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TO whom it may concern.

I oppose the rate increase Bellingen Shire Council wants for the following reasons.

- 1. The majority of the rate payers are struggling to pay their rates now.
  - 2. Council has shown it can't spend money efficiently or effectively.
  - 3. Management treats ratepayers with contempt.
  - 4. Too many indoor staff eg. 2 assistant general managers.
  - 5. Spends money on social issues that are not relevant to Council.
  - 6. Accepts grant funding for projects that require ongoing maintenance at ratepayers expense. Eg. Hyde Street Upgrade.
  - 7. Have seen little (or nothing) from last year's rate increase which was to go on local road infrastructure.

Sign William Browning