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1	As an a resident of the northern end of the coast I object to paying more in rates, we already pay exorbitant rates and we receive nothing for it, why would I want to give more when we already get nothing for what we currently pay.	No	Nathan	McGrath
2	As a resident of Central Coast Council for the past 21 years, I am shocked at the poor management of council funds. I do not believe in the current financial crisis that so many people are in at the moment due to Covid, that increasing rates due to councils lack of management should be rectified by the increase of rates.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3	Please do not allow the rate increase of 10% for 7 years. From what we are hearing, the Council appear to have been severely negligent in their entire operations and now want neglected residents to pay for their years and years of alleged mismanagement! How can this be fair during a crippling financial time for a lot of people. We are residents and have seen first hand the state of the area and the gross waste of funds over years! Why are we forced to pick up the slack and go without basics to make ends meet - investigation and those responsible for any mismanagement need to pay for the shortfall! They have had a good wicket at our expense for long enough!! Please do not allow the rate increase.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
4	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
5	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
6	As a tenant in the Central Coast Council region, we have been advised by our landlord that should rates increase, so to will our rent. Like many households, my husband and I lost employment due to COVID. A rent increase would be devastating to us. The Council has incurred significant debt and deficit, however, I understand alternatives are available to rate increase. This includes applying to the State Government for an increase in time to repay to the restricted funds. Surely causing financial hardship to region should be the last resort. Impacts of such actions would be felt across industries.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
7	To date no Community Consultation has occurred or been mooted by the Administrator on behalf of Central Coast Council [CCC]. The amalgamation of Gosford and Wyong Councils has been fraught with many issues [which seem to have carried over]. I ask that a review of current rate variations be undertaken in CCC, as it appears that we in the [fmr] Wyong Council are paying substantial amounts compared to those residing in the Gosford Council area, which is totally inequitable. When remedied a rate rise request might not be so divisive in our community. It would be interesting to count the improvement in CCC's finances before a Variation to Rates is 'officially' made.	No	William	Rotgans
8	Thank you for your time You can't manage the money we pay now , why would we have to pay more.	No	Gavin	Laver
9	To whom it may concern, I am writing in response to Central Coast Council's application for an additional 8% rate increase for at least the next 7 years and wish to state that I am strongly opposed to the proposal. For many years, Central Coast Council (Previously Gosford and Wyong Shire Councils) has been ran incompetently with a distinct lack of forward planning and development. The poor management of the councillors in charge has been widely reported and whilst members have been stood down, the reports of their payouts are staggering. I fail to understand why we, the residents of the Central Coast should have to foot the bill for their incompetence, while they get to ride off into the sunset on government pensions, seemingly financially unaffected. In a year where many residents have been severely financially impacted by COVID, with an economic recovery that may take a number of years, it would be yet another blow to residents already doing it tough. I believe it's time those responsible take ownership and find a solution to councils problems that don't come at the further expense to residents. Thank you for your consideration.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
10	Regards, Council needs to look at controlling their cost instead of taking the easy way to repair budget blowouts that was fully created by their own overspending.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
11	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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	<p>Dear IPART</p> <p>Re: the proposed increase by Central Coast council of an additional 8% to the already prescribed 2%</p> <p>As a concerned resident of the Central Coast I would like to lodge a formal objection against a rate rise of 10%.</p> <p>The actions of the council in letting the debt build to such a level is atrocious. It is through no fault of the constituents that this debt arose and to have such a substantial impact due to mismanagement is unethical.</p> <p>I am a single working mum who has held onto her business in the most challenging of years. To find an additional 10% per year will place an excessive burden on our ability to manage our family I budget. I'm an Accountant by trade so I understand budget fundamentals but can not understand at all how this was not acknowledged and rectified earlier. It's unconscionable.</p> <p>While understanding that a slight increase above 2% is plausible. 10% simply is not. Not coming off a large wage reduction to get through COVID.</p>			
12	I urge the Council to seek alternative measures including claims against professional indemnity insurance for mismanagement and advice. ☒	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
13	What a joke , why should we pay for their stuff up . Get rid of the lot of them	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
14	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
15	We have been through this before. Rate payers are constantly penalised for mistakes of council mismanagement. No price increase should occur until an investigation into how Central Coast Council got itself into this mess. Their proposed increases will only further add to the pain and despair of families and individuals who have already been hit hard due to the pandemic.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
16	The ratepayers are not responsible for the council's budget incompetence. The amalgamation of Gosford and Wyong councils was a disaster as there appears to have been no streamlining of staff or assets . Assets need to be evaluated and the ones that are not required should be sold . As a rate payer I already pay plenty and I don't get much in return	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
17	<p>I object to Central Coast Councils Notification to raise rates 21/22 by 10%, (8% special variation and 2% pegged rate) and for that to remain permanently as the base rate for 7 years. There has been no public consultation, other than ratepayers catching snippets via the news media and or sharing links to council website documents.</p> <p>There have been no letters in the mail to ratepayers, and out of town ratepayers may not be aware.</p> <p>Residents have been shocked and horrified at the councils current financial situation, involving spending restricted funds unlawfully and unable to pay staff wages without an advance from the Office of Local Government. Many works projects have been cancelled or deferred indefinitely.</p> <p>There is a loss of trust in councils capacity to manage the finances. Central Coast Council is currently under administration and there is real fear that when the Councilors come back finances will be mismanaged again.</p> <p>Alternate options to regain financial stability have not been examined or if they have, it's not been explained to residents.</p> <p>Ratepayers are worried about an ability to pay increased rate charges, and there is a real unwillingness and resentment to paying, with many social media groups urging withholding current rates payments and protesting rates rises.</p> <p>Many feel helpless and angry at having to foot the bill for councils mismanagement and doubt Councils ability to manage finances even with a rates rise.</p> <p>I note in the application letter that it says they will "...update the integrated planning and reporting documents with information relevant to the proposed SRV..." The SV guideline fact sheet says;</p> <p>"Only those councils that have the additional funding decision i.e. special variation in their Integrated Planning and Reporting process should consider applying."</p> <p>The fact that they have to update their Integrated Planning and reporting documents to add the SV implies that they are not eligible to apply. It is a sudden and desperate decision to raise rates forced upon ratepayers with no consultation with no consideration to ratepayers capacity to pay and a growing movement of ratepayers unwillingness to pay, due to lack of consultation.</p> <p>I object to Central Coast Council getting a special variation to our rates, for fear that if the going gets tough again their only fall back is to make ratepayers dig deeper once again. All the while roads, drainage and infrastructure suffer because our rate rise is to pay back debt plus pay back the money that was illegally spent from restricted funds.</p> <p>I am a local Central Coast resident and ratepayer.</p> <p>Name , address and email to be confidential.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
18	Absolutely not. This is one of the most socially disadvantages areas in all of NSW. The mismanagement of the council should not be passed on to the residents. Don't cause bill stress to people already struggling.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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19	I am willing to pay this increase, ONLY if those Elected Councillors are made to pay back their salaries in full for the duration they served on Council. Considering their WOEFULL performance this would only be fair.	No	Brian	Horncastle
20	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
21	With a CPI at near-record low, interest rates and inflation as low as seen in generations, how could it possibly be seen to be fair to increase rates by TEN WHOLE PERCENT? And not just a one-off increase, but compounded for seven years! And then after that seven year period, our rates won't be frozen, nor revert back to what they *should* have been with standard increases over that timeframe. They will remain inflated, only the annual increase from that time will revert to normal. It's an embarrassment on whoever thought this was a proposal with any merit. Austerity must be brought in before measures such as this should even be considered an option. A far better option would be to request all ratepayers to pay an annual levy on top of their rates for a few years. That way, rates will not increase permanently, and council will still receive the additional income they require.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
22	No rate increase because of the councils fuck up !!	No	Joshua	Younan
23	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
24	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
25	The council has mismanaged our money to bankruptcy and they now want to increase our rates. We have not received value for the money we have paid and I strongly oppose their request for us to pay more. Perhaps they should take a pay cut and cover some of the losses for which they should be held accountable.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
26	It is not justifiable that rate payers pay for the mistakes of a corrupt council. The same council will just take the money and put it back in their pockets and the rate payers will still not get the services they pay rates for. Many people in the Central Coast council area already struggle to pay bills if the rates increase substantially many people will end up without a home. It is unfair and not ok. Council members need to be held accountable for their miss management. All council members and staff should be made to resign, with no ability to be rehired or re-elected and those responsible for the running of the council need to be held accountable and fined. The council should have all new staff and council members, preferably ones that do not have a business/financial incentives gained by being in council and the ability to line their own pockets. Raising rates is going to cause more hardship and is unfair on the rate payers who have already suffered.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
27	Confidential	No	Marie	O'Donoghue
28	I disagree with the rate rise. Residents should not be punished for the faults of council members.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
29	A small increase is acceptable, but a large increase is unfair.. The councillors who mismanaged funds should be help criminally responsible, the rate payers shouldn't be raked over the coals to fix problems they didn't create and had no control over	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
30	Confidential	No	Stephen	Grove
31	Residents should not be left to pay for the incompetence of management and no additional raise should be granted.	No	Scott	Doorey
32	I do not agree with the special rate percentage increase	No	Mel	Edwards
33	It is appalling enough of what has happened to the Rate payers.of the Central Coast. It shouldn't be up to the Rate payer to bail them out of their debt by increasing the rates	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
34	I feel our rates are already too high. I recall years ago, my dad owned a beachfront property in Sydney's eastern suburbs, and my rates were approximately triple his and his land value was more than triple mine. Maybe instead of increasing rates, you could look into why our rates are higher than wealthy Sydney suburbs. Add to the fact that the former Wyong shire pays more rates than the former gosford council, yet they get all the funds and we inherited their debt with the merge of councils. It is grossly unfair to make us pay for councils mismanagement of millions of dollars whilst they earn high wages and have lots of perks including a \$380000 payout for doing the wrong thing. Seems fair. I earn \$24 an hour as an aged carer and barely ale to pay all my bills and support my family already. The rates are already shockingly unaffordable. Please consider that with COVID, many many people have lost their jobs and income and this would tip them over the edge. The people of the central coast are furious about this proposal and the whole situation. I would say I would sell up and leave, but our homes will not be worth anything. People just will not come here. Thanks councillors.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
35	No rate rise	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
36	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
37	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
38	Confidential	No	Alicia	Keddie
39	I don't want a rate rise, we just had one and why should the residents pay for council members rorting funds. I'm on a pension and my rates are over \$2500 in a suburb that the council doesn't even bother to care about.	No	Narelle	Norton
40	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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41	CCCouncil have approved a huge number of boarding houses in my area, 1 -32 unit at the end of my street and it has only been half built (enough land for same size building). This type of residence devalues the surrounding residential area. The rates rise ccc are proposing are absolutely absurd. At best where these boarding houses are being approved to be built current residents should not only receive a rate drop but also compensation. If any member of the council disagree I say build a boarding house next to your house and prove me wrong.	No	Ben	Pama
42	I do not support the Central Coast Council submission for varaition in rate increase above the 2.0% rate established by IPART	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
43	Confidential	No	Nathan	Wilkinson
44	I'm gainstvthe proposed special levy of 8% remaining for 7 years + the normal 2%. Council has done nothing to rectify the excesses and mismanagement which lead to the big debt.	No	Filip	Wouters
45	I personally cannot afford such a huge increase in my rates, nor do I agree or accept it! My family & I literally live from pay to pay budgeting to the last inch of every dollar we spend. We don't go to the movies or have takeaway because we can't afford it. Why should we the tax payer have to foot the bill for Central Coast Council's incompetence? Surely the State government need to take some responsibility for this as well considering they were the ones who created this "Super Council" by forcing the amalgamation of Wyong & Gosford Councils.	No	Cherene	Downes
46	So basically after bad management and over staffed over budgets for ridiculous projects us the rate payers are meant to finance these mistakes by increasing our rates while many of these rate payers on the coast are already struggling financially after the year 2020 has been I STRONGLY disagree that this increase should go ahead and they made the mess get themselves out of it.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
47	Under no circumstances can this council be allowed to get away with this. Miss management does not give them or you the right to penalise the rate payer.	No	Harry	Rumpler
48	Council is asking for an extra increase in our rates because they have mismanaged the funds they were entrusted with already. This is not the we fault of the ratepayers and accordingly, the ratepayers should not be the ones who have to make up the millions council has lost.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
49	I strongly disagree. We should not pay for Council's bad management. Especially living in the Wyong area where we have not really seen much benefit of any of the money spent.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
50	No to rate rise	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
51	The residents of the central coast should not to be forced to bear the absurd costs of outrageous financial mismanagement of the council- the CEO and CFO should be held to account.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
52	I disagree with any increase to our rates except for usual general increase. Some of us a struggling to make payment and house repayments due to loss of income from Covid. As a rate payer I should get a say!! We should not be held responsible for an incompetent council that has mismanaged our money! You just have to drive past Westfield Tuggerah and see council has done nothing to maintain the roundabout and the plants in the median strips. I would like to ask where my additional 8% is intended to be spent??? Maybe I can pay it directly to where it's needed!! I am against any increase!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
53	You got into debt, you fix it. Maybe not waste millions on a walk way at Terrigal beach that's pointless. If I get myself into debt because I don't budget adequately do I then expect other people to pay for my debt and fix my mess, NO. Shame on you	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
54	Central coast council have mismanaged the rate payers monies year on year now and have left the coast in a massive debt of over \$500 million dollars all while we have had higher than normal rate increases. What will stop the council pissing away the additional funds? And where am I mean to find an additional 70% to my rates over the next 7 years? My salary has not changed in at least 5 years yet government departments feel it's their God given right to get increases??? Do not approve this rate increase, and instead lock up the people that have put the coast in the horrible situation. I still can't understand how the CEO of the council was sacked and walked away with over \$350,000 for his troubles???	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
55	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
56	No increase in rates greater than 2%. It is not the constituents responsibility to cover the cost of our filed council. Find another way!!	No	Katie	Pulleyblank
57	We are hard working central coast residents. We should not be held financially liable for the monumental errors and corruption of our once trusted council.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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58	<p>Hello,</p> <p>Apparently there is a application submitted for a rate rise within Central Coast Council.</p> <p>I strongly disagree with ANY rate rise. We, the rate payers, have not been part of the biggest mess the council is in, and should therefore not be part of the solution. The council will need to find other ways to raise the millions of dollars that has been (over) spend.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Conny Larsen Wyong</p>	No	Conny	Larsen
59	This increase is going to hit people hard due to job losses, reduced hours due to COVID. To ask the ratepayers to pay back the debt and no action on the people involved in the mismanagement of money is just so wrong.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
60	<p>We are being penalised for the councils incompetence and illegal misuse of funds now our council are in 550million dollars in debt and our rates may be risen up another 8% we just got a rate rise, with covid and our community being mostly working class families we are struggling please don't let them do this</p> <p>https://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/newslocal/central-coast/central-coast-financial-crisis-council-applies-for-8-per-cent-rate-rise/news-story/5b408a30d923fbbb9472e334b3e06b97</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
61	Fix your own [REDACTED] ups, don't put it on the rate payer	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
62	I don't see how it is fair that we have to pay for the councils financial incompetence and miss management. Considering majority of the north of the coast still don't have curb and guttering and the roads are a disgrace.	No	Jenna	Lopez
63	Central Coast residents shouldn't be liable for the mismanagement of the council! It is not our responsibility to bail the council out of their debt - especially now given the impacts of COVID on many peoples jobs and livelihoods across the central coast.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
64	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
65	Rate increase is ridiculous!! Our amenities are sub par and the management of same is poor.	No	Jessica	Oag
66	I object to paying increased rates because of the council's poor management . This is wrong on so many levels. We have paid our rates on time year in year out now they have scrwed up and expect us rate payers to foot the bill and some. Not fair or reasonable .	No	Jan	Crawley
67	Sadly it has come to my attention that' our Council under the current administrator is seeking a one off 8% + extra 2% rate increase for the coming rate year. I object to the long suffering rate payer of our area having to pay for the incompetence and disgraceful financial mismanagement of the council. The shear fact that this will take place on top of a struggling community recovering from covid 19 job losses and business struggling to stay afloat , I find offensive in the extreme	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
68	Confidential	No	Brooke	Hosking
69	the mismanagement of the council shouldnt be the burden of the people. the service of central coast local council is subpar compare to most other councils. pot holes in the roads, late garbage collections, miminal parks are just examples.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
70	For years our rates have been considerably higher than other more affluent regions with higher property values, and yet despite the high rates the money was not put to good use, and only wasted, now it being revealed whilst billions in deficit. I strongly object to be paying even higher rates to fix council's incompetence as I am struggling to pay the current ones, and we should not have to worry about where to find another few hundred each year, while poorly performing executives walk away with large golden handshakes. There must be other avenues that will not adversely affect our community.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
71	Unfair it's a business not a charity should have been managed	No	Shenae	Chand
72	I do not agree with the massive rate increase to pay for financial mismanagement from central coast council	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
73	Confidential	No	Maria	O'Dwyer
74	Central Coast council has been mismanaged. Residents shouldn't be penalised by massive rate rises! Ever since the amalgamation there have been issues! There are many issues on the coast that still won't be fixed even with the proposed rate rise. Just not fair!!!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
75	Confidential	No	Jeby	George
76	<p>I already pay over \$700 a quarter in rates and don't even have sewer, water, street lights or gutters.</p> <p>I think it's completely unfair we are expected to pay an extra 2% on top of this purely because of Council's poor management. Why punish the rate payers who did nothing wrong?</p>	No	Simone	Seaman
77	The suggested rate rise is unfair. Central coast is economically depressed, higher than average suicide and domestic abuse rates. We need help not tax raises.	No	Jason	Tips
78	This rate increase is a slap in the face. The community deserves better. Shame Central Coast Council.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
79	Confidential	No	Tony	Gavan
80	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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81	Confidential	No	Biji	Abraham
82	I do support the rate hike. COVID has jeopardised our life and finances we cannot afford a rate hike due to council incompetence. I strongly believe we should not be persecuted for the failings of central coast council.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
83	I disagree with Central Coast council submission as their mismanagement of funds should not result in rate payers suffering financially	No	Matthew	Robinson
84	I do not agree with councils application to increase our rates due to the fact that we did not want the amalgamation of Wyong and Gosford councils and yet when this went ahead Wyong council had a surplus in their budget, we have not benefited from any major works to justify any of the money spent at the top end in the wyong shire so why are we now having to pay for the negligence of councils spending? Please reconsider this rate rise, it is not fair on the community	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
85	It is very unfair for Central Coast rate payers to have to pay for the Council's financial mismanagement through increased rates above & beyond the cap - it will cause financial hardship for many Central Coast families who are already doing it tough due to the economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Shame on the Council for taking this approach!!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
86	<p>Im on a pension. Why should i pay for your INCOMPETENCE!!! YOU [REDACTED] WOULD RATHER SEE US HOMELESS AND DESTITUTE, THAN TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOUR [REDACTED].!!</p> <p>HOW ABOUT, YOU PAY BACK THE MONEY FROM YOUR OWN WAGES!!!</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>	No	Monique	Dawson
87	It's shocking to hear that Central Coast ratepayers may be paying for the council's frankly abominable mismanagement of public funds with a rise in our rates by up to 10%. I strongly oppose this move, and think the entire council should not only be suspended, but prevented from ever being in public office again. This is not what the Central Coast needs after the financial, social and emotional cost of 2020.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
88	<p>I find it completely rude that as a home owner in the Wyong shire we are expected to be penalised for the gross incompetence of the council. Where has all the money from our rates gone? If this was a private company there would be charges laid due to the poor management.</p> <p>The ceo should not have been paid any monies upon termination</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
89	I think this is completely unfair on the residents of the Central Coast to have to pay additional costs due to the incompetence of council staff. In the middle of a pandemic when everyone is struggling more than usual this is just unfair and unreasonable.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
90	Confidential	No	Rachel	Bateman
91	Confidential	No	Darren	Newton
92	It is not the rate payers responsibility to pay for miss managment of funds and fraudulent activity across all levels of the central coast council. There is no accountability for this activity and it is not due to rate payers so rate payers should not have to bare the burden.	No	Brent	Gilkes
93	Do not raise our rates	No	Gaven	Chandler
94	I will not accept a rate rise for council.mismanagement	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
95	[REDACTED]	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
96	I don't feel that the residents of the central coast council area should be dealt a rate increase because of the poor management of the local council it's appalling!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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97	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
98	As a rate payer in the Central Coast Council region, I do not condone council's request to IPART for increasing their rates percentages. As we are all aware, council's mismanagement of funds is the obvious reason why they are requesting an increase. It is unfair and unethical to expect the ratepayers to foot the bill for council's financial mistakes, especially since we are feeling sorely let down by our council. Council can make more money in other ways. If this increase is granted by IPART then I'm sure that the ratepayers can take further action.	No	Olivia	Bourke
99	I don't have a problem paying an increase if the increase is required to provide a additional services or the council can provide information regarding increase in cost to provide service . I do not agree with a large increase because of mismanagement of funds , those who are responsible should be held accountable.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
100	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
101	A 10% increase is outrageous. Families are struggling with bills as it is! ☹️	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
102	No. Any rate rise above the rate of inflation is unacceptable.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
103	Residents of Central Coast Council should not be penalised with higher rates for the wrong doing of counsellors! I for one am a pensioner who is fortunate to have a home, with a mortgage and any increase such as 10 % will mean less food on the table and possibly less of everything.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
104	Submission against Central Coast Councils request for 8% extra increase to rates. 1. Lack of community consultation. Until I saw a random post on a Facebook group - had no idea Council had made application 2. Whilst now finally in administration, council have previously continued to budget a a loss, whilst already posting a loss annually for over 3 years. This knee-jerk reaction would certainly allow the Council in theory, to recover financially from past bungles, In theory they should have been able to previously budget based on current income from rates but have severely failed to do so. There needs to be deeper planning by council on other ways to recover. 3. Comparatively the Central Coast is a lower socioeconomic area that other parts of NSW, along with a higher rate of unemployment and one of the largest over 65yr population demographics in the state, an increase in rates would have a severe impact on not just myself but many others in the area. 4. The area has seen annual rate rises, including the separation of our water rates from our council land rates, which once split made for greater rate rises than average across the state. Please excuse the lack of dates and references but as I have only just discovered Councils submission to ipart, I did not want to miss the opportunity to protest this extraordinary rate increase.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
105	We have had public consultation regarding this application. We cannot afford such a huge rise especially when a lot of people are only just starting to recover post COVID. We are only just able to start paying our mortgage again and are unsure as to whether or not we are in stable jobs. This is an unfair measure which could have huge negative implications for the Central Coast.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
106	I object to them increasing rates above the regular 1-2%.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
107	Why are we the residents being punished for the lack of leadership of Central coast council. We are struggling as it is to pay mortgage and put food on table for our family and now the council wants our rates increase by an outrageous amount. How are we ment to afford to live.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
108	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
109	We should not pay for errors caused by others. Why aren't they audited?! Do not make the innocent pay for their mistakes.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
110	Confidential	No	Janice	Taranto
111	This is completely unacceptable proposal. To demand homeowners to pay to make for the councils mistakes is totally immoral. This passes the responsibility back from the council members bad decisions back to a completely innocent party (home owners). Also unfair to recoup such a large amount from home owners and when such a large percentage of residents are renters. Completely unethical decision.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
112	Absolutely disgusting that the rate payers have to pay for the council (that we pay for) bad management. Disgusted in this proposal! We are already doing it tough and in some area paying for facilities that we don't have. Shame on you!!!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
113	Should not have to pay for incompetence Re: rate rise. Already overpriced here on the central coast	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
114	I don't believe that rates should rise above the normal CPI due to the incompetence of the council to manage public funds. We have been paying too much for too long already and have not seen any significant improvements in the Toukley/Noraville areas.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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115	<p>Rate payers shouldn't be held accountable for their debt.</p> <p>Prior to the merge of Wyong & Gosford, [REDACTED]</p> <p>What has happened to the Northern Coast rate payers \$\$?</p> <p>Gosford community has established gardens, parks, curb and guttering, roads and overall can see where rate payers \$\$ have been spent.</p> <p>This can not be said for the Northern end of the Central Coast</p> <p>Even council employees- Gosford council employee's have been on higher incomes then Wyong employees doing exact same positions!</p> <p>Rate payers Gosford region- rates are lower then Wyong region</p> <p>Although they are CCC Wyong has alot to be accountable for and rate payers should not be held accountable for their neglect, incompetency and poor management across the board. ☹</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
116	I do not agree with this ludicrous request for such a substantial increase in rates payable to Central Coast Council. A 10% increase is not affordable. CC Council should explore all other options than looking to rate payers to bail them out of bad financial management.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
117	Confidential	No	Gale	Iseppi
118	Confidential	No	Naveen	Savio
119	I do not want to increase the council's income for more than 2% per annum, just because of wrong deeds by a few people in the council. This should not be a way to find more income to fill a void created by the rubbish behaviour of non committed people.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
120	It is not the residents fault for the financial undoing of the central coast council so we shouldn't be paying for their mistakes.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
121	We as a region cannot afford a rate rise, when Senior staff and the state government have stuffed us over	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
122	We say no to larger rate rises. The Council have stuffed this up and we should not have to pay for their mistakes.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
123	Confidential	No	Michelle	Farmilo
124	<p>The proposed increase of rates in 2021 by 10% and then continued to increase beyond for the next seven years is both abhorrent and criminal.</p> <p>The rate payers should not be held to ransom, nor should they be forced to foot the bill for the mismanagement of council finances and also an amalgamation of two councils into one that was forced upon us, yet their was a massive imbalance between both councils respective finances.</p> <p>Also, once rates are increased they will never go back down to where they should be and it will be considered the norm.</p> <p>The future of the Councillors and the Mayor should be put up to vote by the public.</p> <p>At its most basic level, council wants more revenue squeezed out of their rate payers, but if they couldn't keep themselves out of financial ruin to begin with, what will change.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
125	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
126	This is outrageous. My partner and I both work full time as nurses [REDACTED], pay private health insurance, pay private school fees and are paying a mortgage so land and water rates. This is outrageous. If this occurs we will be selling and seeking employment elsewhere and purchasing a house there. Absolutely disgraceful.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
127	We are about to move to the Coast & can't see why we should be penalised for incompetent management before our time! For that sake, neither should the existing residents!!!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
128	I can not afford and do not agree with the rate increase proposal from central coast council.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
129	I feel that the central coast council should not expect the rate payers to have to pay more rates than we already do especially such a big increase when their blatant neglect of their financial situation was not the fault of the general public.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
130	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
131	Confidential	No	Delia	Sanig
132	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
133	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
134	Central coasts rates should not be raised to pay for the mistakes made by the council. We have paid our rates and done the right thing, and were let down. People on the central coast are already struggling without having a rate increase.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
135	I do not approve of the request from the Central Coast Council for a special rate variation.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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	Residents of the Central Coast have been let down by the council and now ratepayers will be made to fix their failure and mismanagement of funds. Council have also not consulted with the community on these issues. The Central coast has many issues that have been problematic for many years. For example, The Entrance Channel. Thousands of dollars have been spent on endless reports while the problem has never been adequately rectified. Earlier this year many parts of the Coast flooded due to the mismanagement of the channel. Thousands of homes were flooded due to the councils lack of action and delay in opening the channel to allow flood water to escape.			
136	I totally disagree with the increase of rates being requested by the Central Coast Council.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
137	Don't increase our rates	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
138	The council should not request to raise the rates, this is a mistake that they made and are trying to force onto an economy already struggling. And worse during a pandemic. I believe this is unfair and should not be put in place. Especially not at the rapid increase they expect.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
139	Confidential	No	Nancy	Klum
140	I do not agree with any special variation on my rates. Central coast council rates are some of the highest in NSW already and we do not get any benefit from these increased rates. I do not agree with having to pay the debt accrued by Central Coast Councils negligent handling.	No	Kelly	Ippolito
141	History of bad financial decisions. No accountability for their loss and rate payers have to pay for their incompetence. Audit the amount of overtime and works they have funded which were not needed. The boardwalk at terrigal waste money when roads and parks are not maintained. Incompetence.	No	Jarrold	Beven
142	In this COVID time it is very much not fair to burden us even more, for the mismanagement of the council. This request should be rejected	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
143	Confidential	No	Lorenzo	Ippolito
144	No to 10% rate increase. With pay rates not even going up. 10% for 7 years is a poor decision and unfair for people to be punished for something they did not do.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
145	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
146	I oppose the additional 2% levy proposed to pay for mismanagement of public funds	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
147	I would like to strongly object to the central coast councils requested rate increase. This would destroy many families if allowed	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
148	I'm sick of being gouged by ccc.	No	Wayne	Davis
149	Why should I fork out for an exorbitant rate increase when the incompetence of the council has forced them in to a government bail out. CC Council need to find the money elsewhere. Also, my part of the region is rundown and receives bugger all council input.	No	Mel	Moore
150	I am against the proposed rate rise. Ratepayers should not have to pay for council's incompetence.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
151	I do not agree with the proposed rate increase. This is not fair to make the people pay for the governments blunder. I refuse to pay these exorbitant amounts of extra money.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
152	The request is not sustainable for those who have to pay rates. We don't get 8% pay increase a year. We will have no choice but to move from the area eventually	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
153	Such drastic rate rises after a global pandemic is horrendous. I've now had second thoughts on building a home on the Central Coast and am looking at other options. This is not how you attract future development for the long term sustainability of a growing population.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
154	Central Coast residents should not be punished for the incompetence of their council. They should not be forced to pay a massive 10% rate increase for the next seven years. Many families are doing it tough due to recent circumstances and this is incredibly disheartening and frustrating.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
155	As a resident and rate payer of the central coast I would feel terribly let down by any government agency that supports and allows an entity to steal from and continue to bully the people it is supposed to serve. We the rate payers have been bullied, ignored and had to put up with council trees destroying our home with large root invasion for years, we wrote to council with evidence of the issues and damage only to be ignored for many years, until recently due to the fact we are desperate our property is being destroyed, we wrote to every politician and the mayor, finally to have two large trees removed however they have left the huge tree base in the ground therefore the roots are still active and still destroying our property, council have not responded to our pleas once again and now council want to make us pay for their mistakes whilst they continue to use our money to line their own pockets with ridiculous unnecessary staffing costs. How is this justified? The staff who misused and mismanaged the funds should be held accountable not rewarded with redundancies and continued employment. Councils across the board need to become more transparent to prevent this from continually occurring. A rate rise will place immense financial stress on many central coast residents including myself who are already battling. This will only drive residents to a point where they will default on their payments causing much larger issues overall. Please consider the people. Kind Regards [REDACTED]	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
156	Confidential	No	Hayden	Tonnet
157	I don't believe rate payers should have to wear extra financial burden because our council was poorly run	No	Dean	Pattenden
158	As a council rate payer I strongly object to a council rate rise. We need a stronger better managed council not to throw money at the council. I believe due to many natural disasters within this electorate plus COVID this will unfairly target an area that is already financially challenged.	No	Kellie	Marriott
159	Confidential	No	Kelley	Bennett

