

Author name: P. Daniher

Date of submission: Sunday, 3 March 2019

Submission: We are AGAINST the SVA. As pensioners we cannot afford the increase. We live in an area where there is no sewerage, town water or curb and guttering. Our road is a major thoroughfare to the Airport and it's dangerous; needs safety rails at turns and requires more regular maintenance on its overgrown shoulders. The council doesn't maintain infrastructure it presently has because of poor management and misuse of rate revenue.

To think of increasing rates at such a dramatic and unfair proportion is ludicrous, especially when one reason given is to implement NEW and more modern facilities. Who is going to maintain these facilities when the old needs attention and will be as good as new if looked after.

Today, CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY, we did not see a council vehicle in sight. However, lots of RATEPAYERS were out there doing what the council should be doing. We cannot walk on our road side as the shoulder is constantly overgrown and a drop off for rubbish. If more quality control measures were undertaken by management, then perhaps the outdoor staff would be productive. We have personally seen poor workmanship and poor quality materials used in maintenance. This, of course, necessitates a job needing to be redone or requiring ongoing maintenance costing more money. Do a job properly and save money.

Council has mismanaged rate payers' money through a misuse of council vehicles, social entertainment events and bonuses to employers: (Council is not a private enterprise and the rate money should be for the Shire). Productivity is lacking. Long hours for smoking breaks at the smokers ' own discretion without time control. Poor productivity and quality control as well as misuse of rate payers' money is what NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED, not a rate increase. We worked very hard to earn our money, but we believe that council does not seem to have respect for rate payers. The council has bought investment properties: WHY?. Spend money fairly across Shire. Raymond Terrace needs attention