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Subject: Ballina Shire Council - 2 special rate increases.

I am concerned that the residents, rate payers and citizens of the Ballina Shire are not being listening to by its recently elected councilors.

I am against their suggested rate increase, that will become the basis of all future rates and will be never ending.

I believe that the council should live within their means, as the rest of us do.

With a large number of age pensioners and self funded retirees(like myself) living on low incomes ie record low interest rates, we just cannot keep absorbing these irresponsible rises.

Cleaning up the river, is not a job for Ballina council, by itself or if at all. The costs should be shared by surrounding councils, the NSW government, but not by Ballina alone.

Perhaps the council should concentrate on its duty of maintaining infrastructure and dealing with what are usually council priorities, within a just budget.

Lets have no more talk of rate increases, until such time as they are able to stamp out the wastage that goes on!!!

Disillusioned voter.

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