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160	We should not have to bail the council out for mismanagement of our rates money since the amalgamation. It's totally unacceptable to raise the rates at all based on performance. What needs to happen is a royal commission into what happened with all the money and why it takes 5 people to do a foot path when only one is working and the rest are observing. It took the council 10 days to lay a 20m foot path in green point and they didn't do the path by hand. A landscaping business would have completed it in 5 days with 2 people not 10 days with 5. Its laziness and mismanagement like that that needs to be addressed before a rates rise should be considered	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
161	The rate increases suggested are unreasonable for the families that are paying off their homes especially after the effects of Covid in 2020. It will also force rental increases as landlords pass on such high increases in their rates. The financial status of a lot of people in Wyong shire is low already and this will cause financial hardship for a lot of families. Selling off council owned buildings would be a better idea to fix the mess they have got into.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
162	This was not our mistake and should not be something that the rate payer has to pay for especially not at increase of that outrageous increase. How do you expect the average person to be able to afford a 10% increase on top of all other increasing living expenses?	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
163	Why are residents being punished for councils incompetence?	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
164	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
165	Residents should not have to pay back councils poor financial management.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
166	Residents of Central Coast should not be unfairly punished for the fund mismanagement of council members. A 10 rate increase year on year on our household will be a financial burden.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
167	It is completely unreasonable for central coast residents to pay an increase of approximately 10% each year in their rates due to their financial situation and poor financial management. Due to the current financial strain most people are under because of a global pandemic, this should not be approved. Hi	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
168	We should not have our rates raise by 10 %. The money should be taken in other ways from the councilors gross mistakes and we shouldn't have to suffer from it.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
169	No	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
170	Why should we have to have to cover their butts when they overspend so badly. Plus what did they spend it on? Certainly not spent in my suburb!!! Rip off!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
171	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
172	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
173	We already have extremely high rates and it is not the residents fault the council can not manage their money, we should not be paying for their mistakes.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
174	taxing the working class to death cause of peoples gross neglect	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
175	This will create financial hardship in the region. Ratepayers cannot in good faith be held to account for mismanagement of council. Sell assets and reduce staff and stop wasteful spending. I will be forced to sell, with the already high cost of living this rate increase borders on criminal for no gain whatsoever to the rate payer it's not like any benefit is received for a special increase such as this.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
176	It should not be up to the residents to pay for the outrageous debt the council got itself into. The councillors should be held responsible. The rate increase is a ridiculous amount.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
177	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
178	Central coast residents should not need to suffer a ridiculous rate increase due to the mismanagement of finances by the council.	No	Amie	Graham
179	Central Coast Council already have one of the highest rates in the state, but now because they have misappropriated council funds and run the area into debt they are wanting to punish ratepayers by further increasing our rates. It's not fair nor is it sustainable for a lot of the residents. Please decline the request to increase Central Coast rates!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
180	Confidential	No	Craig	Spratt
181	Please don't let council increase our rates to fix their mistake. The incompetent fools that were in control has misappropriated funds, they should be held accountable. Not the general public Thanks	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
182	I will not be penalised for incompetence in the checks and balances, sometimes an entity will need to reassess their priorities, and spend less, rate rises will not solve past mismanagement, but rather reward it. I am against anything beyond the accepted 2%.. This will equate to 194% change over these next 7 years, and yet who is this owed to? We have been told the financial bailout is secret. How can we trust this council to manage these funds as it hasn't been capable before.	No	Sean	O'Sullivan
183	I am extremely annoyed that this council has squandered rate payers money and is now expecting us to pay for their incompetence, we are already among the highest rate payers in the state and have the poorest service, cuts need to be made within the council to pay for their mistakes, not from struggling residents.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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184	Why should the individuals be responsible for the financial recovery of the Council? We didn't mismanage the funds. Rates are expensive enough, especially when we don't see anything being done with the money and even more so now after having read the 30 day interim report be Dick Persson. If that kind of mismanagement happened in private enterprise that person would be sued. Don't allow this rate raise to happen, we the residents shouldn't have to carry this burden ALLOWED by the Councillors, CEO & CFO.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
185	There was no increase in wages for most of the working population this year and next year. Please take this into account. If people have no extra money coming in it stands to reason that any increase, let alone the HIGH increase in rates being proposed, should not be considered at all at this time.	No	Khrystyna	Greenfield
186	I disagree with the rate rise. Why should the community have to pay for councils mismanagement?	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
187	Why should we have to fix their mistakes? They couldn't handle it last time, and we won't be able to handle it this time. The amount of families still struggling after the pandemic this year is astounding and you want to make it worse for us? How is that fair for residents of the Central Coast? Good luck getting anything out of all of us. Absolutely ridiculous.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
188	Punish those responsible	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
189	The council failed to meet their commitments with the floods this year. This has cost me and my family a great deal of stress, and financial loss. I can't see how a council can increase rates when as a rate payer it has been proven that the current council rate was incorrectly spent, Not that it wasn't adequate so why should rate payers pay for council negligence. I should be getting free rates to make up for the flood damage council caused!!!!. My insurance premium has doubled and now they want to increase my rates????	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
190	I do not agree with the request to increase rates for the rate payers of central Coast council. Why should rate payers be punished due to the incompetence of this council to regulate their finances. As a rate payer in this area I am abhorred that our council could firstly waste our money and then request us to pay more to bail them out of their financial mess. I completely disagree with their variation request to increase rates	No	Karen	Stapleton
191	I object to the proposed rates increase. Throwing additional money into a financially inept council is both wrong and unwise. The icac should investigate.	No	Darryl	Neil
192	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
193	To Whom It May Concern I am a resident and rate payer that resides in Erina (Central Coast Council). It is no secret that our council has made many errors summounting to a multi-million dollar debt that continues to rise the more reviews are taken. 2020 has been a different and difficult year for everyone in all aspects of life inclusive of financial strains. With this proposal of a large rate rise, 2021 & beyond only becomes more difficult. I have 4 young children and my wife to support, I work full time and understand the importance of rates etc. However, the idea of such rate increases will place a great deal of stress on my family and friends of similar situations in our LGA. Please do not allow the incompetence of some, cause the anguish of so many. These financial burdens will cause increased negative mental health impacts and ultimately may play a role in the suicide of some who are already struggling to cope. I believe it is your duty to consider all factors and not just those outlined in the special variations.	No	Jayd	Osborne
194	In no way should the residents of the Central Coast Council be subject to a 7% rate rise, plus a 2% yearly increase for 7 years. The amalgamation of Wyong and Gosford was forced by the State Government and it's the State government's responsibility to fund the issues that CCC are experiencing, not the residents	No	Anna	Hubatka
195	As a rate payer to this council for the past 20 + years, I do not understand why I have to foot the bill for what is obviously gross mismanagement on behalf of the people in charge. A dull enquiry needs to be held into who was responsible for this ridiculous debt and THEY need to be the ones to pay it back! Ever since moving to the Central Coast all those years ago, I have heard countless times that the council was in financial trouble. Why has it taken so long for the outrageous debt to come to light???	No	Sonia	Logan
196	We shouldn't bear the burden of our council's incompetence!	No	Bryce	Atkins
197	Rate payers should not be forced to pay more when the council mismanaged their funds. We had no control over that yet are being forced to pay their debt off. They should sell their assets to pay for the debt not make hard working rate payers pay it off for them.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
198	This request is the result of both the NSW State Government, and the former elected councillors and appointed staff not effectively managing or having governance systems in place to ensure the Budget was managed. I strongly believe that accountability for this has not been addressed, and the rate payers are being penalised. I strongly oppose this "easy" fix proposal with no one taking accountability for the issue. The rate payers must not be penalised by lack of governance. A open and transparent inquiry should be held before any above 2% increase is even considered.	No	Pete	Lawley
199	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
200	Please do not allow the central coast council to raise our rates by extra 7% for next 10 years. We need a council that can manage ratepayers money better. This excessive rate increases is extremely unfair and unaffordable for ratepayers.	No	KAUSAL	NAIDU
201	I disagree to higher rates!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
202	Please do not increase the central coast councils residents rates, I'm concerned for the affordability of the area for residents particularly those affected by corona virus	No	Sinoma	Gilbert
203	As a ratepayer of a couple of properties under central coast council I definitely object to another rate increase. Due to incompetence by council They voted themselves a pay rise knowing they were broke \$380,000 payout to [REDACTED] for failing his duty Absolute joke. Need ICAC investigation	No	Darren	Todd

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204	After the year of Covid in a socioeconomic area that even at its best struggles. The idea to increase rates by 10% pa over the next 7+ years is ludicrous. I understand the dire financial stress the Cc council is under however putting an already struggling community under increased pressure by that much is not the appropriate response. A more modest 5% would be more sustainable for the community. There are also additional methods the council could take that won't place families already struggling in the firing line. Get creative. Put a request out to the community for ideas. This is our council so we want to see it succeed but it is also not fair or sustainable to make family's suffer for the incompetence of a few.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
205	The state government should bail us out, they waste enough money on other unimportant matters, and those found to be guilty of incompetence within the council should be held accountable. Rate payers should not have to pay for poor management by council after all it was the governments decision to merge our councils, obviously a bad one, made without thought.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
206	Central Coast residents are not to pay for this this Council's mismanagement of funds, we do not see or receive any benefit from any rate increases imposed by Council. This application for a rates increase is unwarranted and would leave hundreds of Central Coast residents in financial hardship	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
207	The incompetence of council, does not mean that we, the ratepayers, should be punished for their mistakes. Any other business that goes into debt is put into receivership. The councillor and head of departments, who approved this ongoing spending, should all be sacked with no compensation. Get rid of this whole level and just have a CEO. There are other ways to regain this money without punishing people who have already had a difficult year	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
208	I oppose the rates increase Central Coast Council are proposing for 21/22. This Council has done nothing for its rate paying residents and we should not be responsible for the horrendous mismanagement and financial woes	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
209	I think 10% is way too steep for the average person and maybe 4% is more realistic for the average person	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
210	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
211	No, you're not scrapping all out of our pockets clean to fix up your mess. Those who were mistreating funds should be held liable. Not the struggling public.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
212	They should've be allowed to gouge the rate payers because of their inability to manage the council finances Don't automatically let them Do this	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
213	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
214	What a joke	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
215	Whilst it is recognised that the council is in financial hardship - this is due to the mismanagement of the council, not lack of income from rates. To increase the rates 8% above the peg rate starting 2021/22 and ongoing for 7 years shows continuing financial lack of accountability of the council. In effect they are offloading the responsibility of the financial situation to the ratepayers under the belief that we spent the money so we will just ask for more. The knock-on effect of this for many residents is to move the financial hardship from the council to the individual as so many residents (particularly in the wake of the financial impact of COVID) will struggle to pay their rates and many not be able to afford them at all. What happens after 7 years - do we continue on from the new exorbitant annual rates and keep applying the peg rate annually thereafter or do we return to a level based on land values and have a significant drop in the rates? The residents of the council need transparency on this issue and a forum to provide their input rather than allowing the council to shift the financial responsibility elsewhere. I do not believe that any level of community consultation has occurred having only discovered the application was in progress through social media. I personally strongly object to the compromises this will cause my family with the increased expenditure as I will be required to budget for for a council that has no idea what a budget actually is.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
216	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
217	I am disputing the rate rise for ratepayers, to cover the debt caused by councillors. It is completely unfair and unreasonable to impose a 10% rate rise on the people of the central coast.	No	Kerri	Black
218	Hi I object to their submission to increase rates by an additional 8%. Why do the community need to suffer because of the mismanagement?	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
219	I disagree with central coast Councils proposal to further increase our rates costs. It is not the residents fault council can not maintain its budget. We should not have to suffer because of their incompetence.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
220	To whom it may concern, I deeply oppose the 8% rate increase on the basis of financial hardship as well as it being grossly unfair that we have to foot the bill for the council's financial ineptitude. Those responsible should be going to jail, if it were corporate big business, that's what would have happened. Absolutely disgusting that it's expected we foot the bill. I'm a registered nurse working at Wyong hospital, I already serve the public of the central coast, I was denied my pay rise this year costing me in excess of 10K in lifetime cumulative super. Increased rates are just another thing we can't afford because of an issue we didn't cause.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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221	I am writing to object to the proposed rate increase at Central Coast council. The proposed rate increase will put at risk the livelihood of hundreds of families who have already had a very difficult year. Job losses, financial strain and now this unreasonable increase will cause residents to move to more affordable areas in the state. The residents of the Central Coast did not elect the council CEO and should not be responsible for paying off the debt generated with the severe mismanagement of council finances	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
222	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
223	Confidential	No	Jody	Gough
224	The hard working people on the coast are not responsible for the ridiculous debt caused by mismanagement and we will not tolerate a rate increase to pay for such debt. No way!!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
225	The gross incompetence of council staff should not be the rate payers problem.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
226	I believe the rate increase to be excessive. 8% for 7 years plus another 2% every year after is extreme! By the end of the first 7 years the rates will have risen 20%. I can't see council then reducing rates after this time, they will just keep increasing. The residents should not be penalised for council's financial situation. I understand the money needs to come from somewhere, but this rate increase is excessive and unfair. The financial situation of the ratepayers in the current climate needs to be taken into consideration as well.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
227	This is an incredibly unfair and unwarranted rise. Council should not be able to punish its residents for its own incompetent behaviour.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
228	The SRV application by CCC should not be approved by IPART. CCC grossly mismanaged its organisational resources and in particular its finances. The ratepayers of the Central Coast should not have to pay the price for Councils' mismanagement. Close scrutiny of the salaries and wages will show a steep increase circa 40%, how did this happen? Also close scrutiny of the ICT area will show significant wastage and lack of progress to unified systems. Please don't make the punters pay for Councils uncontrolled spending spree.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
229	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
230	I disagree with the Central Coast Council requesting above average rate increases because of their incompetence and poor management	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
231	I don't mind paying a rates rise ONLY if council acts like a council and cleans this place up. I am ashamed to live here. Roads, pathways and roundabouts full of weeds Rubbish and graffiti. Do your job!!!!	No	Samantha	Schuetze
232	I disagree with the rate rise proposed by central coast council as this is to cover their own financial mismanagement. Why should we need to pay a higher than average rate increase when they had not used wisely the rate money we are now paying.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
233	No rate rise	No	Danielle	Green
234	My family are a single income family. We live within our budget. So too should central coast council. It is disgraceful, greedy and irresponsible what they have done. Totally not the ratepayers problem. Refunds from CEO to start with and no severance pay. Don't take ratepayers hard earned money.	No	Elizabeth	Bailey
235	This will put too much financial pressure on community members already stretched beyond their limits at this time. Council needs to accept accountability for their own management and find other ways to correct their situation	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
236	I object to Central Coast Council minimum rate increase variance request.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
237	I disagree with a 10% increase in rates for 2021-22 versus the agreed Upon 1-2% increase	No	Dustin	Greenfield
238	Confidential	No	Patricia	Hollis
239	Extremely unfair	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
240	Confidential	No	Glenn	Murray
241	I strongly disagree to a request for a rate rise of 10% for the rate payers of Central Coast Council. I don't understand why the rate payers have to support this council which has shown total disregard for the funds they mishandled. Surely the Councillors should be held accountable for the distribution of monies they totally wasted. I am so disgusted in the handling of the whole situation.	No	sandra	ayton
242	Confidential	No	Briana	haritos
243	I disagree with a 10% rate rise for Central Coast property owners over the next 7 years. This will cause financial burden to many families and the elderly, many who are pensioners. This is not even taking into account the financial situation of many families and local businesses, post COVID. There must be better solutions other than hitting the very bottom of the food chain. The residents are already the victims in this scenario and the administrators, by proposing a 7-8% hike in rates per year, on top of the standard 2%, are basically expecting the victims to pay for the mistakes of the council. Would you ask a person who has been hit by a car to pay for the damages of the car that hit him?	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
244	I don't believe that rate hikes should be as high as 8 %	No	James	Davis
245	I do not agree with the rate rise. Council should sell off their assets to recover the mismanagement of funds distributed. Rate payers of the Central Coast are already suffering hardship due to Covid-19 & loss of income.	No	Jennifer	Tyson-Davies

