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Submission on Clarence Valley Council's proposal for rate rises:

The Clarence Valley Council wants a rate rise because they are short of money. It is in that position because it does not manage its finances efficiently. The Councillors know the rates income and charges yet they spend more and are forced to sell Council's assets and then rent some of them back.

Why would a Council build a super depot when in financial trouble – estimated to cost \$13m. on an old sewerage depot, when many older people of South Grafton knew it had been a dumping site for old asbestos pipes for years? Why choose that site when Council owned non contaminated land at South Grafton?

It cost millions of dollars to transport the contaminated soil to dump in Queensland when local haulage companies appeared to be overlooked in the tendering process.

Because of the size of the Clarence Valley Council a central depot is never going to be cost efficient because of the time spent travelling to and from worksites. To make a 3-4 hour round trip each day to go to Tyringham for instance, (about 70km), leaves little time for actual work after practising safety training etc.

The Clarence Valley Councillors are responsible for the situation the Council is now in, but not being experienced in running a big business, rely heavily on the General Manager and staff for guidance and sadly they have not

been getting that.

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