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Submission: This last year the council gave almost 80% of the district a rate reduction. Now they want a 30% increase for everyone. This is not fair. Our rates went up 100% this year, partly due to an increase in land value but more because of an unfair and selective change in assessment formula. We are now classified as residential with no benefits other than a garbage service. No street lights, or footpaths. Nothing in return for the doubling of rates. There is now a great variation and disparity between rate payers in the district, which will only get greater if the SRV is allowed. There has been no overall consultation with the community, only limited time at council meetings where residents were shut down & not allowed to speak fully and air their greivances.