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246	It is reprehensible to expect the tax paying residents to cover the losses created by an inept group of employees. This is not our error and we should not be held responsible for fixing it!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
247	Why should rate payers have to pay an increase in their rates for the stuff up of councillors not doing their job properly. They should be held accountable personally, not the rate payers themselves. This is unfair on the rate payers, this is a joke. I object to having to pay extra for their stuff up and mis management of funds.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
248	Most of the families living here can't afford to pay more in rates, our rates are already really high.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
249	This should be blocked! We shouldn't be punished for the councils poor money management skills. It's bad enough they are continually approving developments with tiny block, and still charging stupid rates. Let alone wanting to increase them simply to cover their own costs! Where are the new play grounds and schools with all these developments. They don't exist.	No	Kaitlin	Fawkes
250	I am writing regarding the proposed rate increase to account for Council's mismanagement of public funds. My rates are already exorbitant, in the order of \$4,000 per annum. Given my already high rates, an increase of 8%pa is extremely significant and will impose hardship on my family. I already do not receive value for money in respect of my rates payments. I live on a rural road without access to town water or sewerage. I have no curb and guttering on my street, and Council has taken no steps to manage storm water at my property. The only meaningful service Council provides to my property is garbage collection. While I use other Council-supported services (eg driving on local roads and accessing the local library), I do not use these more than any other Council resident. Given the stricken financial situation Council is in, I do not expect services to my property to improve. In light of this, why should my family be required to bear a heavier burden for this rates increase than other properties, who already receive more services than we do? In addition to the above, I strongly believe that it is unacceptable that local residents should be made to bear the brunt of the faults of Council management. Overseeing local councils is the responsibility of the State government, and in cases such as this it is only proper that State funds be used to avoid local residents having to shoulder the burden. This is particularly so given that the State government pushed for council amalgamation - a significant contributor to this financial outcome.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
251	I respectfully request that IPART not approve any proposed rate increase for the Central Coast Council. It is unacceptable that local residents will be expected to pay for the current mismanaged debt for CC Council. That a Financial Administrator has put this forward as a solution again shows further lack of leadership or responsibility. Does the Central Coast get enough funding from the government each year for the size and diversity of our demographic? Where does all the money from our rates go? Has all overtime been suspended? What efficiencies have been found? What other sources of revenue does CC Council have? What is the breakdown of their expenditure? There is NO transparency even now with this administrator or review. An increase to rates will be detrimental to local business and households especially with Covid when roads and infrastructure investment is non-existent.	No	Meg	Potter
252	No other failing business charges their customers to bail them out. This is a disgrace. I object to council raising our fees. They have overspent and now expect us to inject more money to prop them up. This has been an extremely difficult year for everyone and a rate rise of that amount should not be considered at all.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
253	Totally disagree. The council does not provide basic amenities e.g footpaths, lighting, green space improvements and the rates are already huge. Any bailout should be lodged against the person/s responsible for the gross mismanagement of funds.	No	Toni	Cummins
254	I object to Central Coast Council's plan to increase rate prices for residents for the next ten years. As a young couple getting into the housing market is difficult enough, managing household expenses and saving for the future. Residents should not have to foot the bill for the negligence of professionals at council. Anyone who performs that poorly at their job to the detriment of an entire community should be held accountable, not the other way around.	No	Jessica	Flynn
255	Absolutely not. We are not responsible for your ineptitude. Find the money elsewhere, not out of the pockets of the long suffering rate payers who are forced to live with your incompetent governance.	No	Emily	Miller
256	Confidential	No	Kim	Hardacre
257	I am opposed to a rate rise in response to Central Coast Council's incompetence and mismanagement of public funds.	No	Robert	Hayward
258	I don't think it's fair that we the rate payers, should have to pay for the Council's mistakes.	No	Meaghan	Brown

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259	Central Coast already have high rates, higher than some more expensive parts of Sydney. The fact that council mismanaged our communities money is not the responsibility of the rate payer to make right. For starters, you sacked the CEO, but gave him \$350k payout. If a person is sacked for gross negligence, he doesn't get payout and I believe this is the second time this has happened to this person. Secondly if my business finances were mishandled, does council give me rate money back to keep my business afloat, or do the rate payers help??? No bad luck for me. It is absolutely disgraceful to expect your rate payers to cover you gross negligence. Those involved in the hiring of the people responsible need to be fired, as does all those involved. Council have project managers, too many councillors with their hand in the pie ripping off the rate payer to feather their own nest. I'll give examples, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] He holds i high position with on council, can someone explain how that is not considered a conflict of interest and why it's allowed to go untouched. The whole thing needs a massive clean out. It's been a joke for years. [REDACTED]. Of rates go up so does rent, so do the prices we all pay at local businesses. So we will be hit two fold, residents are already struggling with losing their jobs to Covid. What a good way to turn the screws even more. Put families under more pressure. Wish I had moved on when I had the chance however this ridiculous decision may leave me no choice. 40 years and never been so disappointed.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
260	It is ridiculous that the ratepayers will be forced to pay more over the next few years because of the ineptitude of our council. It's not the ratepayers responsibility to pay for the council's mismanagement. An increase of 8% over 7 years is unfair. This huge increase will affect many families.	No	Christine	Smith
261	It is unreasonable for council to ask that rate payers pay for their grose mismanagement of tax payer money by increasing rates by any more than the standard recommended amount.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
262	I object to Council applying for a special increase to be applied to cover their financial mismanagement. If I can run a budget based on my pension, why should I asa ratepayer be held accountable for Council not being able to?	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
263	The increase was due as a result of the forced amalgamation of wyong and Gosford councils which had previously been managed without the need of an administrator. Since the residents had no choice on theatter, the state and federalgovernments bear at least part liability for the ensuing financial mess of ccc. I object to the proposed increase being leviedon ratepayers.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
264	I'm totally against any rate increases for the central coast. It should not be the rate payers to bail out the debt left from poor management of funds and a merger. We have already experienced a 25% increase THIS YEAR. A single block of land sold adjacent to is and apparently that land value has pushed our rates to an all time high. We can't justify the current expense.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
265	I object to having my rates increase to fix government incompetance. Get the money from somewhere elsevand not from inocent rate payers hard earned cash and those doing it tough as it is. Its a disgrace to think you can put this back on the rate payers.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
266	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
267	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
268	It is grossly unfair to rant council increases for 7 years just because of their incompetence they need to look at cutting internal costs before increasing rates	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
269	Confidential	No	Sharon	Palmer
270	Taxpayers should not be held accountable for the mismanagement of funds. A 10% increase after a year of such uncertainty could place just too much pressure on families in the area.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
271	As a homeowner of the Central Coast who has for 30 years watched the decline and lack of responsibility from Council theybfind themselves in financial trouble and one of their responses is to increase our rates by ten percent . This year the parade mic has wiped out business industries and most industries are assisting and supporting the workers of this country but not our council. I find it disgusting that in these climatic times they expect us rate payers to take on the burden of extra costs. I lost my work for 8 months this year and I can tell you I will not be paying extra. I learnt to manage on what little assistance we had so council can do the same thing. And as a rate payer instill have no drainage out front of my home and the road is full of pot holes and because they didn't clear the Entrance with the flooding I had major damage to my home so Central Coast Council can take a flying leap with their rate rise and suffer the consequences like any individual or business . This Council has shown that they cannot function as a business regardless of who has been in charge and once again the rate payers are punished.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
272	I am completely opposed to the rate increase above the normal 1-2% per year.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
273	Confidential	No	Susan	Hay
274	Council members made the mess, responsibility of the clean up should fall on council members, not the public. We payed our rates, we did the right thing and now it's us that will be punished for it with a rate rise to recoup the moneys lost ? Why?	No	Judd	Barone
275	This is unjust that we have to pay for a leaders mistakes. How about cutting the Centrelink and jobseeker payments before taking money from working Central Coast residents.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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276	We will not foot the rise increase due to previous dodgy council sqandering away cash that was legitimate our councils. At this stage, with the amount of new business and builds.. the kitty should be at its best! And was at its best. Someone is liable but not the residents.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
277	How dare the residents should have to suffer more due to an incompetent council maybe reduce there pay rates and stop offering pricy redundancy packages total joke	No	Jodie	Ross
278	We have done nothing to have an outcome of having our rates risen! This is not fair	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
279	I object to this outrageous increase in rates, local residents already burdened with high tax rates should not pay for government mismanagement, especially during a pandemic!	No	John	Scott
280	Confidential	No	Kate	Walker
281	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
282	This is an absolute disgrace that we the tax payers will have to pay to fix the councils debt. I for one will not pay the increase. We already are interested in taking out class action for the increase in home and contents insurance after the February 2020 floods, caused by council	No	Anne	Kitchener
283	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
284	8% extra on top of 2% is huge. Why do we need to pay for the councils mismanagement? Shouldn't the people responsible have to pay instead? I do not agree with it.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
285	Why are the tax payers paying for the councils mistakes. it is disgusting that they got into this debt and yet still jave their payout. if that was any other person, they would loose all benefits, but because its government they get away with it!!!! what lesson have they learnt, NOTHING!!!! and yet you expect the rate payers and tax payers again to foot the bill, you are a disgrace Nd this shouldn't be allowed!!!!	No	Sandy	Le Clos
286	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
287	I oppose the 10% rate increase and call on Mr Dick Persson to hold the State Government accountable for the forced amalgamation of central coast council. It was greatly opposed by the residents and was thrust upon us. We should not be responsible for paying the mismanagement of this decision.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
288	Due to our Councils' incompetence I find it totally unacceptable that the Rate payers must carry the burden for the next 8 years. The additional 8% increase on top of IPART recommended 2% for the next 8 years will mean that my rates will double in 8 years. This is going to be too much of a burden on the ratepayers of the Central Coast where a lot of residents are pensioners and young couples trying to survive.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
289	Confidential	No	Leah	Frewin
290	We as individual householders did not abuse the financial pocket of council first look at those who financially gained from this financial abuse and take steps to have those funds returned....we as members of our Central Coast community are not to blame ,and should not be held accountable for the misuse of council funds ,we all find it hard enough to keep a roof over our heads and should not be slugged these extra costs for councils inability to balance their books ... I totally object....!!!!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
291	Confidential	No	Tony	Martin
292	We pay our rates with very little in return Central coast council has ruined itself and our community with their wastefulness The people should not have to pay extra rates for their mistakes . Sell their assets to put money back into council coppers not squeeze us the rate payers more or you will see people not wanting to live in central coast because of the high rate charges .	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
293	Central Coast residents already pay a high amount in our rates. Due to the merging of both council regions and inconsistency of management. I disagree with the rate rise.. councillors got us into this mess . They should cut costs from within office before charging residents more	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
294	Confidential	No	Josie	Stanford
295	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
296	I've just read the prospective rate increase for the central coast council and I can't help but feel that it is absolutely ridiculous. The rate payers have had to put up with this inept council and now because they have completely stuffed up their finances it comes down to the rate payers to bail them out. All this at a time when property prices continue to b rise towards Sydney levels and job security for a lot of us is average at best. How dare they expect us to go into our pockets because they can't do their job properly.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
297	We simply should not be held responsible for such gross inadequacy, mismanagement & misappropriation of council funds!! We have been robbed once, now twice if forced to pay for this colossal misuse of power, responsibility & public trust!!! The top end of this council is completely overstocked with grubby, opportunistic, overpaid management & should be answering for this crisis through extensive investigations with appropriate consequences!!! We, the rate payers already live with public works not completed, public parks & areas not maintained well & a lack of financial funding/ spending transparency!!! Please stop this grossly unfair treatment of hardworking honest home owners!!!!!! Someone needs to step up & do the right thing!!!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
298	No I will not pay more so council can cover their debt. We are struggling financially too.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
299	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
300	Due to council's mismanagement of their own grind this proposed increase will put untold financial pressure on many households throughout the CC.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
301	We should not have our rates increased and pay the price for the gross mismanagement of funds. Our rates are high enough as it is.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
302	Do not raise rates	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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303	<p>Council conducted surveys before the last request to increase rates and BOTH surveys showed ratepayers were against the rate increase. Council went and applied anyway and tried to justify by saying it is IPARTs decision to increase the rates.</p> <p>Council claims of services that had deteriorated and needed major works to maintain. This should be controlled by regular maintenance with funds allocated. Not wait till beyond repair then make claims to ratepayers that if they don't agree to rate increases major services will not be available.</p> <p>It is now shown total incompetence and waste of funds has led the council into further financial trouble.</p> <p>I DO NOT want to contribute anymore to cover the costs of such incompetence.</p> <p>Comments like " Council has to increase rates as there is nowhere else to get the funds"</p> <p>Well have a think where the ratepayers are going to get the money to pay more rates?</p> <p>WE HAVE NOWHERE ELSE TO GET MONEY TO PAY FOR THEIR STUFF UP!</p> <p>I can't imagine it is going to encourage anyone to move to the area when high rates are being charged to cover the costs of incompetence from years before they arrived.</p>	No	Graham	Starr
304	<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>I am writing to protest the proposed 8% to CC Council rates. This is unacceptable. Residents should not have to pay for the council's mismanagement of funds. Residents shouldn't be penalised for this - we all did the right thing paying our taxes and rates. The people responsible should be penalised.</p> <p>Kind regards</p> <p>██████</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
305	Confidential	No	Christine	Cooney
306	<p>Council top dogs have mismanaged funds. NOT OUR PROBLEM OR FAULT!!!!!! I got one refuse to pay this excessive rise. They say in their findings, there was no corruption. Then they say the former CEO KNEW their spending were excessive at the time and council could not afford these expenditures. How then is this NOT CORRUPT? When you have your actions are wrong yet still go ahead with them???</p> <p>Should be jailed!!!</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
307	0% rate rise	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
308	Confidential	No	Ajayakumar	Kesavan
309	No increase in rates for the councils fault and responsibility of being in debt.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
310	Confidential	No	Fiona	Roberts
311	<p>I don't think the rate payers should have to compensate for the complete lack of ability by the council and higher to manage their money. Why should the innocent rate payers suffer for the councils mistakes?!</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
312	<p>The proposed 8% special increase is obscene. As my work place is currently in wage negotiations and have been offered 2% in response to our request of 5%, councils request is absurd.</p> <p>Councils situation is of their own making, I understand Central Coast residents must foot the bill but there needs to be another way.</p>	No	Mal	Hayes
313	I do not believe that the residents of the central coast should be paying for the mishandling of the funds and debt that central coast council has gained.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
314	This is absolutely infuriating. I am more than happy to pay my rates, but an increase plan like that will absolutely devastate so many young families and the elderly only just managing to cover the latest increase (which was hidden within our water bill). So disappointing to have such an incompetent council.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
315	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
316	<p>As a family struggling to pay off a mortgage we can't afford the increase beyond what is regulated.</p> <p>In fact Central Coast Councillors gave themselves a payrise at a time where gross mismanagement and illegally obtained funds still couldn't cover debts. This is ludicrous and should be considered criminal.</p> <p>I did not vote this council in and so I should not foot the bill.</p> <p>There should be some regulatory action put in place by the Government in future for all councils. HOW this was allowed to happen is beyond me. The ICT available today should have been utilised in a manner that monitors and acts for the public's best interests instead of this reactionary approach and letting the sword land on the people.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
317	Confidential	No	Ryan	O'Donnell
318	<p>How can council possibly expect the burden of mismanaged funds fall on the people that have already lost so much due to COVID.</p> <p>Our businesses have been shut down, weekly incomes slashed - half of us are struggling to celebrate Christmas - now increased rates!?</p> <p>The council has already stolen from us, projects we were all excited for to improve our region have been halted.</p> <p>If I steal - I do time, what have the people responsible for this mess faced? Resignation - being stood down!?</p> <p>The people of the central coast will not tolerate being penalised for this. We are expected to replace lost funds to the very body that mismanaged them in the first place. It's completely absurd!</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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	<p>The rate increase is 5x normal. What hasn't been explained is where this debt occurred. By all accounts it is due to the State enforced and run merger of Wyong and Gosford councils into Central Coast council.</p> <p>As the State forced this merger they and therefore us as taxpayers should cover all the costs of this. Right now it looks like assets are being sold so the out transparency.</p> <p>This merger and cost should not be worn by the ratepayers who had no say in it. There also should be transparency on where all the debts come from and who the assets are sold too.</p>			
319	Note: I realize that the taxpayers and ratepayers are ultimately the same entity. But it is not fair that some councils bear the costs of a state mandated decision.	No	Sion	Stenbeck
320	This is a ridiculous situation Gosford council has made for themselves .I dont see why all the residents have to pay an extra 8% in their rates for years to come for mistakes made by incompetent people . Where were the financial advisers and accountants for the council ? Who was running this lot ? Surely there is some kind of auditing that happens regularly to prevent major problems happening Why has this occurred ? Regards [REDACTED]	No	Jill	ritchie
321	Confidential	No	Sarah	Mason
322	An increase this large will be crippling to many residents of the central coast. Increasing financial hardship in time where we are already struggling to recover from the effects of COVID-19!! Not to mention the strain it will add to anxiety/mental health. The council needs to find a better way rather than attacking the residents! I strongly oppose this request.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
323	Object to huge rate rise! We shouldn't have to keep paying for council mismanagement when we get nothing in our area done!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
324	I have been a Central Coast resident all of my life and don't believe for one minute that this rate rise will solve anything other than put yet another financial burden on the residents of our local government area. The residents should not be accountable for financially rescuing an incompetent council when our rates are some of the highest already in the country as it is. I strongly oppose this rate rise any any future rises until council can show they are able to manage the current budget adequately.	No	Shane	McManus
325	No to rate hike	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
326	I do not agree to Central Coast Council raising our rates because they were negligent in their responsibilities to the rate payers.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
327	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
328	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
329	Confidential	No	Leanne	Ellis
330	I strongly object to this increase in rates as it would place our family under financial hardship. 2020 has been a tough year and to be forced to pay for the financial mismanagement of our council is not fair. Please do not give them permission to raise our rates.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
331	No to rate rise. People can not afford it. More people be in debt just to fix your problem.	No	Renée	Wright
332	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
333	Confidential	No	Tamara	Martin
334	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
335	I disagree to a rate rise because the council in place has made mistakes. I do the right thing and pay my rates on time. I will be very unhappy with a rate rise as there are so many issues in my area that need fixing however council doesn't bother to act on such issues.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
336	I and my family object to the rate rise for residents of the Central Coast. Why should we have to bear the brunt of mismanagement? This is not ok and unaffordable.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
337	I do not agree with the rate increases. We pay enough as it is and receive less than adequate Council services.	No	Sophie	Crenigan
338	I think it's disgusting that rate payers should have to foot the Bill for the council's gross mis-management of their funds. I understand they need funds to carry out their works but they have many other avenues available to them, for instance the sale of council lands that are grossly under-utilised. I implore you to force them to look at alternatives before taking the easy option of raising rates. 2020 has been a hard year for everyone, including the rate payers, this could be the tipping point for many. So not punish the rate payers for the council's ineptitude.	No	Karen	Barson-Wright

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	<p>The proposed increase in rates would mean that my family is paying at least \$1500 more a year than we are now.</p> <p>We are a humble, working class family as I imagine a lot of people in the Wyong Shire are.</p> <p>We are two years into our first mortgage and have worked extremely hard to get ahead on our rates, which is our current situation.</p> <p>Proposing this means that our families weekly outgoings rise which has an effect on everything else, including our capacity to access early childhood services for our child.</p> <p>As rate payers we have been let down by our council. As community members we have been let down by council who have had to abandon plans.</p> <p>Why are we now the ones who have to make up councils deficits?</p> <p>A rise of the previously agreed 1-2% is reasonable.</p>			
339	Stop punishing your residence for councils short falls.	No	Allison	Guyan
340	I absolutely disagree with this proposal. Why should ratepayers be paying for the action of the council/ councillors who got us into this position? It had obviously been an issue for a long time so why did it take so long to come to light. Please just keep to the minimum increase. More than happy to be in the hands of an administrator for as long as it takes to solve this issue. Central Coast residents cannot afford a constant 10% rate increase for the next 7 years.	No	Margaret	Elbra
341	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
342	<p>I am strongly, strongly opposed to the proposed 8% rate increase suggested by Central Coast Council. This absurd and will put so many Central Coast families/ residents in dire financial strain.</p> <p>2020 has been an extremely difficult year for all and to add this totally preposterous rate increase is ludicrous.</p> <p>Council needs to be held accountable for their actions and not penalise the community for their poor management.</p> <p>Thank you</p> <p>Jane Martin</p>	No	Jane	Martin
343	The mismanagement of public money by council should not now become a burden in the way of increased rates to the ratepayer of the central coast! What is being done to hold those responsible for this mismanagement ? Did they receive a payout when stood down? If so, that should be cancelled and applied to the debt!	No	Sandra	Cowie
344	I wish to voice my concern at the rate rise requested by Central Coast Council. For years there has been a mismanagement of funds & myself, the rate payer should not be held accountable or asked to compensate for councils failure. For too long the rate payer has been ignored by this council & treated with contempt. There has been no accountability or explanation by council as to why we are in this position. Even today many councillors are still in denial of their wrong doing. This council has too many of their own agendas & none that put the rate payer 1st	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
345	This council has gotten themselves in financial pain. The people of the Central Coast should not have to pay increased rates for their ineptness	No	Karen	Reid
346	This is outrageous. As a home owner, emergency services worker and general tax payer of the central coast community, I am not willing to foot the bill of the council's inability to balance the books. The total mismanagement of funds is not at the hands of the tax paying residents of the central coast, but of an inadequate and incapable management team who should wear the responsibility in its entirety. The coast has one of the highest council rates of Australia and now you want to Jack it again for your failure to do the job. Hell no I won't be paying!	No	Sabrina	Paxton
347	<p>I disagree strongly with any rate rise to cover incompetent mismanagement from the amalgamated central coast council.</p> <p>I live at Warnervale, where the potholes make up the roads, we have no kerb or guttering, no plans for improvement other than the old go to by council to have the developers do there work for them.</p> <p>Before my rates increased I would want my area to be improved with decent maintenance (that doesn't wash away the first solid rain, spray on tar)</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
348	I object to our council rates being increased by an additional 8%. Why should I as a rate paying resident, responsible with my own personal finances, with a young family to support, pay for councils financial negligence?	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
349	I feel that the 10% rate rise is too extreme. 4% should be the maximum. It is NOT the fault of rate payers that this council was so miss managed. And we the rate payers should not be punished. This will put a tremendous amount of stress on households.	No	Michelle	Drysdale
350	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
351	Confidential	No	Jaye	Boon
352	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
353	Mismanagement has caused the problems on the Coast. Home budget costs of the community are rising with no income rises to compensate. I strongly object to the rate rise above the 2.0% peg!	No	Sylvia	Lacy
354	Confidential	No	Amanda	Czerwonka
355	Confidential	No	Stephen	Potter

