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I would like to voice my opposition to Bellingen Councils proposed rate increase above the peg. They say they need it to repair the roads but that is the last place it will be spent.

They employ 1 CEO + 2 assistant CEO's

Bellingen spends 80% of rates income on salaries. Neighbouring NAMBULLA shire spends 50%. Coffs Harbour 59%. We have seen little or no improvement on road maintenance. They are moving towards social service issues eg "The Hub"

eg A donation "for Rainbow Flags". It is a luxury to at least have the rate peg to operate within but it will never be enough.

Yours Faithfully

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Bellingen shire ratepayers

