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Submission: Part of my submission to Council included the following...

“At a time when the Western World is awash with debt and Australian household debt is the amongst the highest in the world, it would seem that now is NOT a good time for Local Government to be adding to the problem.

A large proportion of ratepayers in this Shire earn well below the medium wage. Many others are retirees or people on Government benefits and pensions, a large number of whom have just seen their incomes reduced substantially. They cannot afford continued rate increases which are well above CPI.”

Our local newspaper reported that of all the people who responded to the Rate Variation Proposal both in writing and online, 90% were NOT in favour.

What happened to DEMOCRACY!!