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356	I do not believe that residents should be required to pay additional rate increase because of incompetence caused by others	No	Julie	Lawrance
357	We are already charged a lot of money for a council that does nothing for its members. Why should the ratepayers have to make sacrifices to pay increased rates because they were incompetent. We are all struggling but even blind Freddy could see the poor job the council was doing.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
358	It is not the responsibility of the ratepayers to pay for the Council's incompetence! Most ratepayers cannot afford a rate rise and it is disgraceful that this is being considered. The amalgamation should never have happened. Don't forget the Central Coast have a lot of voters that will be extremely angry by any rate rise caused by this disgraceful Council!	No	Dale	Mills
359	Council need to take responsibility for their poor financial management not rate payers... I object to a rate rise and would like to be informed about who or what caused the financial loss and how it is being rectified in the future...	No	Alison	Riley
360	This increase to our rates is not fair on the Residents of the Central Coast. What right does Central Coast Council have to irresponsibly waste our money and end up in this situation. What accountabilities are held against those responsible ? - none. Why do i have to pay for it ? From my view, as a long time rate payer, the downfall seemed to start when both Wyong and Gosford Councils were amalgamated. This was the decision of the State Government at the time, and the wrong decision. Remember, the Council is there for the people, by the people. Its our money and should be managed by us. Only the minimum Rate Increase should apply.	No	Mark	Holmes
361	I totally disagree with the application by Central Coast Council to increase rates by a total amount of 10% for seven years	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
362	The proposed rate increase means rates will nearly double over the next 7 years. This is an outrageous cost imposed on many families already struggling with increases to the cost of living. NO	No	Meredith	Lee
363	I strongly oppose an increase of 8% in rates. This is abhorrent that this would be approved to fix the blatant mismanagement of a incompetent council putting our local government into so much debt. We are not here to fix their mistakes!!!!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
364	In a time where many people are struggling we should not have to pay for the incompetent management of our money. A 10% rate rise is ridiculous!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
365	After an extremely tough year, when most are still scrambling to get on top of their financial commitments, it would be utterly devastating to impose an 8% rate increase due to the ineptitude and reckless actions of the Central Coast Council upper management. Especially after the enormous severance packages those managers received! In the community's view, a rate increase is not only unjust but corrupt.	No	Melanie	Archer
366	Rate payers should not have to pay extra because of council mismanagement of funds	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
367	Confidential	No	dennis	nash
368	Confidential	No	Donald	Clark
369	Confidential	No	Mei	Decke
370	Why should rate payers bail out an ineffective council. CC rate oayers did not put CC into \$89,000,000 debt. 10% is too high. Council should be sacked and reformed instead.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
371	I have no issue with 2%. I have an issue with anything higher due to Their total mismanagement of our money with nothing in return except debt to It's residents.	No	Kim	Mitchell
372	Confidential	No	Kieran	Shelley
373	Totally object to this proposal our rates are already substantial and why are we the rate payers to be forced to bare the financial brunt of the council's bad management	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
374	Why should we be held accountable for councils mismanagement. The individuals in council should not be aloud to run for public office ever again.	No	Rodd	Wyatt
375	I don't agree that home owners should have to pay for the mistakes of the council.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
376	I believe that the reason our Council applied for this rate rise was to try and recoup monies misused by them which caused their recent demise. I am emphatically saying NO, rate payers shouldn't have to pay for Council's stupidity!	No	Liz	Ryan
377	HI I strongly disagree with the rates increase to cover the incompetence of the current Council. They can not even tell us what the money was spent on. Why should we pay for their incompetence? I am not convinced that they have the processes in place to properly manage our finances. It has been a hard year for all residents due to Bushfires, flood, Covid and now Council mis-management of funds. People are struggling financially already.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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378	Why should rate payers have to pay for the dire mismanagement of Central Coast Council? In a year of widespread financial stress from COVID and a likelihood of recovery taking at least 5 years, this is NOT a time to add burden to Central Coast residents. There needs to be an alternate and just solution found - it's too easy to expect rate payers to foot the bill. More work needs to be done on solutions, do not just take the easy way out and cripple Central Coast residents more.	No	Allison	Payne
379	Why should we, as ratepayers, have to cop rate rises due to financial incompetency which is beyond our control.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
380	Why should the residents pay for the incompetence of the councils funds. We are being punished and pushed to our financial capabilities to fund something that we did not do. I am in credit for my rates so why should I be made to pay more when I can pay my bills on time by working	No	Amanda	Jurd
381	You could understand Council Rates increasing if you saw where the Council spent the money, unfortunately with no curb and gutters on so many streets in the central Coast area, parks refurbishment not started or completed, residents have paid their rates previously but unfortunately uneducated staff and councillors gave mismanaged our money!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
382	I object to this one-off special variation rate rise of 8% for the Central Coast Council. The council has unlawfully misappropriated ratepayer funds (as has been confirmed by the Administrator appointed by the minister for local government) and has mismanaged the funds for a number of years. It is unfortunate that the situation has increasingly worsened over the past 3 years since amalgamation, however state government and private auditors found no wrongdoing on at least 3 audits in the past few years. It is grossly inappropriate for the council to partially make up the financial shortfall by this extraordinary rate rise being imposed on central coast rate payers, especially coming off the back of a pandemic with record unemployment on the coast.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
383	Confidential	No	Suellen	Wills
384	Confidential	No	Carl	Brooks
385	Given the current dire financial situation Central Coast Council is currently in due to its own mismanagement, I strongly object to an increase in rates in an attempt to offset part of Council's multi-million dollar deficit. This should not become the responsibility of rate payers and rather, Council need to fix its own financial mess and regain the trust of the community before considering any increase in rates. Any future increase in rates needs to be justified to ratepayers - fixing Council's financial mess isn't a satisfactory reason.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
386	Family's are struggling as it is this year with the pandemic and you want to increase the rates etc! Absolutely ridiculous, with no fault of Central Coast residents. It's an absolute joke.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
387	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
388	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
389	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
390	Why should we pay for the councils mistake! We are a young family who struggle enough just keeping up with bills and you want to increase our rates! It's absolutely disgusting!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
391	I am absolutely disgraced and outraged at the debt the council have put us in. We have been waiting for roads to be fixed and important things to be addressed and the misuse of funds is not the taxpayers fault! To be wacked with the increase proposed it's not only totally unfair it's unethical! The people who caused this should be held accountable and not just being stepped down! The councilmen and women should be the ones to pay it back! It's so wrong! People are struggling already and if you wack this on top you will have protests and issues coming your way! Everything goes up but out wages don't year to year. Do the right thing by the community! Have a heart!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
392	Why should ratepayers have to foot the bill for the actions of incompetent and corrupt Council? This variation is not for any improvement of the lga.	No	Christian	Johns
393	The councils inability to manage its funds is not an acceptable reason to essentially tax the residents to make up the shortfall. I am very disappointed in the actions taken here to try and raise funds by hiding their intent / deception.	No	Dean	Campbell
394	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
395	I will not be able to afford the I crease of rates. It is not my fault the council so poorly mismanaged the funds. I don't even have foot paths curb or gutter. I refuse to pay. Single cent more heck I don't even have A Park for my kids to ply at close by. It is unsafe on my rod to walk my kid to school on these roads.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
396	I wholeheartedly disagree with a massive rate rise, as I am sick of having to pay for others horrendous financial failures. NO MORE!	No	Andrew	Hill
397	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
398	Confidential	No	Janice	Palmer
399	Confidential	No	Kelly	Marmara
400	Confidential	No	Darren	Miller
401	Confidential	No	John	Tinnock
402	I am appalled at the news that Central Coast Council plans to increase our council rates by at least 10% each year for the next 7 years to cover their gross mismanagement of council rate payers funds. Central Coast rates are higher than Sydney rates already! I will oppose any such rate hike especially as the current council has wasted our hard earned cash on trivial non essential utilities and we should not to be held liable for Councils mismanagement. It is appalling to even suggest abrate hike to say the least!!!!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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403	The council should not be increasing rates to fix their mis management of funds.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
404	Why should the tax payer have to suffer because the council cannot budget the money and are now in debt!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
405	Confidential	No	Jane	Peters
406	IO n behalf of my household I would like to object to our rate rise as we were not the ones who chose to spend council funds unwisely. We have lived on the Central Coast since 1996, have never had kerb and guttering, currently have an open gutter that is never maintained, a muddy gravelly puddle every time it rains. Local roads full of potholes and bumps that i have to travel on to work every day and regularly get brown water coming out of taps. I feel that i definitely don't get value from my rates and object to a rate rise.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
407	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
408	It is ridiculous that residents should have to foot the bill via a rate hike for the council members incompetenctce and mismanagement. The members responsible should be charged and forfeit any property holdings to the council to be sold off to recoup the mismanaged funds. They should all be sacked and banned from running for any office for life.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
409	Why should the rate payers be penalised with a 10 percent rate rise due to the incompetence of council management. It is unfair on the community especially when so many are doing it tough due to prior covid lockdowns and recovering from last summers fires and floods.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
410	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
411	Hard working Central Coast residents should not be made to foot the bill and make up monies that were mismanaged by the council over many years. 2020 has seen unprecedented job loss and job cuts across our community and has left no sector of the economy or society untouched. A raise above and beyond the usual figure of 2% would unfairly impact on Central Coast families.	No	Philippa	Mercer
412	10% increase in rate rise is ridiculous and irresponsible of the council to make rate payers pay for the gross financial mismanagement	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
413	As a resident and home owner of the the Central Coast for over 30 years I strongly oppose Central Coast Councils application to hit its residents and rate payers with with a rate increase of 8% above the rate peg of 2%. This application is being made for the next 7 years which means our rates will have increased by 70% in that time. Central Coast Council due to its incompetence as well as bad and unlawful financial management got itself in this mess and hitting up the community to pay for it is an absolute disgrace.	No	Brad	Jones
414	Wyong Council rates were always higher than Gosford Council and part of the amalgamation was the harmonization of the rates across both regions. This has not happened. Within our patch of turf, Gwandalan and Summerland Point, we have approximately 2800 houses with an annual rate charge of roughly \$4m. Our chunk of the capital works budget is \$1.1m, 28% of the rates paid in our region. We are well aware there are costs associated with staff etc, but we see so little activity council wise other than rubbish bins and council trucks getting morning tea to sit at Boat Harbour, our community would probably want to secede.	No	Meredith and Brian	Corrigan
415	There is no reason for the central coast community to be paying for the neglect and waste of funds by councillors	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
416	I object to an increase of 8% to help a council that has wasted \$200 million dollars! No No No!!!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
417	We get more and more increases and bugger all to show for it. Everyone is getting very much upset, scared, unnerved and worried. Cases of people so badly depressed they r committing serious offences and worse so depressed they are taking their own lives. U don't hear much re this last bit as suicides are rarely broadcasts as it does not want to advocate people doing so. Having had been a police officer for over 20 years I personally have seen too much of it.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
418	I should not contribute to failure by our CEO Gary Murphy or the failure of the auditors for Central Coast Council failing to do their job. They are all professionals the least I can say. If they are not competent at their work they should simply not be there. The Councillors have been no better at spending money like drunken sailors. No they all need to be accountable for the huge deficit. My place does not even have kerb and gutter or footpath. I should not contribute extra for failure.	No	Tom	Colosimo
419	We the rate payers didn't misuse the funds so we shouldn't have to pay a 10 percent increase for ever they won't drop it off just add to it every year	No	Dennis	James
420	It is utterly disgraceful that we, the residents of the central coast, are paying the price for councils negligent financial incompetence in what will become a catastrophic rate increase over the following 7 year period. We have sat and observed for decades the wasted council resources and funds on unnecessary road upgrades to perfectly good roads while our own streets crumble away, infrastructure upgrades and renovations when others are wasting away. All the while we are paying premium rates for very little in return. I request that councils submission for this absurd rate rise of 10% be declined as it is just a ploy to grab their money back from the easiest group with little voice or who they think may just not notice until it turns up unannounced on our next rate instalment. Regards Justine ☺	No	Justine	Barber
421	As a business and landowner I vehemently oppose this proposal for ratepayers to be responsible paying back a debt by mismanagement from the CCC.	No	Carrie	Ryan
422	Confidential	No	Dave	Towell

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423	Confidential	No	Andrew	Wulff
424	I do not agree that the with an increase in rates The rate payers should have to pay for the incompetence of the council employees they should take pay cuts and efficiency increases within the council make them work harder because they failed to perform their jobs properly regards Mark Shelton	No	Mark	Shelton
425	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
426	I disagree with this request from central coast council to increase our rates by 8%. Especially under the current circumstances a thorough investigation needs to be done for some answers as to why they in such a deficit and management need to be held accountable. We as residents are very dissatisfied with the councils conduct at present. We continually have brown water and the condition of our roads is very poor, just to name a couple of issues. With our rates being already extremely high an increase would be simply absurd.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
427	I think it is ridiculous that they want to raise our rates to pay for their miss use of Funds and debit	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
428	Confidential	No	Rachel	Palmer
429	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
430	This is not acceptable. Rate payers have not got the services they deserve as a result of poor financial mgt as it is. Rate payer shod not have to foot the bill	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
431	This is disgusting that we are expected to pay for their stuff upcharge them formally instead of the poor rate payers	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
432	Completely wrong and outrageous that hard working residents of the central coast have to pay the price for someone who's job was to manage the finances. How is it my responsibility to financially support a stuff up I had nothing to do with?	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
433	Confidential	No	Rachel	Palmer
434	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
435	People are struggling. The mis management should not be the ratepayers infringement to bear	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
436	We should not be hit with increase due to council miss management	No	Kylie	Mcglashan
437	There should be no reason to increase our rates. The situation council is in is due to their incompetence. They have no idea what they are doing.	No	Graham	Kerle
438	Why should we have to pay extra for the mismanagement of council staff and board!!! This is disgraceful!	No	Sarah	Hall
439	I find it extremely upsetting that as a Rate payer we have to be forced into financial trouble with a rate rise that has occurred due to mismanagement by councillors This is a problem they have made so they should all be accountable for not the poor rate payers Carolyn	No	Carolyn	Langsford
440	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
441	I completely disagree with the request from Central Coast Council for a Special Rate Variation. The financial trouble that the Council is in is because of the amalgamation and and poor management by the General Manager. the amalgamation was voted up by Liberal Councillors pandering to a Liberal State Government, even though we the rate payers were against the amalgamation. I believe it is up to the State Government to fix this issue and STOP pork barrelling their mates Liberal held seats. There are many low socio-economic areas on the Central Coast and those people cal ill afford a 10% rate rise. Former Wyong Shire residents already pay more in rates that our former Gosford Council counterparts, how is that fair?!	No	Narelle	Rich
442	Please show some heart and reject this request for a rate rise, and put the onus back on the State Government to fix this mess, it is, after all, their doing! This is not an acceptable jump in rate increased fee's, this needs to be rejected.	No	Nicki	Rose
443	As a home owner at Gwandalan which is on the very northern edge of the council limit. We receive very little return from council in regards to funding and services here in the forgotten north. A sad fact that has only gotten worse since the merger with Gosford council and formation of the new financially distressed central coast council. Any proposed rate increase to rectify the fiscal issues of our new council is an insult to us landowners who already pay too much for the lack of input we receive to our community. Please don't make us as ratepayers pay for the incompetence of the council and misuse of funding of which we have received little to no benefit of.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
444	Confidential	No	Greg	Thompson
445	We are a family of 4, we are also self employed..we have a mortgage, bills to pay, school accessories to purchase, extra curricular activities to fund and now you want to increase my rates by a whopping 10% to a council that let everyone down by mismanaging OUR rates funds in the first place! Council want the community to fix the mess they created with our money! So let's punish the community some more?!? I don't think so, this is an absolute disgrace and kick in the guts for our hardworking community members who after a very hard year are just scraping by. Please don't punish the community for councils errors, it's just not fair!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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446	This council has wasted rate payers' money and then put the council into massive debt. There is no way that the residents should have to pay for the mistakes of these incompetent people. Where were the financial managers and auditors and why didn't they pick up the discrepancies? Sue the councillors and the auditors for the outstanding money.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
447	Confidential	No	Khunta	Mahasay
448	We have suffered enough from this council. Our rates are already high and many many residents will be unable to meet these new rises. Please ask the government to make a one of payment to put something in the coffers.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
449	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
450	We object to a 10% rate rise. The Central Coast Council do nothing to improve our road or upkeep it. We also can not afford this huge increase to pay for mismanagement.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
451	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
452	REGISTERED OWNER OF [REDACTED] FORMALLY OBJECTS TO A PROPOSED 10% INCREASE IN RATES FOR THE INTENT OF STABILISING COUNCILS FINANCIAL POSITION DUE TO FINANCIAL MIS MANAGEMENT.	No	Joel	Fletcher
453	I completely disagree and reject the councils current rate increase proposal	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
454	I do not agree to the rate rise that has been proposed.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
455	How dare you consider raising our rates because of Councils gross financial mismanagement. Redundancy packages you can't be serious I don't think you fully understand how angry this is all making us locals. You're in for a hell of a fight. 😡😡😡	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
456	I totally object to the proposed application to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) for an 8% rate increase to commence in the 2021/2022 financial year above the IPART regulated 1- 2% per annum rate increase for next 7 years. People in general are struggling financially themselves in the present economic climate. We, the rate payers of the Central Coast should not be expected to, let alone forced to pay for the council's mismanagement of finances & stuff up's. What will they do when the rate payers simply can't pay their rates anymore? - send out the Sheriff; threaten us with fines & legal action; create a mass exodus of CC residents to other areas or states where they can afford to pay their rates? This proposal is ridiculous! Those who caused the problems &/or were aware of them should be held responsible in some way. Share the load over the entirety of the state or country by placing a small levy on all like they have with fire levies etc. We did not cause this therefore we should not have to pay exorbitant rates to fix it.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
457	Don't let them raise rates above the 2%.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
458	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
459	Protest against rate rises	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
460	Wyong council were not in debt before the merger and now due to the mismanagement of funds, we the ratepayers are asked to pay more in a time when people can least afford it (in a low socio-economic area). The increase should not happen. The government should never have forced the merger through where is their accountability.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
461	I strongly object to the plan to increase rates to cover the debt created by financial mismanagement by the council. I am a solo parent and the increase to rates would place additional financial pressure on my budget and is an unacceptable solution to me.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
462	Confidential	No	Matthew	Keegan
463	I refuse to have a rate rise on the central coast due to council negligence. How dare the CEO get a \$ 380,000 payout of rate payers money for roting the people of the central coast . All the corrupt councillors need to be sacked. Gosford and wyong also need to go back to being independent councils , not joined, this has been noting but a disaster.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
464	I strongly oppose the suggested rate increase as I was councils mismanagement of our rate money that caused the debt so why should we the ratepayers be punished for councils mismanagement of OUR rate money.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
465	Why the hell should be pay more because of [REDACTED] in Council	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
466	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
467	Confidential	No	Marguerita	Mobbs
468	Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Central Coast Council's request of a special variation to the current 2% rate increase. I oppose this request. The Australian wage price index showed that in September 2020 private sector wages rose 0.1% and CPI rose in the same quarter at 1.6%. The Central Coast Council submission to an effective 10% increase is unjustifiable as it is clear the impact that it will have on households with no increase in Council services or benefits to ratepayers. Surely auditing of Council's financial position, or effective oversight of their position should have been made clear at an earlier time. I feel that ratepayers should not be held responsible to remedy these failings.	No	Craig	Kirkland
469	Our family is barely keeping our head above water, we can not afford a rate increase of any poportion due to our councils incompetence and corruption! There were 5 suicides on one day on the central coast last week, the stress is real for everyone!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
470	I object to any rate rise. Our rates are higher than some Sydney councils. There is no way that ratepayers should make up for the incompetence of officials. The outgoing councillors should pay for their own mismanagement.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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471	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
472	How in the world is it fair to the residents of the Central Coast to have to pay for the council's mismanagement of funds?? IT'S NOT. This type of rates increase will lead to a class action lawsuit against the incompetent scum that wasted our money and continue to fail to provide the most basic of services (like clean water). Sell every non-essential asset that the council owns. Stop any unnecessary building works (new library, boardwalks, bushwalk viewing platforms, etc.). Bring on additional parking rangers who can legally raise additional funds. Explore every optiin available before you screw the innocent, vulnerable residents out of their hard-earned money. These people are already suffering enough as a result of COVID.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
473	The people under central coast council jurisdiction should not be penalised for the corrupt council management. We are already losing funding for major projects.	No	Kate	Howard
474	The mismanagement and overspending of our council by incompetent counsellors should not be at our expense. Rich people stupid enough to build on sand should not be compensated at our expense. A walkway around from Terrigal beach when there is already a perfectly good walking path should not be a thing. Our council needs to finance things that matter. Helping schools with traffic during covid, fixing roads and infrastructure. Paying rates when we see no benefit is bad enough. Increasing them is a joke.	No	Sue	Groom
475	The residents should not have to pay for the mismanagement. This should not be allowed.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
476	Why should we the rate payer pay more for the previous members miss mangering money Which has been going on for a long time now when we are all struggling to make house payments due to cov 19 you want to hit us more When all that happen to those responsible have lost there jobs but still are better off then most Please dont do this now when we are all trying to claw our way out of these dark times ,at least wait till be have recovered a bit Dont punish us for there mistakes	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
477	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
478	This price rise is outrageous & we should not be paying for councils mismanagement of funds!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
479	Do not increase!!!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
480	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
481	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
482	Confidential	No	Paul	Ginbey
483	I find it appalling that we are expected to cover the costs of the mismanagement of our council. The people who created the debt need to be held accountable....If I ran my small businesses budget (like they have ran the council budget) that way, I would need to cover the costs - not my customers. I understand that the council needs to recover costs, but expecting people to be able to pay a 8% increase, ontop of the already 2% - so 10% increase on their rates is absolutely gobsmacking. Considering we are only just now starting to recover from the year of 2020 and the effects of COVID19, a large proportion of homeowners on the central coast would not be able to meet these costs. They have recently wasted money on putting up new "suburb name" signage....seriously - was this really needed?? I oppose the increase & feel that the timing is not right to implement this increase.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
484	I disagree with the Council's submission to increase rates over and above the approved increase to make up for council mismanagement. It is unjust that the rate payers are paying for council incompetence	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
485	Confidential	No	Chantal	Tierney
486	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
487	Don't raise the rates.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
488	We the people do not consent to a rate rise for Central Coast residents whether that be to pay for the mismanagement of Council funds or the mismanagement of State Government in their overseeing of Local government. There are far reaching considerations of what this will mean in the social costs, the trickle down effect and increases in homelessness, the effect on businesses-less consumers - higher prices, increased desperation & crime and general downward spiral of this area. The majority of residents on Central Coast are already doing it tough, we have the highest incidences of suicide in the country, some of the highest unemployment rates in the state, a high percentage of aged pensioners who already choose between bills and food and people who work hard and pay high taxes for the privilege of being slaves to governments poorly run, greed driven economic system. The Central Coast already has so many social and economic issues - we don't need these increasing as a cumulative outcome of rate rises. We do not consent, we do not approve of any Council rate rises or any other publicly owned amenity rises.	No	Kate	Dillon
489	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
490	With COVID hitting this year and families finding it hard the Council should not be allowed to increase rates . I do not agree with an increase to our rates due to the poor spending by the council. Why should we be made to pay there debt. The banks have dropped interest rates to help people however the Council want to screw over the hard working people. Maybe the Council should give back their cars , reduce their hours before asking the public to pay more. ☹️	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
491	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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492	Rate payers should not be held responsible for council's financial mismanagement. Please hold those in charge of our rates accountable. I suggest ratepayers be treated as shareholders and those in financial decision making positions as company directors. Those who have mismanaged funds should be dismissed and not allowed to hold these types of positions in future (as per company directors in the private sector)	No	Simon	Ibbotson
493	Confidential	No	Jodi	Dillon
494	I refused to pay extra in rates due to council stupidity. Review your staff list before you start taking our money. WAKE UP CENTRAL COAST COUNCIL.	No	Jake	Simpson
495	As a pensioner and a ratepayer, I will not be able to afford to continue living on the Central Coast if the proposed application for an 8% increase in rate charges each year for 7 years, on top of the 2% increase, is approved. As a former NSW Government employee who managed a budget and was audited to ensure I complied with my responsibilities, I am outraged that the Central Coast Council has got into such financial trouble and no-one seems to be held accountable. I oppose the proposed rate increase of 8%.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
496	Disgraceful council mismanagement. Why should we have to pay extra because they are so poor.	No	Ann	Carpenter
497	Council submits an annual report to the government of NSW, someone is not doing their job or being misleading, I object to pay higher rates for negligence or deceit!	No	Alex	Andreani
498	I object to rate increase. Our road is in desperate need of repairs but for last 30 years we keep getting fobbed off. No kerb & guttering & water laying around after rain as inadequate drainage.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
499	I didn't mismanage council's money so not up to me to pay the debt off. I pay my rates so where has this money gone ?	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
500	Do not increase our rates. We should not have to cover the debt	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
501	A rate rise to penalise rate payers at the expense of an inept Council should not be entertained. We are already struggling financially due to the global Covid pandemic with loss of income and any rate rise will again impact heavily on this financial burden.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
502	Why should we pay for the mismanagement of council they should pay for it the CEO and the counsellors not the public and The accountant who were doing the finances. It seems like the more government departments of stuff up the public pay for they need to take responsibility and pay for it themselves instead of the public. Their actions need consequences.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
503	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
504	I totally oppose this SRV of 8% to our rates as government should find who was at fault in creating such a large debt and charge them and recover the money as the rate payers didn't create the problem let's get real.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
505	Wyong council already had a SRV applied a few years ago we don't need another.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
506	The mismanagement of government funds by the central coast council should not be fixed by the general population. The attempt to increase rates by 10% for 2021/22 is disgusting, especially considering the current covid-19 circumstances, whereby many people are financially vulnerable at this given time. Do not allow them to increase rates by this much.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
507	Do not want to have to pay for Council's incompetence	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
508	I absolutely reject your proposed ridiculous rate rise's for Central Coast resident. Many of which are already struggling you are potentially sending people to the wall, and we as residents will not stand for it. This massive debt that was incurred by council is of their own doings and residents should not be required to bail them out. Our rates are already high enough considering more than half of the coast does not even have curb and guttering let alone footpaths. This proposal is a disgrace of the highest order, how dare you even propose such idiocy. Try and fix the entrance channel instead of half dredging it every year build a break wall people might be more receptive if the council actually did something productive instead of sending people into poverty you should be so ashamed.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
509	Opposed to council's application decision	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
510	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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509	<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>I would like to note my strong objection to this application.</p> <p>Mis management of funds is what got the council into this mess. The residents of the Central Coast should not be accountable for this.</p> <p>I believe the parties involved in this fraud should be held accountable without hitting the pockets of the rate payers.</p> <p>Like many other Central Coast residents, I do not have kerb and guttering and my street is dangerous to drive with all of the potholes. Our rates should be going towards operating costs, maintaining and improving the Central Coast, not paying back a debt caused by greed and mis management.</p> <p>I trust your decision will be one made with the rate payers pure frustration at this absolute shambles at the very forefront of your discussions.</p> <p>Best regards,</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
510	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
511	This is disgusting, that due to the horrid actions of the Central Coast Council, central coast property owners are being punished for their mismanagement and wrong doings over the years. I completely disagree with this action.	No	Daniel	McKenzue
512	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
513	The residents shouldn't be financially penalised due the the financial failings of our local council. The Council members need to be held accountable for their mismanagement and not have the regulator come in and raise the money that was mismanaged from the council by increasing our rates.	No	Louise	Brissett
514	Confidential	No	Melissa	Edwarfs
515	<p>This is disgusting. The council only provide us with a garbage collection already charge us residential rates on rural properties and now they want to put the rates up by more than CPI due to their mismanagement. It's more than disgusting, it's criminal.</p> <p>Just NO!</p> <p>We are all struggling farmers who now will not be able to afford to farm!</p>	No	Tiffany	Chalmers
516	I object to asking ratepayers to pay higher rates to remedy council's mismanagement of funds. There must be other ways council could raise money to cover their mistakes	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
517	<p>The Central Coast Council has demonstrated its financial incompetence by squandering an increasing (by virtue of a consistently increasing householder population over the past twenty years) level of rates revenue. All kinds of weird and wacky stuff has been funded by the council, but delivery of basic services has at best stagnated.</p> <p>As a semi-rural property owner, I get virtually nothing for my rates other than a rubbish collection service. When Council comes to clear the gutters of leaves out here in Jilliby, I don't see two guys with a blower and a broom, but ten people, two trucks and a bobcat which chips and scrapes the concrete gutters so that they will need to be replaced well inside their projected life. I see a bridge in Ourimbah half-closed off for maintenance for months and months, with nothing being done on it for most of that time. These are not the actions of a cost-conscious council. Why should ratepayers foot the bill for their stupidity and profligacy?</p> <p>And what has the NSW Minister for Local Government been doing all this time that the council has been going down the toilet?</p> <p>It doesn't make sense to throw more money at a spendthrift council until they can demonstrate that they have the appropriate levels of financial expertise to manage what they have.</p>	No	Andrew	Fookes
518	<p>Done: We the people do not consent to a rate rise for Central Coast residents whether that be to pay for the mismanagement of Council funds or the mismanagement of State Government in their overseeing of Local government. There are far reaching considerations of what this will mean in the social costs, the trickle down effect and increases in homelessness, the effect on businesses-less consumers - higher prices, increased desperation & crime and general downward spiral of this area. The majority of residents on Central Coast are already doing it tough, we have the highest incidences of suicide in the country, some of the highest unemployment rates in the state, a high percentage of aged pensioners who already choose between bills and food and people who work hard and pay high taxes for the privilege of being slaves to governments poorly run, greed driven economic system. The Central Coast already has so many social and economic issues - we don't need these increasing as a cumulative outcome of rate rises. We do not consent, we do not approve of any Council rate rises or any other publicly owned amenity rises.</p>	No	Ashley	Kelso
519	The proposal rate increase is ridiculous. It is not the rate payers fault for the mismanagement of council funds. They should be recovered my other means.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
520	I oppose any rate increases above the 1-2% mandated increase previously approved. We already pay higher rates than most other areas (including Sydney). The current debt situation is the result of bad managent by cc council. Ratepayers must not be held accountable. Many residents cannot afford 7% increase above mandated for the next 10 years.	No	Jason	Smith
521	This is not our fault, and we should not be held responsible for their inability to do their jobs.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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522	I strongly object to the extra 7% rate increase due to council incompetence + total deception of the central coast. The increase rates will force me to sell my house due to not being able to afford the increased rates. It is beyond belief the council got itself in this mess [REDACTED]	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
523	I'm writting in opposition to a proposed rate increase to make up for, in my view, the failure of The Central Coast council to manage our existing (already high on average) rates. The people of the Cetral Coast want answers, not further subjugation!	No	Bryan	Clark
524	I am opposed to the Central Coast Councils proposed rate increase. As a region with a lot of self employed or low income households such a rate increase would be untenable, not only unfair that homeowners should have to reimburse the elected councils incompetence	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
525	Confidential	No	Brad	Riddell
526	Confidential	No	Shija	George
527	Not paying for Councils incompetence.No kerb and guttering pot holes in my street	No	Carol	Burgoyne
528	I vehemently oppose Central Coast Council's request to increase rates above the regulated percentage. Rate payers should not bear the cost of Council's gross mismanagement of public funds.	No	Elyse	Glenn
529	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
530	Ratepayers should not have to foot the bill for Council's gross financial mismanagement. This rate increase is outrageous.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
531	It is unjust to raise the rates so high above the rate peg, to pay for the incompetence and mismanagement of the council budget.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
532	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
533	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
534	I strongly object to the rate increase. We pay enough we should not have to pay for the mistakes of those who were meant to be handling finances professionally to enhance our community.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
535	Central Coast Councils current situation is the result of mismanagement and poor leadership, not the action of ratepayers. The adminstrator has indicated that a rate rise would only raise about 17 of the 565 million deficit. This is just a drop in the ocean for council but a 70% rate rise over 10 years will cripple some ratepayers who are already struggling. Especially coming off the back of Covid. Additionally, rates of this level are likely to negatively impact the likelihood of people moving their homes or businesses to the Coast which would have an additional impact on existing residents and businesses. I respectfully ask that this submission be rejected.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
536	This is a horrendous, the people on the coast are struggling as it is. All merged council are bleeding money the NSW government forced this they should be fixing the issue, not the struggling people of the Central Coast.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
537	Central Coast residents should not be punished with an exorbitant rates rise because of councils mismanagement of funds, particularly after a year of hardship for most. I am strongly against this request by CCC for a variation to rates rise.	No	Nicole	Martin
538	Being a rate payer for the past 35 years on the same property, I do not believe that our rates should be increased for the purpose of getting the council out of financial difficulty due to the Councilors own stupidity and not managing council funds correctly.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
539	I strongly disagree with this proposed 8 percent increase, the council or the state government need to sort this mismanagement out, not the ratepayers	No	Ralph	Tyson Davies
540	I am aghast at this application to increase rates by 10% especially in the current climate regarding Covid 19. Many families on the Central Coast are struggling just to put food on the table, many have lost jobs, many are suffering depression as a result, and Council has the hide to request a Special Rate Variation resulting in an increase of 10%, to pay for it's incompetence and mismanagement of ratepayer funds. Why should the Central Coast ratepayer be slugged a 10% rate increase for 7 years to clean up Council's debt problems it created on it's own?	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
541	This is unfair and a massive "kick in the guts" to the already reeling ratepayer's of the Central Coast if approved.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
542	Disgraceful. An increase is bad enough in an economic downturn but to have to pay for council mismanagement is outrage	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
543	The [REDACTED] central coast council can [REDACTED] off with trying to make us pay for their mistakes. Of course an increase in rates is normal over time but this is just plain ridiculous!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
544	The council get itself in this trouble they should not be allowed to increase rates by 10% for the next 7 years that is just rewarding them for stuffing up	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
545	Our rates are already high and 10% increase a year will almost double them. Ratepayers have not caused this problem with the Council. State Gov Amalgamation initiated it and lack of oversight perpetuated it. Why should ratepayers foot the bill??? Ask NSW government for it!	No	Catherine	Cole
546	Due to Central Coast Council mismanagement and unlawful use of ratepayers money between Gosford and Wyong residents,,, I utterly refuse any rate increase in the years to come	No	Liliana	Nunez

