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Submission: As a Ballina council ratepayer for 16 years I would like to strongly object to the proposed special rate rise that the Ballina council has applied for. I and a number of other ratepayers have already made written submissions rejecting the extra rate rise which would be permanently applied. The majority of responses rejected the special rate rise above the normal IPART set rise. It is supposed to be to upgrade the Ballina and Alstonville swimming pools but other expensive projects such as Ballina and Lennox Head community centres required no such permanent increase in rates. The council has also admitted it has sold council land to developers but where has this money gone? Personally I do not work full time so have trouble with any rate increase. Please limit any increase to what is set by IPART. Regards, Phillip Bradley