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Sent: Sunday, 12 March 2017 7:54 PM
To: Local Government Mailbox
Subject: Byron Shire rates increase

Dear Sir/Madam,

As a resident of Byron Bay for 20 years, and ratepayer of Byron Shire for 40 years, thank you for the opportunity to express my disappointment with the proposed rates increase of 7.5%.

Firstly, the survey conducted by the Council was very disrespectful of residents with its threat that if we didn't agree with the increase, the Shire could be amalgamated (with whom wasn't outlined or any other important details).

Secondly, the Shire is under pressure from the influx of over one (1) million tourists. A projected number is nearly 2 million by 2018. I feel very resentful that 15,000 residents are expected to subsidise any maintenance and improvements when tourists contribute little financially whilst impacting on our roads, services, and utilities.

Lastly, the Council hasn't fully investigated other income streams and cost cutting as outlined by Councillor Paul Spooner. I found this very short-sighted and disappointing.

Faithfully,
Yvonne Jessup

Salam...regards

Yvonne

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