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546	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
547	Confidential	No	Levi	Randall
548	I do not agree tp pay additional rates over and above the iPart recommended level due to Central Coast Council and Councillor financial mismanagement and the utter level of incompetence.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
549	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
550	Disagree	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
551	I am a resident of the central coast and think that an increase of our rates by 10% for 7 years to pay for the mismanagement of the councils funds is disgusting and unacceptable. [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. If I am made to pay for another's mismanagement then I will consider my position in paying my rates and will endeavor to find other like minded residents!.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
552	I believe that there needs to be a formal investigation into the mishandling of funds by the Central Coast council. The individuals involved need to be held accountable not the ratepayers. We pay our rates in good faith and still have disgraceful roads to drive on. Wyong shire council was doing well before the forced council merger how was this mismanagement allowed to get to this extreme level ?Residents are struggling right now to stay in work and survive. I say no to this excessive rate rise they can just start managing the money they receive in good faith and wait until they get back to a surplus that was there two years ago. Please show care for people now as this could possibly ruin their livelihoods in the future.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
553	Why should the ratepayers of the central coast pay for the gross financial mismanagement by the central coast council management and the councilors	No	Andrew	Duke
554	I disagree	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
555	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
556	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
557	Members of our community who are already struggling in many other ways currently should not be made to pay for the poor performance of the local council. Our rates should remain in line with other districts as set out in your rate peg.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
558	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
559	The Central Coast Council has already one of the highest rates in NSW. My land value apparently doubled since last year so my rates went from \$1200 last year to \$2500 this year. I should not be paying for their poor financial governance. They are still spending money on stuff we don't need. Dont give them even more!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
560	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
561	Confidential	No	Laurie	Copeland
562	Confidential	No	LeeAnne	Mcguinness
563	Why should central coast residents pay for people's incompetence.we pay a fortune for rates we already can't afford..I'm furious!!!	No	Andrew	Barson
564	Our rates on the northern end of the central coast are more expensive than the southern end of the coast , (this was from when we were Wyong council , and it has never been rectified) I can not see why we are paying more when we are all one council area . If Central Coast Council does get permission to raise our rates !0% it will price so many struggling families out of their own homes especially up on Northern part of the coast . Debbie McGuigan	No	Debbie	McGuigan
565	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
566	I do accept an increase of my rates because of the council incompetence, the councillors should be made liable for the shortfall like a company director would be if their company was trading whilst insolvent.	No	Antony	Sackman
567	Mismanagement by council officials does not constitute a reason to increase the rates of the property owners in the Central Coast. Especially during the current economic climate, given people are only just starting to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. Central Coast council needs to find savings from its expenditure.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
568	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
569	It is outrageous that plans are in place to increase our rates due to the incompetencies of officers charged with managing OUR rates - do you plan to make them contribute - who was watching? there must be so many people to wear this responsibility - where did the buck stop ? Surely this cant just be wiped and moved on - and leaving us to fill the gap - do something NOW	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
570	I completely disagree with any rate rise to our region it is not our fault that our council has mismanaged funds so why on earth should we be paying for it	No	Shannon	Middleton
571	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
572	No justification for them to increase our rates. They don't spend the money raised for the benefit of the community anyway.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
573	I do not consent as a rate paying member of central coast council to any special increased in rates This issue has been caused by negligence and mismanagement of the council finance and as such should not be passed on to rate payers	No	Robert	Buckworth

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574	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
575	The public should not be punished for the incompetence of the council or the NSW government for its forced amalgamation.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
576	I refuse to pay extra to cover corruption, mismanagement and exorbitant contract payouts. I am happy to pay for roads, education, health, community.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
577	I do not want to be penalised for Councils mismanaged funds	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
578	The council should not be allowed to make ratepayers foot the bill for their ineptitude (or worse)	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
579	Confidential	No	Phillip	Grieveson
580	I'm on a disability pension, I can't afford an increase in rates. I also think it's disgusting that we should pay for councils mess. Make those that worked there pay it.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
581	How can you justify increasing our rate by THAT MUCH. You are going to cause extreme hardship to a fragile region with an already high % of people struggling financially and mentally. An increase in rates to cover the losses is NOT an option.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
582	No rates increase Sack staff and stop wasting taxpayers dollars	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
583	I do not believe it is the rate payers responsibility to make up the short comings of a government enforced amalgamated council. A 10% increase in rates each year for 7 years is totally unacceptable and will make living even harder for people already struggling due to the effects of COVID-19 and other factors in this region.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
584	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
585	I object to the special variation request to increase rates on the central coast - what a way to put more stress after the year we have had financially.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
586	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
587	I do not agree with this increase. It is unfair that we are having to pay for the council's stuff ups.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
588	I will not support the council making the tax payer pay 10% for their own mismanagement for 2021. Take it from those counsellors personally who were unable to manage the council. The place is already unaffordable to live in.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
589	Unacceptable that rate payers are being asked to fix the financial issue caused by the incompetence of the CEO and board of councillors. This will impact young families and the elderly pensioners to a point where they will have to sell their homes Disgusting if this is approved	No	Sue	Norton
590	As a first home owner. This could possibly kill us as we were stretched to get the house and now you want to take that away from us by increase rates to \$1500. No way	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
591	I absolutely disagree with the proposal to increase our rates far above the standard increase to cover the mismanagement of our funds by the central coast local council!!!!	No	Kylie	Elwin

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	<p>Integrated to Central Coast Council request for a special variation rate increase</p> <p>By your own measure Central Coast Council must satisfy the following criteria: by your own measure you absolutely cannot find in favour of more money for Central Coast Council. “IPART will consider how effective each council’s community inclusion has been before determining its application to increase charges above the set rate. “ – ipart website</p> <p>Councils need to show IPART there is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">•Community awareness of their plans <p>Sure, everyone knows Central Coast Council is now bankrupt for the SECOND time due to fiscal mismanagement and apathy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">•A demonstrated need for higher increases to charges <p>The only Need for this special variation rate increase is high 500 million dollars of incompetence, to make up for financial mismanagement and bankruptcy; 500Million dollars of misspent funds from various sources including accessing restricted accounts that amounts to unprofessional management decisions and mistakes is not enough of a reason to satisfy all 5 points of your required criteria. You cannot simply keep squeezing rate payers of central coast council in the hopes of this cancerous council suddenly improving. This is NOT the first time that Central Coast Council has been Bankrupt; Council has shown themselves over many years to be a lemon. A very expensive lemon that more funds will be wasted on. Council has shown themselves to be so bad that it is only a matter of time before Central Coast Council is bankrupt for a 3rd time.</p> <p>[REDACTED] There is only fiscal</p> <p>irresponsibility. If this were a private/public company it would be liquidated, then forgotten about.</p> <p>The only reason to increase rates is to repay its debt, not increase or improve the future viability or area in general. I have a family to feed, [REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED] I have a sad choice to make, pay my increased rates or feed, clothe and shelter my family.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">•A reasonable impact on ratepayers <p>No This proposed special variation is UNREASONABLE to rate payers, Rate Harmonisation, Rate parity, between the old Wyong Council and Gosford City Council, with respect to Wyong Councils past special variation rate of 6.9 percent each year for 7yrs from 2012/2013. This is an accumulated rate rise of 59.53 Percent and is unfair/ wrong and already just a cash cow money grab from Central Coast Council to further increase rates with a new special variation. Half of the New Central Coast Council already pays well ABOVE the standard rate peg year on year increase. This is already totally unfair and causes division and resentment within the community and must be addressed. The old Wyong council Area is already being financially</p>			
592	bled dry. Rate payers are not cash cows to be endlessly drained of funds to cover incompetence and apathy with year on year special variations over an eternity to compensate fiscal	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
593	The Central Coast Council application for an extra 8 percent increase in rates over the next seven years is disgraceful, .This is a massive increase and the ratepayers should not be placed under thus pressure to pay so much extra	No	Scott	Walker
594	Councils incompetence shouldn’t be the responsibility of rate payers to fix and be penalised.	No	Carmen	Bonny
595	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
596	Confidential	No	karen	taylor
597	It is completely unfair and extremely tough on residents to be expected to pay such a substantial increase in rates when the council is the one who has gotten into debt.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
598	The council needs money due to negligence and incompetence on their behalf. How do we guarantee this won’t happen again.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
599	Confidential	No	Darren	Pollett
600	Not happy if this gets approved, we shouldn't have to pay for their incompetence, rates are high enough! Especially with all the other bills it's a big chunk of change for ordinary working families	No	Nichola	Wright
601	Confidential	No	Jacob	Iqbal
602	It was not the ratepayers of the central coast who drove the council to their current financial situation. They should not be punished for it. Also consider the widespread financial downturn that this would be following on from. Ratepayers should not be forced to pay for the council's recovery while money remains in the pockets of those responsible. All other avenues for recovering should be executed to their fullest first, including reduction of unnecessary staff levels, and wage reductions (especially in upper levels) down as far as minimum wage if necessary before money is taken from the poor to fix other's gross mismanagement.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
603	I disagree with this as a Council why should we the residents pay for your inability to serve us. We paid our rates and you have mishandled them	No	Heather	Carblis
604	Confidential	No	Jane	Haskell

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605	I would not be able to pay 10% extra for the next 7 years due to ineptness by council, please reconsider this extraordinary increase. Thank you	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
606	As a rate payer I am against the proposed rate rise. The council management has mismanaged money blindsiding both public and elected counsellors. This is not ok. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Fix the staffing issues and then look at rate rises.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
607	A rate increase at this level would place major inconceivable strain on already strained household incomes across the whole central coast . It was not the residents that caused the budget shortfall and residents should not be made to foot the bill. The planed 10% increase over 7 years is a compounded increase effectively doubling the rates to a massive \$5000 to \$6000 per year as a average which is just not available to house holds in the area.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
608	The excessive application to increase rates above 2% is only due to the gross mismanagement of central coast council and the excessive staffing levels since the merger of Wyong and gosford councils. Extra funds should be sourced from a wholesale restructure of council staffing, expenditure and amalgamation efficiencies implemented. There is no reason why so many services are duplicated i e 2 council chambers and administration buildings.	No	Phillip	Owens
609	Why should we be responsible in paying extra rates for zero extra service when council can't manage the funds they have? Zero transparency on how they spend their money with nothing to show for it. The ratepayers shouldn't be responsible for the councils mismanaged funds	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
610	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
611	They've already mismanaged the money given to them by ratepayers. Why should those same ratepayers now bail them out by giving them more money, especially when services are being cut.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
612	Dear sir a ten percent increase each year for seven years equates on the seventh year to a 98% increase due to compound effect. I strongly object to this extravagant increase.	No	Neil	Robinson
613	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
614	Confidential	No	Cillian	O'Connell
615	We didn't make the mistakes at council so why should we get a higher rate rise?	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
616	Why should the residents who pay their rates and still have no footpaths or curb and guttering have to pay for councils miss management of funds and jobs for the boys. 36 years I have lived in my street with no upgrades by council we still flood from poor drainage and we are on a hill. They need to look at other options rather than rate payers	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
617	I do not see why us innocent ratepayers should foot the bill for governmental incompetence by both the council and the NSW government and the several organisations that are supposed to oversee that this exact thing doesn't happen! [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Government at at levels have been disgraceful from start to finish, and now they ask us, (many of which are suffering enormously due to Covid19 with job losses etc,) to foot the bill for their incompetence???? If IPART approve this, it will be yet another branch of authority that let's the people of the Central Coast down!	No	Craig	Bunyon
618	I think a rate increase to cover the failure of this council is completely unfair and unjust for rate payers. The council should be held responsible for their actions that knew were illegal. If an every day person was to have done this they would be facing criminal charges and jail time but instead the gentleman in charge was given his marching orders with a \$380k cheque. Start making the people responsible sell their own assets instead of punishing the rate payers who did nothing wrong We already pay a ridiculous amount to this council we should not have to pay for their stuff up	No	Kristyanne	Ogrady
619	The numerous new units now paying rates in Gosford should help get them out of financial mess [REDACTED]	No	Jo-An	Smith
620	We recently came out of a 3 year SRV and it seems those extra funds were squandered. We are a low socio economic community who simply can't afford to pay for the incompetence of Council. Another solution needs to be found or every time a LGA errs in management they can simply recoup from the down trodden ratepayers. No.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
621	This is an exorbitant rate rise during a pandemic which is to cover the cost of the council's negligence. Find another solution. Central coast residents shouldn't have to pay rates above and beyond a normal rate rise. My wage doesn't rise, working at the local public hospital, to help cover this cost.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
622	Confidential	No	Felicity	Good
623	This is appalling. As a nurse who worked through COVID pandemic and a husband who was stood down from his job - this increase will financially disadvantage us further. Through no fault of our own we have to wear the consequences of an incompetent council.	No	Joanne	Crowther
624	I am strongly opposed to the significant rise in rates that Central Coast Council has proposed. The council has been poorly managed for years, rate payers have missed out on infrastructure due to this and now we are expected to pay the hefty increase to bail council out. Public servants need to be held accountable for their actions, don't just punish the public!	No	Steven	Buosi
625	We should not have to pay for Gosford council's mismanagement.	No	Michelle	Frost
626	The people of the Central Coast should not have to pay more rates due to the council's negligence. Many of us are already struggling.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
627	Community consultation is desperately required. A lot of rate payers are furious with how CCC has mismanaged funds and bewildered that they must now pay the cost of said mismanagement. A very strong and clear method of community consultation and communication must be provided else CCC needs to be prepared to wear the rage of the community.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
628	I do not agree to the rate rise. Council need to learn how to run a business.	No	Paul	Couzo

