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To: [Local Government Mailbox](#)
Subject: Ratepayer submission in response to Bellinger Shire Council SRV application 2018/19
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Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to lodge my objection to the rate increases which will total around 20 % over 3 years. As a pensioner on a disability pension, I am also a single person household, and I cannot afford the increases in my rates along with the other costs of living that are rising, basic items like electricity and food. Rates rises are not affordable.

I was told by a council employer last year that the rise last year would be the last one and now this year we are confronted by a proposed further rises over the next 3 years as well. Council has not disclosed its intentions re rates adequately.

The only way forward is for council to improve efficiencies within their own operations, limit increase in their internal pay rises, minimise employees on the top paying wage packages.

I heard some talk years ago of charging per household for the amount of sewer they create, as a single person household I am subsidising larger multi person households with my sewer rates, and garbage rates, of which I use very little, and general rates only driving on roads occasionally(cannot afford to drive often), where as other households have multiple cars are use roads often. .

Thank you for consideration of my submission, and I request email acknowledgment of this email.

Yours sincerely

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