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Subject: Coucil Rate Hike

Dear ipart

We are against the MyallCoast Council Rate Hike for the following reasons:

1. There have been no elected representatives on council, representing the ratepayer.
2. There has been no discussion regarding the current Special Rate Variation (SRV) proposal.
3. The Act was mysteriously changed to exempt MCC from the Act, that restricted merged councils from applying for a rate increase for 4 years.
4. Results of the survey indicated that 20% of ratepayers, including renters, could afford an increase, 55% indicated that they would be "inconvenienced" meaning "burdened". MCC has accepted this as 75% can afford the increase, This figure now has been rounded up to 80% (nearest 10%). I believe this blatant manipulation of figures cannot go unchecked.
5. In February, the MCC realised that the Act precluded them from applying for an increase. MCC, miraculously found savings and indicated, that an increase would not be necessary.

Over the past 20 years, GLC has received numerous increases well above the CPI, in some years, thrice the CPI.

The MCC area consists mainly of self-funded retirees and pensioners governed by CPI increases.

We are self funded retirees and only wish our savings would be growing at, or more than, the increases we have paid.

Regards

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