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Subject: Rate rise.

To all the decision makers. Port Macquarie Hastings Council is requesting yet another rate rise which it says is to fund road maintenance and renewal. Why does it need this rise??? It has \$231,000,000 in its coffers!!! \$5,000,000 of which was accrued in the two months from December!!! Council by all accounts has had \$125,000,000 in its stash since 2012. It has been extremely frugal in spending this on road maintenance and renewal over these last four years if you get my drift. We had council elections last September and some candidates spoke up about the predicted rate rises. The Mayor Peter Besseling said there were no rate rises on the horizon and Deputy Mayor Lisa Intemann said these candidates were putting fear into people for no good reason. Peter Besselings campaigners even said these candidates were liars. Well here we are, six months down the track and seething like hell. I understand we need money in reserve. I get that roads need maintenance and renewal. I don't for the life of me see why we need this additional rate rise when there is \$231,000,000 sitting there!!!

Regards

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