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We wish to object to the Special Rate Variation (SRV) adopted by Lower Clarence Council at the November 2017 Ordinary Council meeting .SRV section 508 A of 8% per cent for 3years this is cumulative rate increase of 25.97% over three years (2020/21). This SRV application was logged to IPART on 12th February 2018.

These are the reasons we are objecting to these rate rises.

1. First many of these councillors are not representing the rate payers wishes. At the last election many of these councillors stood on the premise and promised that they would not increase our rates excessively.
2. . Since the forced amalgamation with the five local councils,- Council has not been able to balance any annual spending, as this was part of the reason for the amalgamation its unbelievable that nothing has changed and council is continually rising the rates to cover there loses. The lack of professionalism with the recent works project "Grafton Central Works Depot " its appalling with the expenditure blowing out by millions of dollars. The council has not reigned in its spending to fit there budget and are continually borrow more money to offset there projects. Council should look beyond rate payers as there go to- too solve the Councils money loses, looking more within there own operations i.e number of employees, money wasting projects and continual loses on commercial operations i.e. airport. Council has to have some accountability for there spending mishaps. Holding back until council have sufficient funds to do these projects i.e. Grafton water park Yamba camping ground up grades, this would be much sounder economic response than just over spend all the time.
3. As retirees and long tern residents of Angourie these continual rate rises are putting far to much pressure on us and total are unnecessary year after year Terri and Peter Collingburn