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Submission: I object to the councils request to increase the rates, this is a low income / pension area I believe the council doesn't understand the pressure that the increases will put on the average household, and by some of the statements they don't care. The rates will not be proportional to the land values, this is not North Sydney or Mossman if you live in the regional areas of the shire the service is near non-existent. If the rate rises are granted I fear that the monies raised will be wasted on more committees and studies to save the lakes etc, or fix the mayors parking lot. I think the resources that the council has could be better managed.