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To: Local Government Mailbox

Subject: HPRM: Blue Mountains City Council - Roy Winfield - ratepayer submission

Good morning. I am a long-time resident/home owner of the Blue Mountains and would like to express my concern at the prospect of ANY increases to the Council Rates.

I fully understand that Council is having difficulty making ends meet, but they have had the same problem for many years and seem incapable of making any realistic attempts to curtail their spending. It is much easier for them to front-up to you each year and seek an increase. They, like households and businesses, need to live within their limits.

For one, I am a self-funded retiree and find my income is going backwards while living costs are increasing all round. Many of my fellow residents commute to Sydney and are faced with high transport costs because they live in this beautiful place. Few, if any, have received wage increases that keep abreast of living costs. In addition we are faced with fire levies and sky-rocketing insurance costs.

I hope you will resist any calls for an increase in our council rates.

Thank you.

Roy Winfield,

