed to improve two swimming pools yet over the past ten years or so they have built two community centres without extra rates.

The council also has access to some \$60 million in investment funds- what better place to invest these funds than in the swimming pools. They want to heat council outdoor pools when private indoor heated pools are available for use in the winter.

Please limit any rate increase to the peg- I for one have no regular income so any rate rise hits hard. As you know inflation and interest rates also low at present- so should rates be.

Regards,

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