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Subject: Mid Coast Council Rate Rise

Hi,

I am writing to express my opposition and disgust at the proposed rate rises by Mid Coast Council. I am a resident of Bulahdelah which was under Great Lakes Council before merging with Gloucester and Taree Councils. At that time Great Lakes Council was deemed financial and able to stand alone which did not eventuate and the merge occurred. Why would I pay extra money after my former financially viable council merged with 2 financially poor performing councils. We already pay rates higher than our city counter parts. The cost of day to day expenses such as groceries are dearer due to less competition and choice. I strongly oppose and rises in rates, as I rate payer I thought the NSW Government gave big financial incentives to councils who merged. If so, why do they want more for us. We already get poor value for the dollars we pay. Instead of even considering a rate rise of any sort look into the way that the council is managed and the dollars that are wasted. Kind Regards,
Rodney Paar [REDACTED]