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Submission: I have been a resident in Dungog shire for over 20 years. In this time the only service change that has happened is the initiation of a weekly garbage service some 10 years ago. [REDACTED], where I live is in an appalling state and nothing has changed with this in 20 years. Council base rates have gone up approx. 18% in the last 6 years, additional service fees (sewer garbage) 54%. Now council want to increase my rates 98% over the next seven years. This equates to an additional expense to me of \$55 / week. My submission is this. The council are not competent to manage the funds they have at the moment. How are services going to improve with these additional funds and as a farmer trying to eek a living with current challenges of drought, paying council \$110 week for no return will be crippling