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629	This is absolutely disgusting! Why should us residents suffer financially due to the incompetence of the central coast council. I'm appalled and devastated.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
630	I am a rate payer on the central coast and don't believe that we ratepayers should be footing the bill for councils gross mismanagement of funds	No	Pauline	Hillard
631	Confidential	No	Christabelle	Barnes
632	I strongly disagree with this added price rise. There is already a large variance in rates paid between what was the old Wyong and Gosford councils. This would mean that some rate payers are paying more again to make up for an incompetent council. Manage the funds properly and deliver services and infrastructure back to the rate payers, which is what should have been done all along.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
633	Central Coast Council is asking a ridiculous amount of financial obligation from its rate payers. Why is it in so much debt? I do not agree with the proposal to increase rates by 10% each year for seven years.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
634	Please don't make us, the taxpayers pay for the misconduct and the inability of the Central Coast Council. Make the people that started all this mess pay for their actions. Not us.	No	Jakeb	Atkinson
635	The mismanagement of rate payers money to a level that sees the councillors and executive staff sacked, [REDACTED], should not be something the rate payers are made to bear the financial burden. A rate hike that high will cause financial hardship for many families on the coast. The effect of COVID on family incomes is bad enough, a rate rise of this size is a slap in the face for families struggling to make ends meet. This should not be approved.	No	Karen	Coulson
636	All avenues to improve our Councils position should be taken before us taxpayers are asked to foot the bill.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
637	Without undertaking harmonisation for those in the old Wyong Shire region council is pushing for a large increase. To add to this the cause of the majority of the debt relates to the failed amalgamation process there is no justification to further hurt residents by a rate rise. The state government needs to be held accountable for the failed process not the rate payers	No	Daniel	Harrison
638	This proposed rate rise is ridiculous. Why does the ratepayer have to pay for the incompetence of those dumb councillors. Take back their recent pay increases & put it towards the debt. Our roads are a disgrace, the medium strips & parks are so full of weeds & garbage that feels like we are living in a 3rd world country. What was the need to waste millions of dollars on that open space development near central coast club & stadium. It will just be a white elephant, because there is no parking! Many suburbs still do not have kerb & guttering, but I notice new extra wide footpaths near caravan park at Budgewoi, guess a councillor lives nearby! I strongly object to this rise.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
639	Why should we as Central coast residents have to pay for the local council mismanagement? 10% a year to cover their incompetence is not far when they are all still taking home a fat pay check or separation payout. They miss managed it they should have to for go their pay outs and big pays.	No	Nick	Greening
640	Please do not allow our Council's extreme incompetence to cost ratepayers more money. We are getting nothing bar house services and council garbage collection. Our grass verges and gardens are a disgusting sight, in thirty years I've not seen them in the state they are in our area. When I drove to other suburbs of the Central Coast it is the same. We shouldn't have to pay for what has happened, our obligations have been met. Thank you.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
641	Ducking joke council can't manage the coast I would like too see where all the budget went because roads pathways parks and public facilities are absolutely a joke on the central coast	No	Dogar	Group
642	I think it is wrong that we the rate payers should be penalised due to voted councillors miss management of our money. I believe it is at minimum fraud on a large scale.They should be held accountable, not the rate payers. Purchasing properties with money they don't have and using rate payers money to commit these offences	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
643	How dare you pass your mistakes on to the general public. This is a disgrace considering the terrible year most of the population has had. Shame on you central coast council officials	No	Brett	Keenan
644	I do not condone any higher rate rise above the 2 percent to any council that cannot control thier expenditure and have no idea what's important to the rate payers. Currently its a bloody disgrace to live among these people	No	Michael	Lewington
645	Confidential	No	Sue	West
646	Why should I pay for council's malfeasance?	No	Mathew	O'Connor
647	I will not pay for incompetence. [REDACTED]. They have wasted money on things such as Gosford Waterfront. They did not buget correctly. Why should I be penalised for their mismanagement. No, to the rate rise, no to paying out offices. Make them pay it back. We are already one of the highest rated councils. NO MORE!	No	Lucy	Caller

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648	Raising rates by the 8% and a further 2% is absolutely unacceptable. Why should we the taxpayer who are already financially struggling be forced to cover an inept council who haven't got a clue what they are doing. People on the coast are already struggling. Many of whom lost their jobs or took a severe decrease in hours at work due to the global pandemic. Forcing these rate rises can be the difference of families being able to put meals on the table.	No	Thom	Newman
649	This council has locked itself into so much wasteful spending on programs and projects that dont support the people actually paying the rates. How is it fair to slug us with a huge rate hike to pay for incompetence.	No	Timothy	Carryer
650	Totally shocked at the proposed rise being contemplated. A big NO WAY from me.	No	Jeanette	Spee
651	Confidential	No	Stephen	Hogg
652	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
653	Stop the rate rise. We should not have to pay for their mistakes. 10% is way too much	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
654	We the people do not consent to a rate rise for Central Coast residents whether that be to pay for the mismanagement of Council funds or the mismanagement of State Government in their overseeing of Local government. There are far reaching considerations of what this will mean in the social costs, the trickle down effect and increases in homelessness, the effect on businesses-less consumers - higher prices, increased desperation & crime and general downward spiral of this area. The majority of residents on Central Coast are already doing it tough, me included especially in the recent pandemic situation we are in. We have the highest incidences of suicide in the country, some of the highest unemployment rates in the state, a high percentage of aged pensioners who already choose between bills and food and people who work hard and pay high taxes for the privilege of being slaves to governments poorly run, greed driven economic system. The Central Coast already has so many social and economic issues - we don't need these increasing as a cumulative outcome of rate rises. I do not consent, I do not approve of any Council rate rises. This will dramatically impact me and a lot of others in the same position. Instead maybe we can get Gosford shire in line with Wyong shires rates as a start. ☹	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
655	Rate payers should not be paying for council's mismanagement of public funds. This is theft, and in a time where people are struggling already. And why are the people responsible being given a \$300k plus payout to leave council, they should be given nothing and face justice. This is not fair, and not warranted How can this be justified, and why are the innocent rate payers being penalised ?	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
656	Absolutely disgusting with the intent of a HUGE rate increase due to others in competencies. I disagree, make those at fault pay.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
657	Please give us a break! We have a [REDACTED] of a council doing nothing but pat itself on its back and we pay dearly for it. Less not more	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
658	I disagree with the request for specials variations for the next 7 years. Council need to find another way to fix their mistakes, other than punish rate payers with these massive hikes! Many people will not be able to afford to pay the rates at these inflated prices.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
659	Why should we be punished for their mistakes? None of us seemed to want to be amalgamated so why should we pay for the faults it created	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
660	I don't want rates to rise ridiculously	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
661	We the rate payer should not be held responsible for extreme mismanagement. Every employee position on the council needs to be assessed and if not necessary employment cancelled. They are extremely top heavy. Cut the fat not punish the rate payer. Also all the accountants need to be sacked as this problem should have been picked up long ago.	No	Timo	Betland
662	I am a nurse, refused a pay rise for two years and yet Central Coast Council, following money mismanagement, want to increase my rates by 10% and keep it in place for 7 years! This is unacceptable, residents of the Central Coast cannot afford to pay Council's debt. Merging both the Gosford and Wyong Councils has cost us dearly and offered zero improvements. We should not be expected to pick up the debt caused by this useless arrangement.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
663	Why should I or any other rate payer have to pay for councils mammoth incompetence. We already pay more than we should. Councils should never have merged. Wyong council was doing well on its own.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
664	I absolutely oppose the proposal for a 10% rate rise	No	Brendan	Chandler
665	This is despicable at any time, let alone a time when people are hit hard by the ongoing financial strain of the pandemic, and when first home buyers are going to be struggling against a migratory sydney and investment sales market.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
666	Totally unacceptable that the Council is applying for an additional 8% increase in rates for the next seven years to to cover their incompetence and or theft of funds already raised from rate payers. Rate payers should not be forced to pay the price for the Council's financial mismanagement.	No	Wayne	Rogers

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667	Why should the community pay to have council back in the black, due to their mismanagement of funds, sell off the assests they have accumulated first, The community does not get to decide how council officers spend our rates so why should we be held responsible for their debts.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
668	As a resident who pays rates, we should not have to be penalised for the incompetence of highly paid council employees who mismanaged funds and had insufficient financial knowledge to ensure this did not happen. I refuse to prop up these people who have run the council into the ground. It is disgraceful and not right. Hold the executive employees accountable, not the resident who sees very little of where our funds are utilised and no say as to what we actually want.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
669	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
670	Good afternoon my name is [REDACTED] I am a rate payer in the Central Coast Council Local Government Area. I am writing in regards to the Councils request of a 8% rate increase over seven years. I find it extremely unfair that ratepayers have pick up the cost of bad management. Bear in mind that rate payers have very little or no say in how council revenue is spent. The financial difficulties that Wyong residents have faced during Covid 19 have been enough to bear with out the added financial burden of higher rates and higher rents due to missmanagement by highly paid Council Executives. Bearing in mind that this is not the first time that Wyong residents have been subject to this type of application, in 2013 Wyong Shire Council (WSC) applied for and was granted a 6.9% rise over four years 17.6% more than WSC would have received with just the normal rate peg. My concern is if granted the requested rate increase is history will repeat it self and at the end of the seven year term another application will be submitted and rate payers will be expected to again bear the cost for another seven years. Surely the sale of Council assets clearly needs to be looked at before this drastic step is taken or given that the society we live in is supposed to be a democracy a referendum should be held out lining all the On On way available for the rate payers to choose how this mess is cleared up. Many thanks [REDACTED]	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
671	Our rates are already over \$4k a year, our income is reduced due to COVID and you want to increase our rates way above CPI? Had the council managed their cash flow impeccably, there wouldn't be such a shortfall. Another cash grab from residents is unacceptable. We've already been hit with additional stormwater surcharges which many of us see no benefit from.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
672	A rate increase due to council incompetence is unacceptable. I as a rates payer will not be paying my rates if this increase is allowed and am willing to go to court to fight it.	No	Leigh	Pinkerton
673	I am a state government health employee. My pay rise for 2020 was .03%. That equals just 5 cents an hour. And note i am contracted for 20 hrs a week. Yet this proposed increase far exceeds any pay rise or future pay rise given it is capped at 1.5% for many many years to come. The rate holders are not bottomless pits. We cannot afford this. And it wasnt us that stuffed it up.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
674	I oppose the increases recommended in rates paid by Central Coast Residents. As a resident I find it highly offensive that you expect us to be responsible for poor management of Council Funds. Previous Management that have been paid outrageous salaries should have the homes, expensive cars and funds removed and paid back to council. We should not be made to be responsible for their mismanagement. Hold them accountable. Regards [REDACTED]	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
675	[REDACTED]	No	Mitch	Stuart
676	I strongly object to the councils application to increase rates above the statutory limit.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
677	I oppose any special rate increase over the annual CPI sought by Central Coast Council. This Council's inept management and subsequent bankruptcy is not the fault of its hapless ratepayers. If I was to stupidly spend way more than I earn for years at a stretch, would IPART step in to force a pay raise on my employer to fix my problem? I didn't think so... Find the money elsewhere: by reducing staff, by getting back to basics of DAs, water, and garbage, and by selling assets.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
678	This is ridiculous if you ran the place properly for t would not come to this expect your delinquency to sky rocket	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
679	This Council is just money grubbing as always, to feed their own pockets from the rate payers The money they get does not come back into the shire, and we have to fight to get anything done to our roads. Time for Council to get a damn good audit	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
680	No to the proposed rate rise	No	Nock	Phillips
681	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
682	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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683	<p>A special variation in Wyong Shire was approved several years ago. The consultation process was a farce. The increase was substantial. No apparent improvement in services or facilities followed.</p> <p>I am not aware of any consultation between ratepayers and the Council on this application.</p> <p>The administrator says that there had been an increase in staffing of over well over 200 full time equivalent employees since amalgamation. That is outrageous considering the amalgamation was supposed to increase efficiency.</p> <p>I see waste on a daily basis. I have experienced much inefficiency in dealing with the Council employees.</p> <p>I have another property on comparable land in the Lane Cove Municipality. The council rates there are approximately 66% of my Central Coast Council rates.</p> <p>Financial problem should be dealt with by cutting costs and in particular by reducing labour costs. It seems to me to operate like a sheltered workshop. Rates should be reduced and certainly not increased.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
684	<p>My family cannot afford an increase of rates as proposed. I find it unbelievably unfair and unjust that us law abiding, tax paying, hard working families should be forced to pay for mistakes that an incompetent and corrupt bunch of councillors have made. How embarrassing, not only that they have misused tax payers funds but now we are forced to clean up their mess. Absolutely disgusting!! The council and those that are suggesting that we should pay for this deficit, should be ashamed and highly embarrassed. Shame shame shame Gosford Council, I hope they face the full force of the law and are forced to pay the debt incurred!!!</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
685	<p>As a ratepayer of the Central Coast, I am mortified that the Council mismanaged an enormous amount of funds, and now expects its ratepayers to pick up the bill by raising our rates by 10%.</p> <p>This should not be allowed and the Councillors should be held personally accountable!</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
686	I do not agree on the increase to rate payers. ☹️	No	Vanessa	Cairns
687	Confidential	No	John	Smith
688	IPART OBJECTION	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
689	Objection to special rate variation	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
690	No increase in rates please	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
691	I am not going to be penalised for the greedy, useless incompetence of the council. Don't have money do what the rest of us do, sell off your assets and cut your budgets. stop wasting our money.	No	Josh	Borrowdale
692	I do not agree with the rates increase	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
693	Confidential	No	Hua	Jiang
694	I agree with you on a couple of percent but at the same time feel why should we be punished for the council incompetence. I also feel that the State government has to take part of the blame for creating this "Super Council" disaster in the first place.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
695	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
696	I will NOT be paying nor supporting the proposed land rate increase by the incompetent central coast coucil. How ridiculous that they feel it fair to penalise the innocent members of their community in order to mend their disgraceful mismanagement of funds. Those responsible for this debacle should be held accountable and penalised. Not the innocent rate payers who do not even have adequate guttering or footpaths in their streets!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
697	Disagree entirely with this.	No	Corina	O'Grady
698	Why should we pay for councils mismanagement. Rates should NOT increase!! Very unhappy pensioner we cannot afford your proposed rise.	No	Pat	Munro
699	Confidential	No	Carly	Parkes
700	<p>I fully disagree and oppose the proposed 8% price increase to commence in the 2021/2022 financial year above the IPART regulated 1 - 2% per annum rate increase for next 7 years. This is unacceptable to cover over irresponsible spending by the local Council which is now leading to local residents paying the price.</p> <p>The council said Covid has an effect on their budget, but it's also had a massive impact on people that live on the Coast. Expecting people to simply pay more during these hard financial times is unacceptable.</p> <p>The council should be ashamed of themselves.</p>	No	Adam	Baker
701	<p>The councilors should be made to pay the dept from there own pocket when they spend over \$700,000 on some stupid Totum poles plus the whole theme park which hasn't any reference to the central coast at all,</p> <p>This council has far to many managers and workers who don't earn their weekly wage in a month, the work force should be cut by at least 30 per cent</p>	No	Michael	Price

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702	I strongly and completely reject the proposal for Central Coast Council to increase rates to raise money for the hundreds of millions of dollars of our money they already wasted. I understand administration has now changed however it's not fair or just that this increase be subsidised by residents. Given current Australian CPI no rate increase should be imposed. If the council needs help I'll gladly help them sort their expenses and structure their spending to manage their financial position however I'm led to believe this is what the current operators in charge were tasked to do. Either way if they need help I'll gladly assist. I expect given the state of the local economy and projected outlook for the next few years this application will be rejected (and probably laughed at) however I wanted to ensure I lodged my objections to this ridiculous proposal.	No	James	Hudson
703	Confidential	No	David	Campbell
704	As a very recent land owner in the area, I completely oppose increasing the rates of the Central Coast Council residents by an insane 8%, as the issues of financial loss was caused not by residents, but by members of the council. Residents should not be punished for the failings of the members of local council.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
705	This is rediculus we could partantually be paying more council stuffed up why do we get punished for there mistakes punish them for making the decisions they lost money by doing so do not approve our rate going up punish them get rid of the people that caused this do not punish any of us taking more money from us to fix there mistakes I heard on the news not long ago that many people could be sacked that work for CCC to get back the money they wasted me and so many others were veering something was finely getting done about this till I heard we were getting punished by paying more to cover your stuff ups this is not in and many people will complain and refuse as I will we deserve fairness	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
706	I do not agree with Council raising the rates by 10% per year for 7 years. Council has been unable to control itself financially to start with and we the tax and rate payers should not be the ones paying for the councils incompetence. Everyone has suffered as a result of the pandemic and a lot of people have lost their jobs. Pensioners will not be able to afford the rise. This Is not fair on the community or rate payers or pensioners and those who have lost their jobs due to this pandemic. I strongly disagree with this going ahead.	No	Dani	Thorp
707	Disgusted we have to pay for their incompetence not fair at all	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
708	I do not support Central Coast council's attempt to raise revenue through a ridiculous rate hike. Families on the Central Coast have already been hit hard by Covid 19, with many struggling to pay pre existing rates. It was through mismanagement that this debt has occurred and not the fault of Central Coast citizens. Do not punish us because of their stupidity.	No	Michael	Butler
709	Rate payers shouldn't have to wear the consequences of reckless financial management - there is NO additional service being offered for the proposed increase so why should we have to pay more for the same/less	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
710	I do not want to pay the rate increase	No	Jessica	Foster
711	I don't agree due to the percentage of residences being pensioners being unfairly requested to pay above normal increases due to councils financial mismanagement.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
712	As a local for over 30yrs I'm against this rate rise due to the mismanagement of the council [REDACTED] & the forced amalgamation which wasn't funded correctly. Why do rate payers have to pay for this? The government should contribute as they required the amalgamation to occur for their own political gain. This increase should not be approved.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
713	I oppose the council's application for continuing rate increases above the standard 1-2% I refuse to pay for the councils mess by increased rates	No	Rachel	Yeshouroun
714	10% p.a for 8 years is nonsensical, making residents pay for councils own mis management is disgusting. It will ruin our area, push up rents and increase the cost if living. I don't think residents are opposed to a 2% increase, but an additional 8% is unrealistic.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
715	I don't believe it's fair that residents need to foot the bill for Council's mismanagement of funds through such a large rate rise. Our rates are already considerably high compared to other LGA's and we pay stormwater drainage fees when we have no stormwater or curb and gutters.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
716	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
717	Objection against the proposed rate increase by central coast council	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
718	I am strongly against the muted increase in council rates. Council has over the years dramatically increased staff numbers mainly in non front line areas. This has resulted in very little benefit to rate payers like myself. The proposed sale of assets is a short sighted knee jerk reaction to years of pathetic management practices. Financial control has been virtually non existent and should not be shoved onto residents to correct. Please reject councils claim for these massive increases until they provide a management program that will be responsible and suitable for the future.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
719	The rates for the former LGA should not be increased above the pegged rate because they were already the subject of a special rate variation. The rates for the former Gosford LGA should be increased to achieve parity with former Wyong Shire Council.	No	Gayl	Durie
720	Confidential	No	Hermini	Mandala

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721	I completely disagree with the proposed rates increase. It amounts to a 10% increase for 7 consecutive years, which is blatantly punishing the ratepayers for the council's mismanagement of funds. This is completely unacceptable and will cripple many families financially. If this was any other company, the customers would not have to bear the costs. We have also not seen any of the benefits of the mismanaged funds. Minimal road repairs, kerb and guttering not done efficiently, where did those funds go?!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
722	Ratepayers shouldn't have to pay for councils mismanagement	No	Lynne	Patterson
723	Local rate payers should NOT be held financially liable for the incompetences of this council, rather the people being paid should be held accountable for their actions. As a local rates payer I am always in credit with water and rates and [REDACTED] will I be paying for their mistakes and continual stupidity in the runnings of a government organization.	No	Casey	Munro
724	It is ridiculous that rate payers should have to pay extra rates due to the council's incompetence. The Councillors should be held accountable. A lot of people living on the Central Coast have been affected by Covid-19 in many ways and some are struggling financially.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
725	It's the council's job to use tax payers money responsibly. The community should not suffer for their irresponsible actions. As a community in these hard times it's ludicrous to have such an increase.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
726	Why should we be forced to cover the costs of councils gross mismanagement of funds? Council have already raised their rates, they have audited everything they possibly can from registered pets to granny flats to squeeze out funds from every possible source. For crying out loud, take a look at the state of the Peninsula, alone. Frankly, I think what they've done is criminal, not to mention raising the cost of living for families who are already struggling after Covid.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
727	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
728	I feel it is totally unrealistic to impart further penalties to the community by increasing council rates purely to remediate the highly irresponsible misuse of the public funds they were in control of prior (i.e. council rates etc already collected) from the trusting populus of the Central Coast!! Please do not approve an increase in Council Rates!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
729	What a hide the Central Coast Council has to expect our beautiful struggling community to pull them out of their incompetence. We pay ridiculous amounts as it is for poor services, roads, parks and drainage etc. I reject this rate rise.	No	Aileen	Jeffery
730	Confidential	No	Stefan	Morris
731	I am againt central coast council being allowed to increase oir rates as a result of their mus management resukting in excessive debt. The coucillors local and state government should be held liable as it is them that need to be made accountable fir the shirt fall in funds. It is not the rate payers fault nir their responsibimity to fund bad management by an increase in rates. The council, councillors or their insurance their auditors or the state government need to rectify the matter not the rateoayers who are not at fault.	No	Jean	Macleod
732	We are already paying higher rates than other local government areas . There is a significant proportion of the population on fixed incomes and many young families in the area. A rate rise would severely impact the standard of living on rate payers. COVID has also impacted the livelihood of many and financial stress will be added with a rate rise which will impact the wellbeing of ratepayers . There also should be an extraordinary local government election and a chance for locals to vote out those who are incompetent.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
733	I do not agree to the rate rise requested by Central Coast Council. Rate payers did not get Council into it's dire financial situation, mismanagement did and now they are asking rate payers to pay for their mistakes. Accountability for the Directors and Councillors!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
734	I object to a rate rise The council is in financial trouble due to gross mis management It is not reasonable to increase rates to cover past mistakes I do not believe rate payers she have to cover it Find other ways to fix the problem	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
735	I disagree with the proposal for Central Coast Council to increase rates by any amount over the basic 1-2% per year for the next 7 years for any reason including to rectify the current or future council financial issues	No	Anthony	Heuston
736	Please do not increase rates any further Not residents fault that budget was mismanaged by administration We are self funded retirees, no government grants or economic stimulus for us We have to support ourselves Council need to reduce waste and inefficiencies	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
737	As a single income family we cannot afford close to a 10% increase on our rates for the next 7 years. Just to compensate for someones incompetence. Please reconsider, we are already struggling!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
738	The criminal incompetence of those elected to manage council affairs should not be paid for by the hard working honest citizens!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
739	This is [REDACTED]. Land rates on the Central Coast are more than those in Sydney. We have been slogged in the past and I say "NO MORE." We have fithly, overgrown parks and dirty unkempt public toilets. The toilets at Memorial Park the Entrance for example need a good lick of paint. They are filthy. We have so many tourists frequent the area and this is what we provide? Where are the fireworks this year? People are struggling. We don't need this. It ain't right.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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740	Why should we pay for your mistakes?? Absolutely utter rubbish	No	Lee-Anne	Mathie
741	There is no viable reason beyond councils outrageous mismanagement of money to raise rates. These rates are already exorbitant for what we receive; which is well below what we should be receiving. Residents were never considered in rate increases previously or in this instant. We the people of CCC are calling for removal of all council members permanently and those who caused the massive debt should be held personally accountable to pay it back and have legal action taken against them. The residents and ratepayers are not liable for this incurred debt and should not be subject to more rate rises.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
742	We shouldn't have to pay for the council stuffing up. The rates are already too high.	No	Rhett	Jeffrey
743	We should not have to pay for the councils inability to manage funds properly as have been shown in recent times. Including corruption.	No	Daniel	Tangney-Melides
744	Confidential	No	Mark	Nisbet
745	I object to the extra 8% rate increase to commence in the 2021/2022 financial year above the IPART regulated 1- 2% per annum rate increase for next 7 years that Central Coast Council has applied for ☹️	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
746	Mismanagement of funds by the council should not have to be footed by the taxpayers.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
747	I refuse to pay am increase because our previous council are incompetent at their jobs. Maybe they should have been fired without pay, suspended without pay. Dont make us pay for others stupid mistakes.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
748	No thanks! We don't even get gutters and storm water management and there have been no improvements in my local area for the last 10 years from the council.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
749	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
750	I oppose the rate increase	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
751	The rate-payers should not suffer for the mismanagement of the now dismissed councillors. There should be no rate increase until the independent review is completed, and then only if the increase above CPI is actually justified. Perhaps it should be an election issue and a mandate sought??	No	Sam	Hawkins
752	Cannot afford the 10% rate increase that council is proposing. We are aged pensioners and have limited funds. It is council that have spent the rate payers funds inappropriately, it is not up to the rate payers to have to foot the bill for councils incompetence.	No	Cheryl	Smith
753	I whole heartedly disagree with a rates increase due the negligence of our council. We should not have to clean up after their mistakes and in turn not be able to afford our own expenses when we have done right and created budgets and stuck to them!	No	Katelyn	Stern
754	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
755	I object to the special variation and insist that the council find another means to recoup the losses. It has already been an extremely difficult year for the residents of the Central Coast and raising the rates will put an unfair extra burden on the people.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
756	I think it's unfair to make rate payers pay for the incompetent council who miss used the funds allocated to them. We payed our council rates in good faith and the council through poor management spent money that want supposed to be used. 10% increase for the next 7 years will disadvantage my family and I and put us in financial hardship along with many other families of the central coast	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
757	I object to Central Coast council increasing their rates, fees and charges. Residents of the Central Coast already pay significantly more then most residents in NSW pay towards other councils. Not only do residents in this region pay more, we receive significantly fewer services. I myself pay up to 3 times more than family members residing in Sydney, yet I do not have access to basic services like sewer, stormwater or town water. Residents in this region will backlash against both local and state government if government entity like ipart endorses any further and what residents dean unreasonable fees and charges. Regards Another Central Coast resident who feels exploited and ripped off by Central Coast Council!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
758	I object to the ccc rate rise	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
759	We as rate payers should not be responsible for poor management. We should not have to pay higher rates as a result of councils complete incompetence. Our rates are already to high and the services provided are average at best.	No	Danielle	Copeland

