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Submission: Council were granted an increase two years ago for pool renovations. We are now asked for more. Feedback was sought and on completion a Councillor announced that 90% of submissions were against the increase. Young couples, aged pensioners and self funded retirees would be adversely affected. Surely Council could spread their works program to take pressure off cash flow and it seems timely that they conduct a review of their own position with a view to reducing staff, cutting costs and cutting wastage. They should be able to operate with the annual rate pegging increase and reduction of internal costs. Ballina is a growth area and the Shire is in good order compared to some other Shires. A 400 plus lot subdivision was recently approved by the State Government and this will provide significant new revenue as this estate should sell quickly.