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Subject: Submission to iPart with regard to Clarence Valley Council's SRV

Dear iPart

Our Valley CANNOT afford a 37% rates rise. The council has been misleading the Clarence residents by comparing cups of coffee a fortnight as a reason in the affordability of this rate rise and they've failed to explain about the impact of such a tax on local People's discretionary income and the ripple or multiplier effects this causes as local shops and business may have reduced sales and then result in higher unemployment.

We are already in the top 1/3rd of average Residential Rates for All of NSW and that we are in one of the poorest Local Government Areas as measured using the Australian Bureau of Statistics Socio Economic Index For Areas (SEIFA) analysis. Our average Residential Rates are already over \$1040 per year and that they have been climbing for many years. Council's waste of \$17.04 million dollars funding proposed for a Depot we neither need nor can afford at the moment at a site which is simply inappropriate. They have 314 mobile phones we pay for and 182 Vehicles we provide to staff (yet Council refuse to provide details of) and Clarence Valley Council already has a debt of \$150 million dollars. It was suggested once by one Councillor, Andrew Baker to sell up unused assets, however, this was rejected by the rest of the Councillors.

I implore you to reject this rates rise from facts above along with petitions signed by over 2500 community members which were forwarded by another concerned member of the Community.

Yours truly
Peter Munce

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