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760	Raising the rates for this area would lead to further financial pressures on residents with so many on below average incomes and higher outgoing due to travel costs for work. Such a rate hike would be unmanageable for many residents who are not at fault for the council's mismanagement. Why not reduce management and middle management and reduce salaries of those remaining.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
761	<p>I vote to to reject a 10% rate rise for the next 7 years Wyong residents already pay over and above the standard rate and for that we don't seem to receive much in the way of services I live in a house with no kerb and guttering or footpaths. Yet i am two streets away from a local primary school I see the elderly and young children walking in the middle of the road to get to the bus stop and to school as they cannot safely walk on the footpath.</p> <p>As a single income family with a special needs child who receives no financial assistance through NDIS to cover the costs of our child's requirements we are terrified at the thought of paying 10% additional every year for the next 7 years we struggle with our bills now as we are on a tight fixed income.</p> <p>We don't live an extravagant life we don't go on holidays we don't go out often we just can't afford it and I also worry about the disabled the elderly and families like my own that are on a fixed tight income the decide from week to week whether a bill gets paid or whether they buy groceries to feed their families I worry about how they are going to afford a 10% increase for the next 7 years.</p> <p>I mean it's not like the council once where out of debt will reverse those charges and fees once they stay there will always stay I worry that my children's children my grandchildren will be still paying for this debt in the years to come so many people are so disappointed because we feel like the Central Coast has been destroyed the Central Coast is a beautiful lovely place but you do all the mismanagement and the excessive debt that we are now in it has been totally destroyed which is very sad.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
762	Confidential	No	Richard	Cully
763	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
764	<p>Why should we, the general public, pay for councils stupidity...</p> <p>It was there bloody neglect, not ours...</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
765	Why should the people pay for mismanagement of funds by central coast council? The where voted in in good faith. No one could have predicted this outcome or prevented it. People are struggling enough with a pandemic, loss of jobs and income and high living costs. Rate increases do not just affect home owners but will flow through to renters as well many of whom live on the poverty line already. This is simply just not manageable to most households.	No	Nicole	Ward
766	No way. My property has no, gutters, footpaths, street lights. There has been no suburb improvement since amalgamation. The same suburbs get the funding and the property growth. This will put a lot of pressure on my home budget.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
767	Confidential	No	Deb	Cairns
768	Whilst I understand that something needs to happen to recoup the financial debts that the council has incurred, I do not believe that we the ratepayers are able to sustain the increase in rates that this application is seeking. Surely there are cost cutting measures and economies that can be made and asserts that can be liquidated before seeking the public to pay for the mismanagement of the council and their employees.	No	Kim	Leecroft
769	<p>The rise is too much when it was caused by mismanagement nothing the rate payer did</p> <p>If this rise is approved it will be more every year not a reduction when the money is replaced</p>	No	Peggy	James
770	We pay enough now in council rates, not our fault the council & state government are incompetent	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
771	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
772	This is a disgrace. The council upping rates to cover bad management. Shame	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
773	Confidential	No	Laura	Watt
774	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
775	<p>The gross financial mismanagement of this Council should not be paid for by rate payers. We already pay a lot for poor infrastructure (we don't even have footpaths in my area, no curb and guttering one street away).</p> <p>Reduce executive salaries and all perks until they get their house in order.</p> <p>It is appalling that the people on the Central Coast should pay for years of reckless spending, inflated management teams and executive salaries, and pork barrelling. Disgusting.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
776	Please do not put up the rates for the council's gain. No one can afford to cover the council's mismanagement.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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777	<p>I am making this submission to note my objection to the special rate variation being applied for by the Central Coast Council. This potential rate increase should not go ahead as it will cause significant financial burden on many local rate payers in our council area. For many residents in the former Wyong Shire Council area (prior to amalgamation of the Gosford and Wyong councils) are already paying higher rates than their counterparts in the former Gosford council area. Rate harmonisation has still not occurred since amalgamation of the two council areas. It is inequitable that residents in the northern end of the council area will continue to be paying more than others. The harmonisation of rates across the former council areas must take place instead of a special rates variation.</p> <p>With a reduction of services also being proposed as a cost saving measure, it is not reasonable to seek increased payments of rates from residents for reduced services.</p> <p>Other avenues for addressing the financial crisis must be prioritised over asking rate payers to pick up the bill for financial mismanagement. One such Avenue is to recoup NSW State government funds that were earmarked/allocated for newly amalgamated councils to apply for. These funds were incorrectly spent in non-amalgamated council areas. These funds should be returned for distribution and use across amalgamated councils in NSW. The state government must take some accountability for their actions.</p> <p>Further, penalties and action against those responsible for this financial crisis must be sought prior to turning to rate payers for more money. Rate payers are the victims of this mismanagement and negligence, and need to see real action to address the wrongs that have occurred.</p>	No	Emma	Joel
778	I am writing to lodge my disapproval of the proposed Central Coast Council application to increase rates by 10%. As a rate payer I don't believe I should be burdened due to Council mismanagement.	No	Jonathan	Erasmus
779	Confidential	No	Danielle	Bradbury
780	In the tough times like we are having at the moment a rate rise of 10% is unaffordable by many ,Myself included please don't let this rate rise go ahead!! Chad sim	No	Chad	Sin
781	Confidential	No	Daniel	Bradbury
782	Confidential	No	Jennefer	Johnston
783	We refuse to be the financial scapegoat for this currently suspended Council's total incompetence! Since amalgamation, the whole show has been a politically biased beurocracy, meanwhile, the coast has gone backwards! No, No, No to any rates hike!	No	Michael	Walker
784	Confidential	No	Jarrod	Neville
785	<p>██████████ The majority of the people i know who own their own home here are just making ends meet. We cannot afford an increase in rates to make up for councils failings.</p> <p>Also, when i look around my area (apart from the main road) there are no gutters or footpaths, roads are in poor condition and reserves are unkept. I am not sure what my rates pay for now and am loathed to pay anymore. I would like to see the council financial officers sacked and new people brought in with financial controls implemented so overspending cannot occur in the future. The behaviour of Central coast council of late is shameful.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
786	I object to 10% rate rise over 7 years	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
787	Confidential	No	David	Watt
788	<p>I wrote this</p> <p>I object to the special variation and insist that the council find another means to recoup the losses. It has already been an extremely difficult year for the residents of the Central Coast and raising the rates will put an unfair extra burden on the people.</p> <p>First a decision needs to be made who is at fault i.e. auditors, administrators or councillors, and get them to repay the debt. Or at least a significant amount. It certainly is not the taxpayers debt.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
789	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
790	We have invested in 4 properties within central coast council to 'keep it local' and feel a increase in rates to cover incompetence of coucillors is unfair and unjust. No rise should be beyond CPI. It would impact financially on everyone who calls central coast home and those who have chosen to invest.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
791	The council should not increase rates above standard. ██████████ I disagree with granting exemption to increase rates.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
792	Residents have continually done the right thing, council are to blame for this matter and the Central Coast residents shouldn't be there to tidy up their mess. The extra spendings were not to benefit the local community as their has been a lack of road and other infustructure changes in the local community	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
793	The Central Coast already pays extremely high rates for the level of service it provides. It is beyond disgraceful that CCC is proposing a rate increase to cover their over expenditure and poor financial management. The Covid-19 pandemic has affected the central coast residents very hard. This will put the nail in the coffin for many low income people.	No	Samuel	Walls
794	We object to an increase in our rates due to our household already using a septic tank and still being charged for waste and sewage with no curb and guttering either in our streets. Our roads are full of potholes as well.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
795	This is a massive jump in cost considering this was not the fault of the people living in the central coast . Why should we fix this problem.	No	Kate	Lindsay
796	Totally disapprove and vote strongly against Central Coast Council's submission to increase rates above the statutory limit.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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797	We do not agree to any excessive rates rise	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
798	Ratepayers should not be burdened with rectifying the financial mismanagement and gross negligence of Central Coast Council. There is no justification for a rate increase, particularly given the external economic uncertainty Generated by COVID-19 which is affecting many constituents.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
799	As pensioners we are currently struggling to pay the rates as they are & it should not fall on us to have to fund the mismanagement of the council	No	Carolyn	McDonough
800	You should be ashamed of yourselves!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
801	An 8% rise to a total of 10% is beyond unacceptable. Losing money isn't a reason for the outrageous rise. A rise is only acceptable if services and infrastructure significantly increase.	No	David	williamson
802	Absolutely appalled by your increase in rates cost for a mess you made yourself!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
803	Ratepayers should not be penalised because council have made a mistake. I am a single 25 year old working 60 odd hours a week just to pay bills and mortgage. May not be a pensioner but I certainly can not afford a pay rise. And no payment plan help will work because I still have to fork out money I don't have just at a later and slower date. Don't raise council rates the community will be very cranky!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
804	I believe that ratepayers should not be penalised for the gross incompetence of the council. Cost savings and liquidation of assets should occur first before any increase is considered	No	Shane	Grant
805	Confidential	No	Rachael	Fisher
806	I am opposed to this at a time when families are feeling the pinch and anxiety over the future this rate rise is brutal. Many landlords will pass this onto tenants who are already waiting months to be accepted into affordable rental properties. This doesn't just affect home owners it has a trickle on effect. The amalgamation mess is not the responsibility of the average person on the central coast to fix. It's not the responsibility of a retiree on a below minimum wage to fix the council, or the single dad, or the struggling family.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
807	I object to a rate increase it is not our fault the council mismanage its money.	No	Michael	Davis
808	Rate payers should not have to cover Council's costs. This is another cost that rate payers do not need. After a really tough year with Covid and scraping by financially, people cannot afford another 10% rate increase. Council should sell more assets to fund the shortfall. Not just expect ratepayers to pay for this shortage when the Council should have proper fiscal and auditing accounting measures in place to avoid this from happening.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
809	This is ridiculous to do to us when it's up to council to notice when there is this much of a financial crisis we'll before it happens. It is not up to residents to fund the council's bail out. Stop unnecessary developments in places like Gosford and actually finance what's needed. NOT council people's wages either.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
810	Nope. Can't lump the financial problem on rate payers.	No	Laura	Hoy
811	Confidential	No	Jo	Lillis
812	I strongly object to the proposed rate increases from Council. 2020 has been a bad enough year and everyone is struggling already. Any significant increases to our rates will cause significant financial strain on our family.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
813	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
814	We live in a rural area where minimal work is conducted by the council & the work that is completed is often not to the same standard as work completed in other areas of the council. The proposed increase in rates would not make living in this area financially viable for some residents who are already struggling to pay their bills	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
815	I object the additional increase in the rates to cover for the council debt. The debt is the result of mismanagement not a fault of ordinary people.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
816	This year we have already been tested more than we should fire, flood, pandemic. Then to find out people who should be there to look out for the community's best interest have absolutely no idea what they are doing. There should be no political parties in local council they should just be there to work for the community's interest and we should not have to pay out more money to cover their mismanagement. I live on a busy road that needs upgrading but they are still wasting funds elsewhere how about charging these greedy developers more to cover it if they continue to develop these ridiculous small blocks that are eventually going to cause social problems in the community and leave the ones that will do larger blocks min 600sqm the same The other day I passed 3 council workers with 2 trucks fixing a sign !! 1 was just standing there why ??? Run it like a privately owned business not a free all Apparently they are used to do a lot of stuff in house now they contract out surely that must be more expensive ??? Look at ways to cost cut and streamline instead of charge the rate payer more	No	Libda	Beasley
817	It's disgraceful that families like myself should be penalised for council getting it's self into debt and then expect us to pay.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
818	I disagree with this as a rate payer. We should not be penalised with a rate increase due to Central Coast Council's poor management of its funds. The rates I've paid have already been squandered previously and to ask residents to account for the mistakes of council is grossly unfair.	No	Ryan	Hunter
819	It is unfair to ask the ratepayers to increase their rates when the ratepayers are not the ones who got the council into the mess they are in. already people are struggling and the rates are high for the services and infrastructure delivered. Let the unelected administrator find another way to recoup the losses of the council, and don't come after the people for this. We've already paid our rates.	No	Jonathon	Lock

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820	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
821	We should not have to pay for their incompetence.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
822	Absolutely unacceptable to be asking residents to subsidise crooked and malpractice within the local council. [REDACTED]	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
823	The council rates are high enough. We should not have to pay for the incompetency of council and I strongly disagree that they should be allowed to hike the rates up. I don't want to pay more than I should in rates especially if it's just to bail them out and the community receives very little in return.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
824	Confidential	No	Louise	McDonald
825	Don't increase rates because of a poor council	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
826	<p>I feel it is not my responsibility to get Central Coast Council out of the debt it is in due to the incompetence and mismanagement of funds by the councilors or whatever government agencies were involved due to this amalgamation I did not ask for or want.</p> <p>Prior to this amalgamation my residence came under Wyong Shire Council and in 2013 this council applied to IPART for a special variation increase in rates which was granted to increase our rates at 6.9% each year up till 2017. The minute this special variation rate finished Gosford and Wyong Councils amalgamated and through councils incompetence they now expect us to pay higher rates again.</p> <p>Where do they expect us to get this extra money from as the average Joe cannot afford this in our budgets that are already stretched. I am a pensioner and the only rebate I get is \$250 off which still leaves me having to pay \$2,000 as it is, if this new rate increase is granted I will not be able to afford such an astronomical increase after just having to pay the last IPART increase of 6.9% each year for 7 years that was granted to Wyong Shire.</p>			
826	It is unfair and those that got our council in this situation are the ones who should be paying for the debt, not us rate payers.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
827	Confidential	No	Rachel	Harradine
828	I do not think rates should be increased for such an incompetent council.	No	Alan	Treize
829	I wish to object to Council request to increase rates. It's financial situation has come about through the forced amalgamation of Gosford and Wyong Councils and the incompetent way this has been managed. Ratepayers should not have to wear the financial consequences of this.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
830	An increase in excess in rates above the rate peg puts an excessive burden on local residents who are not responsible for the council's financial issues	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
831	Confidential	No	Wendy	Davies
832	<p>Central Coast Council is negligent in dealing with rate payer funds.</p> <p>Why should the rate payer carry the burden of Government ineptitude???</p> <p>I WILL NOT BE PAYING MY INCREASED RATES!!!!</p> <p>This is criminal theft from rate payers</p>	No	Norman	Longwood
833	Why should rate payers be discriminated against and have our rates increased due to the incompetence of our local council ? Increasing rates will have a wide spread ripple effect across the central coast community.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
834	As a law abiding tax paying resident of this country who has always paid council rates in advance I am not willing and will not pay an increase in my rates as a result of the mismanagement of previous funds paid to our council. This is not the responsibility of us a rate payers. We have already done our part as legally required the council has not	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
835	Gosford council is one of the most corrupt councils in Australia. They stolen the local citizens money. They have no right to raise the cost giving them more money to steal. The funds needs to recovered. Charges need to be laid to recoup any deficits. This cannot be handed down to rate payers to cover this fraud. Intolerable.	No	Ben	Kissick
836	The mismanagement of the council is a bloody disgrace how can you Explain Millions of Dollars going down the drain you people are responsible so Mortgage the house 🏠 and pull us out of the Dilemma you want responsibility so get on with it don't drag the ratepayers for your pathetic ignorance	No	Stephen	Rigby
837	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
838	Confidential	No	Jo	Day
839	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
840	Why should we have a 10% rise in our rates because the council weren't doing there jobs properly if at all. Absolutely astonishing a local council get its self in this much debt with nothing to show for it.	No	Brent	Murray
841	Confidential	No	Tomy	George
842	Confidential	No	Kylie	Jones
843	Families on the coast can not afford a rate rise we are struggling . It's not our fault the council stuffed up. The rate rise cannot be justified. Where is the NSW govt in this mess?, Help the central coast council instead of giving additional money out to councils in liberal seats.	No	Gemma	Burrows

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844	I do not agree with the proposed new increase to the council rates for central coast council. I am a first home buyer and already struggling with bills and this would add yet another financial burden that I don't deserve. The lack of accountability by central coast council for their misuse and mismanagement of funds should not be then placed back onto the rate payer. Pls do not allow this	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
845	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
846	Confidential	No	Natalie	Macleod
847	I do not want to pay more rates to make up for the poor management of ratepayers money by incompetent councillor's. The Central Coast still has many areas with unfinished or poorly finished works. Continuously employing contractors to apply bandaids to problems instead of doing jobs properly. It is infuriating to already pay such expensive rates, which by the way we were meant to get some relief from through amalgamation of Gosford and Wyong council's and now to be asked to pay more. Where does the stupidity stop? Do you know people who work on the Coast earn substantially less than people who work in Sydney. We have less amenities, less finished roads and a stack unmaintained waterways which cause annual flooding and increased insurance to many residents. I vote NO to giving more of my hard earned money to the council. I would rather use it to feed my family.	No	Elizabeth	Ashburner
848	Please reconsider a rate increase, people can not afford this after the year we have had.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
849	I do not agree with a 10% rate rise to for the next 4 years.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
850	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
851	Disagree. Why should we have to pay for their incompetence. Absolutely outrageous	No	Krysten	Dey
852	Confidential	No	Anthony	Baffis
853	Have not clearly indicated to the community the reasons for the massive financial hole that the council find themselves in. The community should be given better detail reasons and how financial hole happen. Was it because of forced amalgamation? Was it bad financial decisions? Bad council structure and reporting systems? The council have interacted with community enough about the failures or future plans, thry seem to be trying to slide it all under the rug. Why should an increase rates be this high when people are losing jobs and for the lucky ones who do have a job can't get a small increase to their wage be sluggish with the rates increase.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
854	How do we know they have fixed the problem Is and they wont have the same problems again, and have look to the community to bail them out.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
855	I'm not happy paying extra on my rates to cover someone else's mistakes.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
856	You got no right to increase our rate for your incompetence of handling the finance .Show us the improvements that this Council has accomplished which is none. We've been living at [REDACTED] since 1986 with our street flooding everytime it rains. No curb and guttering to harvest the water. And they only band aid the street to fill up potholes. Why are the Councilors still employed and we the ratepayers scratching our head to save every spare dollar to compensate for that bankruptcy that they have created. You are responsible for convincing everyone that three levels of government fails the honest people of this country .	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
857	Too big a rate rise in an area so affected by decreasing employment and young families struggling to pay mortgages. Sell off council property instead	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
858	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
859	The council's misuse of funds is by no fault of the citicens within the council's duristiction, and therefore should not be financially implicated because of it. The rates were already raised prior to this and yet the council incorrectly allocated funds and failed to uphold their promises such that projects that were to be undertaken with the increased rates were not completed. It is unfair and unjust to then expect people to pay exorbitant rates when the council fails to meet their obligations.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
860	Confidential	No	Kristy	Hynd
861	Confidential	No	Sharon	Goodwin
862	Confidential	No	Tim	Wright
863	It just seems incredibly unfair that rate payers should have to face increased rates due to poor financial decisions by council members. Particularly following covid when many people have lost livelihood. Surely there should be greater vigilance over council decisions by the NSW government on central coast council.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
864	This council has shown themselves to be inept and incapable of performing the duties they were elected to do and now wish to burden the residents with severe rate rises to cover their shortcomings..As a ratepayer I take exception to this attempt to burden us with this unjust rate rise. We as a whole will see to it that this is not allowed to happen people power is a formidable enemy and this attempt to make us pay for someone's mistakes will not be tolerated	No	Michael	Daly
865	No way! It is very unfair for the residents of the central coast to have to pay of debt not incurred by them but by money hungry politicians who showed no thought nor care for us while spending our hard earned dollars on stuff we don't wNt or need (like bigger red bins- we need weekly recycling, not promoting more landfill. My Year Six class could do a better job. Seriously.	No	Meg	McLachlan
866	Don't take it out on the rate payers. Council leaders should be responsible for this debt they created	No	Lorraine	Wildman
867	I disagree with the proposed increase in rates	No	Thomas	Cornwell
867	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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868	I don't understand why the incompetence of the previous administration needs to be passed on the rate payers, who already are funding their salary! I am against the rate hike of the council!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
869	I object to rate rise above the statutory 2% as the people of the Central Coast should not be penalised for bad management on Council's behalf.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
870	I do not support the increase in rates.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
871	I oppose paying higher than normal rates. It is not justified to make the residents pay for the councils mismanagement.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
872	Object. Unfair residents pays for council incompetence.	No	Tegan	Keegan
873	A one off 10% increase is all that should be allowed. The balance should come from a decrease in council employees who are over paid and underperform (not all!) independent performance reviews should be done. Very few positions were reduced with the amalgamation that was supposed to lower running costs and make council more efficient - this centralised system was a failure. I trust Dick to review it all but believe anything more than a one off 10% increase and the standard 1-2% thereafter is excessive and unnecessary when there are other (better) options.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
874	Don't raise the rates	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
875	Absolutely not , incompetence by a council forced apron us unelected is not my problem ,	No	Ryan	Campbell
876	I do not support this rate increase af all!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
877	Why should the ratepayers be made to pay extra rates because you [REDACTED] lost all the money? How is that fair? It is UNAUSTRALIAN and many people are only just hanging on through COVID and I am a single parent struggling to put food on the table. SHAME, SHAME, SHAME ON YOU ALL CENTRAL COAST COUNCIL.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
878	This is an extraordinary extra cost. The council is in huge debt in part due to management and part due to the NSW state government forced amalgamation. The debt should not be placed on residents but instead shared by residents and state government.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
879	This is ludicrous. There has been an incompetence in this council for far too long, now they want the people to pay? No way.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
880	I completely disagree with councils administrators request to increase rates by such a large amount, we already have above 2% rise and now because of the financial ineptitude of the suspended councillors we are facing double digit rises. Council needs to find outhier ways to raise revenue	No	Joshua	Brewer
881	Please do not increase our rates to these levels, the majority of our community cant afford it! The Government needs to be responsible for these errors, not the residents!!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
882	Adding 10% per year for 7 years!!! I already struggle to pay rates!!! If mozt of the debt is because money was taken from future funds, earmarked for other projects, then sue those responsible, d ont nust ask ratepaters to cough up money all the time.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
883	As ratepayers in this Council, we object to this rate rise even being contemplated. While those responsible for the ineptitude and mismanagement and the overall dire situation that this has left the Central Coast Council in are not made accountable, no rate rise above the existing IPART approved rise should be allowed or considered. The rates we already pay on rural land that have barely any service are already equivalent to that of residential property and areas with decent roads and kirb and guttering, along with other local facilities and services. The Council must be made to work their way out of the debt by employing competent buisness people to manage the finances and areas of spent, and eliminate the unnecessary largess.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
884	As a pensioner my income has not increased. To increase Rates massively is an unsustainable action for those on fixed income .I am the sole occupant of my home yet pay the same as a large family of gross service users. There ought to be some financial recognition of those in my situation.	No	James	Wright
885	Please.. I strongly disagree with the proposed rate rise that the Council are seeking for 2021. The public should not pay for their mistakes.	No	Kerry	Tough
886	Confidential	No	Zach	Smith
887	I refused to be penalized as a rate payers fo r the council who screwed up.	No	Margaret	Sweeney
888	The residents of the central coast should not be forced to pay the debts of a poorly run council. This will be the second special increase in rates that residents have been hit with in the last 10yrs. Currently a large proportion of the community are already suffering financial hardship due to the COVID pandemic and an increase in rates will only burden families more.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
889	Confidential	No	Shan	CHEENKALLE
890	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
891	The purposed rate increase would greatly disadvantage a region which is still suffering an economic downturn as a result of Covid-19. Central Coast residents already have one of the lowest household incomes in NSW. Our community has been greatly effected by our councillors mismanagement and favouring tourism locations and the suburbs they live in. I suggest a targeted rate increase to the affluent areas of the Central Coast starting with Terrigal as majority our our rates have been spent putting lipstick on a pig. We have been locked out of council meetings prior to Covid-19 and I have no faith in our a council [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Myself and family are considering selling our two properties in [REDACTED] and moving to a region run by a fair and balanced council who value the communities input and delivers on promised services.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
892	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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893	Please explain why we, the central Coast residents have to pay for the council's mismanagement of finances. We have no sewer, no water and no green waste collection. I strongly object to the rate increase in rates to pay for the council's financial failure.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
894	Central Coast Council, mainly Gosford, have spent and continue to spend rate payer money irresponsibly. A rate increase will only enable continued mis-management of funds. Council should be held accountable for getting themselves out of this mess NOT the rate payers. We should not be punished for their poor choices. DO NOT ALLOW THEM TO GET AWAY WITH IT. PLEASE NO RATE VARIATION!!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
895	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
896	Please do not allow Central Coast council to raise their rates an additional 8%, effecting the pockets of so many trusting ratepayers, in what has already been a difficult year, and whose trust was betrayed by a few deceitful council members. These councillors need to be held accountable for the gross mismanagement of funds.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
897	I do not approve of the suggested rate increases.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
898	No increase rate rise. We have no curb & glittering. Pot holes. Dangerous foot paths. Over hanging trees over power lines.	No	Dianne	M
899	How can we afford this rate increase. We are hard working families. That simply can't afford this.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
900	We are a young family, our jobs have been affected by Covid, and there is no way we can afford this. Please look after us.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
901	Why should the residents foot the bill for the council stuff up ? Do not approve this increase	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
902	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
903	Confidential	No	Peta	Pearce
904	No rate increases. It is the mis-management of the council and not our fault that they are in so much debt.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
905	Confidential	No	Lisa	Goulding
906	We should not have to pay for councils mismanagement of funds. Someone needs to be prosecuted.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
907	Confidential	No	Donna	Paterson
908	I disagree with this attempt to steal money from our pockets! Disgraceful	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
909	Confidential	No	Lynne	Robertson
910	Whilst I appreciate rate rises will occur over time, having the residents of the Central Coast cover the enormous debt which the council racked up is absurd. This potential increase could cripple many households. Surely there are better ways they can work on the decreasing their debt without having the residents suffer. We were not the ones who put us in this situation, so why should we be expected to bail out the council? It is time to really make the council think of their residents first and work out how to manage this debt, whilst working for their people without making them suffer.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
911	Why do the rate payer have to pay more rates because of the council poor financial management	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
912	No increase to rates	No	Peter	Seaborn
913	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
914	I object to the Central Coast Council's application to raise rates above the general income peg. For years our council has been inept at managing its finances and it is grossly unfair and inappropriate that they now try to bail themselves out by squeezing the ratepayers for more money in what is already an economically difficult time for many households. It's about time those responsible were held accountable and our council began looking after its residents like it is supposed to instead of robbing them blind to cover their own errors and greed.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
915	The Central coast has an extremely low socio economic rate high domestic abuse high drug and mental health rates the worst roads in Australia and council have wasted our money already and now want us the citizens to bail them out I don't even have guttering or proper stormwater facilities outside my house yet are already charged for this service. Council have also wasted a lot of the residents money by giving contracts to friends and paying high prices for things that weren't necessary. Hard working people in council are going to lose their jobs and you want to raise their rates. Why don't you raise the rates on the investment properties in the area that aren't even owned by locals or all the air bnb properties. Make the councillors who got us in this mess pay back their bonuses and perks they received don't make the hard working citizens pay back your debt.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
916	Confidential	No	Jennifer	Millard
917	Dear Council, This tax will further reduce the disposable income for vulnerable families and will reduce the amount people are able to put back into the local economy. I don't think this is a responsible manner of recouping debt that is not the responsibility of the local residence. Regards, John	No	John	Bredenkamp

