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Submission:

Dear Sir, I wish to put in my protest to you regarding Coffs Harbour Council, applying for a special variation for there rates for the next years. Council, asked the community via a poll what they wanted, (the poll was flawed, and dishonest to say the least), but still the Coffs Community seen above the dishonesty of the council and more than 70% of poll said they DO NOT WANT ANYFURTHER RATE INCREASES. I sent a submission to Council, stating that they need to get there own house in order, other wise they will be back in another few years with another unacceptable rate rise, Staff are far to top heavy, Council running departments that have no bearing on what council are primarily there for. They say State Government forced them onto them, I say give them back to state government, if government refuse in the near time, as council drop them over a period of time with all these dept in limbo Government will be forced to take them back or pay council to run them. Please force council to take some hard steps, like any other business would have to do, other business just cant continually run a bad ship and survive so council should clean up the dust in the offices, The whole show is a joke, we as the community informed the council that we did not agree to the rate rise, they have still insisted to apply to you for this increase over the next few years, and next minute they are sending a deligation to Japan, talk about a joke. his is a typical example of how they waste our rates and they want a rate increase. I think not. Ask them what they do with this money, there has been no footpaths constructed by council that i know of for the last 2 years, a bit of road sheeting has been done, but I suggest to you that was done with flood money, in fact over the last three years most work has been done with flood money. But if you come up here for a visit, and look at road maintance, curb and gutter, footpaths, potholes, blocked drains, overgrown creeks, you would wonder if any money has been spent at all.(What did they do with the flood money) Once again please do not give them the special variation, force them to act like any other business, when in the hard times, you have to stop eating the Caviar, just as any other business has too. Regards

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