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	With families already struggling, an increase of 10% each year will push more families into poverty. As a [REDACTED] on the coast, I am already witnessing so many families struggling to make ends meet. This will push home owners to raise rent to and cause even more stressors on families.			
918	The intention to raise rates so high is going to have a huge impact on the Central Coast, we will see an even higher increase in theft, domestic violence due to the stress and elevated levels of mental health.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
919	I totally disagree with the proposal. Why don't we minimise a few positions at the Council. I'm sure a few salaries at the top could help.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
	Incompetency from the very well paid management team in charge of the Central Coast Council should NOT be a reason to subject the rate payers of same council to this extra rate increase.			
	Fines and legal charges should be formed against these same incompetent managers well before asking rate payers to be subject to an increase.			
	Incompetent performances should be rewarded with dismissal and new fully competent management be sourced ASAP.			
	We are already selling off viable and valuable assets to cover the debts these incompetent managers have given ratepayers and now we are going to be hit again with a rate rise.			
920	Unbelievable mismanagement from all concerned.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
	Councils mismanagement of funds needs to be dealt with themselves a, not punish the ratepayers as an easy option/way out. The gross disregard to planning and acting on what the local area people want is ridiculous. Just one example is the money spent on the entrance "sustainable Christmas tree" made out of herbs - the usually Christmas tree used each year that lights up is a pine tree right next to it - already sustainable!! Just stupidity like this should not have to be bailed out by the rate payers - 10% can price people out of the areas they've lived in for years as land values keep increasing but pensions are no where near a 10% increase.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
922	Do not raise rates. Its appropriate, especially in light of misappropriated council funds	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
	This council has seriously mismanaged their funds and now expects ratepayers to bail them out with massive rates increases for 7 years. Ratepayers on the central coast have already had an extra increase in rates (approved by impart) in the last decade and council have still got into massive debt through gross Mismanagement of these funds.			
	Why should we believe this time will be any different?			
	Homeowners/ratepayers can't suddenly increase their income to pay for this and I don't see why council should be allowed to make ratepayers pick up the bill for council's incompetence.			
923	I seriously object to this proposal and I'm asking IPart to reject this application from council to increase the rates so hugely.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
	In these current times why should the ratepayers of the Central Coast shoulder an extra 10% rise in their rates for at least another 7 years.			
	Ratepayers weren't to blame for the financial mismanagement of the council so it seems unfair to burden them with an extraordinary rate rise.			
	Maybe the council should just stick to the basics for the foreseeable future instead of pie in the sky schemes which they obviously can't manage.			
924	Thanks	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
925	A 10% rate rise each year for the next 7 years would greatly impacted the community which is currently already a low socioeconomic .Those responsible for the decision making and those responsible for auditing the council should be held accountable. I think a 3% would be exempted each year.	No	Jenny	Keys
926	Confidential	No	Renae	Lockley
927	Confidential	No	Natasha	Thompson
928	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
929	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
930	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
931	Rate increases will have huge negative impact on mine and many families on the Central Coast. Not at all fair due to incompetence from council	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
932	Absolutely disgusted that we would be expected to pay such a huge hike in our rates to help an incompetent council.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
933	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
934	Confidential	No	Emma	Young
	To Central Coast Council I feel the possibility of increase annual rates is not the answer to correct an outstanding financial state of the council. If the management (council) can not control the expense incurred to manage the coast then focus should be on management practises and not applying the financial strain to the local residents for the compensation of poor business practices. This will also only incur a social status for the coast of "only the wealthy can live here" Please considered alternative methods to future proofing the coast for family and persons to live a lifestyle we moved here for.			
935	Regards Local Resident	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
936	Confidential	No	Tiffany	Kingdom
937	No % increase. Not fair that I'm paying higher rates for the mismanagement of council funds.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
938	Stop burdening the people - we can't cope with more rides!!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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939	I object to this special variation request. It's ridiculous residents have to pay for a councils mismanagement and continual failings. We already pay for things we don't have like guttering.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
940	I strongly disagree with the Central coast council being granted permission to increase rates beyond IPART recommdations. The council has been responsible for serious, perhaps illegal mismanagement of finances. Residents should not be expected to pay the cost of this.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
941	The disgraceful mismanagement of funds by the sacked central coast council is criminal and those responsible should be prosecuted. The financial burden should not be placed on rate payers who are already paying exorbitant rates and charges to council. A 10% rate hike is excessive and unaffordable for many households especially following income losses due to COVID.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
942	Confidential	No	Jess	Lovegrove
943	This is not our responsibility to fix a council issue of mismanaging our rates! Council need to rectify this ! Stop stealing out of our pockets to fix your mistakes	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
944	<p>So many layers of council to see early signs of mismanagement and no one speaks up?</p> <p>Accountability is where we should be now. Who failed? Was it intentional to say nothing? Is it Criminal mismanagement?</p> <p>We, the Central Coast residents Should not be the lifeline we did not mismanage funds</p> <p>Layers on layers IN COUNCIL and no one saw this ???</p> <p>Hard to believe</p>	No	Steve	Ford
945	I strongly oppose this proposed increase to council rates to address the gross financial mismanagement. If this were to continue, it sets a precedence for no accountability whatsoever to any publicly elected members or staff to be held accountable and responsible for the jobs they are appointed for. The proposed rate increase will wrongly penalise the central coast residents, make the coast less desirable as a location for people to live and conduct business from.	No	Shashi	Kalava

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946	<p>I don't except central coast council submission for a special rate rise. We already pay higher than usual rates for nsw. The council needs to stop spending money straight away and only do maintenance until they are back in the black. They are looking at putting the same councillors back into council without any extra training on money management which means we will end up even deeper in debt. The councilors are just politicians playing with the lives of the central coast people and it needs to stop right now and they need to be told to work with what they have. It can be done. They give money to charities and grants for all sorts of things with our money without asking us just so they can have a photo opportunity. The haven at terrigal is a beautiful bay and now central coast council are building an eyesore of a walkway around it costing around 10million dollars and the people of terrigal and the central coast don't want this eyesore built as they love the natural beauty of terrigal bay. They also use the small hill for exercise when walking around to the point. These people will not stop spending money if we keep throwing money at them. They are self serving politicians and have shown the central coast people that they don't have our best interests at heart. All they want is a photo opportunity.</p> <p>I have been to a couple these council meetings and I just shake my head in disgust.. The political side of council just vote anything away that doesn't meet their agenda. Then they spend more money on everything except maintenance.</p> <p>If we as a council can not afford pretty new things then we shouldn't get into debt to buy them and these councillors that they ate about to reinstate need to learn this.</p> <p>An example of their over spending costing about \$3000a sign at a guess are these little hard to read signs they have installed telling us what suburb we are in. You have to turn into the suburb before you can see this small hard to read sign and we already know what suburb we have turned into. The sign should have been bigger cheaper and on the main road so people would know the turn for the suburb was coming up but no they ate small, head to read and in the wrong place. Council thinks we needed signs. What we need is footpaths ,gutters ,an opening for tuggerah lake and general maintenance.</p> <p>The difference between wants and needs is what the councillors of the central coast need to learn and to not be swayed by small lobby groups. People and groups that need money need to raise that money themselves not take from our rates for a photo opportunity.</p> <p>I have been in business for 26years and if I got into this amount of debt and so quickly I wouldn't have been in business for more than a couple of years and would probably be in gaol.</p> <p>I disagree with the submission by central coast council areas for a special rates rise.</p> <p>Mark stone</p>	No	Mark	Stone
947	Absolutely not in favour. Already excessive in comparison. Mismanaged previous rate funds are not reasoning to cover deficits by raising future rates and levies.	No	David	Barker
948	Confidential	No	Nathan	Morrison
949	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
950	<p>I disagree with the central coast request for an increase in rates. It's unfair that the people of the central coast have to suffer unfairly due to the mismanagement of the council.</p> <p>We have been living through covid times where many coasties have lost their job. This is unfair!</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
951	<p>Central Coast Council, through your own incompetence and mismanagement have built an indebtedness approaching \$500 million. Now you want the ratepayers to help you reduce this by requesting rate increase week in excess of inflation and CPI, You are seen only as incompetent, party hacks, unfit for any officers all.</p> <p>Ratepayers do not have the money to pay these type of increases, perhaps all councillors from this period should ,as an initial show of remorse ,refund their total salaries back to Council, they certainly haven't earned them</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
952	Confidential	No	Olga	Mhilli
953	Residents should not any rates	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
954	Why should rate payers be subjected to ridiculous increases because the council cannot manage their own finances? It is not fair.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
955	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
956	<p>Why on earth are Central Coast Council applying for such a huge rate increase? In 7 years, our rates will virtually have doubled. CC Council residents have already had increases just to see the money get wasted due to mismanagement. Do you realise how much a rise like this can affect families, especially when there are wage freezes and most are unlikely to see any increase to their income near future. The thing that is even more insulting is that we can't even get grass mowed on nature strips or pot holes fixed, yet residents are being punished for Council's incompetence & dishonesty. We just had roadworks completed to try & reduce speeding cars in Mardi. Works are now complete and it looks exactly the same, nothing has changed. This is a prime example of mismanagement of funds. Central Coast Council need to manage money better and stop expecting resident's to fix the problem council creates.</p> <p>Do better and then perhaps you will be justified in requesting such an exponential rate rise.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
957	The people of the central coast shouldn't be victimised due to the criminal incompetence of this council. The cost of living is excessive now. The state should assist in paying this bill and prosecuting those responsible	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
958	I do not believe the rate payers should have to bail out the council's mismanagement of funds.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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	<p>I do not consent to the application of The Central Coast Councils request for special permissions to increase council rates by 7-10%.</p> <p>I do not agree that I think his economic climate particularly that this is appropriate for the home owners of the Central coast to pay for their miss judgments. Particularly when they haven't been maintaining their assets in general. Our street of which I own my home in in particular has not been reseated in over 30 years, we have no keen and guttering, nor do requests for constant refilling of pot holes get acted upon within a reasonable time frame.</p> <p>I have owned this home for over 30+ years and paid rate notice after notice in order to receive bare minimum (if that). If this rate increase goes through I myself may actually loose my home which I now still pay a mortgage and maintain on my own since my husband passed away. Having such a major hike would cripple me financially and I'm sure many others the same!</p>			
959	This is not ok!!!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
960	Do an audit and look for assets that were obtained illegally and confiscate them and sell them. Then put the councillors responsible IN JAIL.	No	Mick	Taylor
961	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
962	A rate rise to cover Central Coast Council's irresponsible debt must not be forced on residents. An alternative solution needs to be found by administrators.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
963	As a resident of the Central Coast I object to the Council's application to increase their minimum rates about the current statutory limits.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
964	I will not pay any extra rates because of someone else's mistake budgewoi does not get any upgrades or things fixed and I don't have a gutter and proper drainage at the front of my house so there for I would refuse to pay and go to court	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
965	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
966	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
967	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
968	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
969	Confidential	No	Callum	Davison
	<p>I do not support the council putting their failures back on us in the community to pay for. This increase will have an adverse financial impact on people already under pressure financially.</p> <p>This should be declined and the council should be looking at alternative ways to be financially sustainable.</p> <p>There should also be more accountability on the individuals that got the coast into this situation.</p>			
970	Poor form council.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
971	DO NOT AGREE WITH THIS RIDICULOUS RATE RISE	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
972	I object to the proposed rate rises on the basis that it will only reset the financial situation such that the incumbent Labor controlled council can do it all again. The existing councillors should be removed from office and banned from standing for election ever again.	No	Rod	Marchant-Smith
973	I object to the extra-ordinary rate rise suggested. It is not appropriate for residents to pay for the mistakes of a merger that was not required nor asked for	No	Emily	Carty
	<p>I very strongly disagree with this proposal as a Central Coast resident of 31 years.</p> <p>The unwanted merger forced upon us by the NSW Government was the catalyst for this destruction of the "People's Council", yet it is now the innocent people who will suffer the severe consequences. This rate rise is unaffordable for so many Central Coast residents and will have a major negative impact on the community.</p>			
974	Please consider the community as the priority. It was not our fault that we had ineptitude at the helm.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
975	I strongly object to the proposed rate increase of 10% pa by the administrator for Central Coast Council. The State Government should have measures in place to monitor its Council's performance- particularly those forced into amalgamation; and should shoulder any costs, instead of the rate payers. We are already suffering from reduced Council services (for example, the closure of Kincumber Waste Station) and it is abhorrent to suggest that an extraordinary rate when services have been cut.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
976	I believe this rate increase is unacceptable. Rate payers are experiencing financial difficulties generally, and these increases are extreme. Council need to be held responsible for their actions. It should not be up to the rate payers to pay the price for their criminal actions!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
	<p>I feel an increase in rates in these difficult times (Civid-19), especially when people are already stretched to the limit, or worse, is quite unfair and will only create more financial difficulties.</p> <p>It is not the rate payers fault Council has ended up in this situation.</p>			
977	An alternative to increasing rates to raise funds must be found and implemented.	No	Nigel	Robinson
978	This majkes it impossible for a pensioner in our late 80 years to enjoy The rest of our lives in the comfort of our own home. Someone has to a countable for this	No	Cynthia	Tomkins
979	I want to oppose the 8% increase in rates as I have just have had my land revalued and hit with a large increase now another huge increase this is unfair in the current environment	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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980	We are not responsible before the debt and should not be held accountable, the solution to solving the debt is not increase rates, although the easiest I am sure. Why make those who are already struggling financially to suffer more. It's time to think outside to box as the members of central cost can't take any more hits	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
981	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
982	Confidential	No	sue	davies
983	I understand we need money for essential works but our Council wasted so much of the money that was there before through mismanagement. Surely there must be a better way than hitting the residents who have already been suffering through the previous councils bad decisions. I am a pensioner and we have a lot of people on pensions and low incomes on the Central Coast that will be badly hit by such a large rise as requested. Please take that into consideration and make a reasonable decision. thank you [REDACTED]	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
984		8 No	Paula	Penton
985	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
986	Why do residents of the Central Coast have to pay for the councillors mistakes? We are in the midst of financial hardship and emotional turmoil with the coast COVOD 19 has caused and council wants to make us pay for their stuff ups. That is beyond unfair.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
987	With tough financial times I personally have all endured over the last three years with drought, fires, floods and corona virus I see it totally impossible to be able to sustain a 10% increase to our rates. Wages have not increased and many families are struggling to survive with the bare necessities.. to allow the people of the central coast to suffer because of the councils mis management of funds would be in humane.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
988	After living here nearly 30 years, with the pandemic and some resources inflating already it is unreasonable to increase rates because of councils own mistakes	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
989	The Councils application for an 8% annual increase over and above regulation for the next 7 years will be financially crippling for many central coast residents. How a Council can get away with the shonky overseas investment of the majority of its funds prior to the GFC resulting in the absolute loss of those funds; thus creating the current dilemma is beyond words.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
990	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
991	I strongly disagree to the special variation request for an 8% rate increase to commence in the 2021/2022 financial year above the IPART regulated 1- 2% per annum rate increase for next 7 years.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
992	To increase rates by 10% yearly to cover mistakes made by officials is a joke.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
993	I am completely opposed to this proposed increase. Council has criminally mismanaged its finances. Rate payers must not be forced to pay for this disaster - it is the State Government's responsibility to oversee councils, and their inability to do so effectively in this case should make this situation their's to repair.	No	John	Hunter
994	It is unfair if we have to pay higher rates due to Council being poorly run. We will see no improvements to anything in the area with this money. I don't think my customers would be happy if I increased my prices and said it was to help with my financial security but you get nothing extra for the money!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
995	Such a large rate rise is unacceptable for our community who have already suffered loss due to councils mis management and neglect for proper practice. As a former employee who left the organization after the amalgamation due to the toxic culture and inherent bullying, I am outraged. Our community has suffered immensely this year due to bushfires and covid. It is not our responsibility to bail out the directors and councillors who failed us in their obligations. We need to find another way to raise funds. Start by selling of some of the many derelict buildings in the town centre that council own and make the CDB look atrocious.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
996	I do not agree with this increase. Why should rate payers have to make up for councils incompetence.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
997	I do not believe that Central Coast Council should be granted approval for a sSpecial Variation to our council rates due to their bad financial management.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
998	This is absolutely unfair. We are paying our rates without question and because the council is unable to manage the finances we are being penalised for this. The cost of living is already high and with my husband and I already working full time and raising 4 primary school children, the increased proposed costs will be extremely hard to cover. The council should be more accountable and the Government should be aware of what was happening. This is not the communities fault- you can't expect the innocent to pay for the wrong doing of those who should know better!! What kind of society are you trying to create?	No	Arlene	Kozaroski
999	Our rates should increase by no more than 2% from 2021/2022 financial year. Job losses have taken a toll on us and we should not be penalised for financial mismanagement by council employees	No	Diane	Arnott
1000	I think it's unfair and bad customer relations to ask for an 8% increase on rates for 2021/22. Rate payers shouldn't have to bail out any Council because it's run inefficiently. These are extremely tough times with people out of work and everyone is struggling to pay their bills. A rate hike of 8% or more will cripple most households.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1001	With Central Coast council's gross mismanagement of funds, trying to recoup losses by penalising residents is just shameful. If they want to bring more money into the council coffers then they should be encouraging development and selling off council assets . New management is a must cause this type of ineptitude is plain criminal.	No	Raymond	Lees

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	<p>As an individual rate payer residing on a farming property, I believe that this proposed rate rise must not be allowed.</p> <p>The persons responsible for the mismanagement and the debt that the Central Coast Council are now finds itself in must be identified and brought to account for their incompetence.</p> <p>Local residents and property owners and individual business must all live within their means and a budget as must the Council.</p> <p>The Council is a business like any other and should therefore be accountable and exist within its means.</p> <p>The Council cannot create debt through ineptitude and mismanagement and expect to dip into the pockets of its rate payers.</p> <p>Amalgamation was to bring cost saving and avoid duplication but this had obviously not been the case if apart for other obvious largess, the staffing has increase to a similar cost level as the debt the Council now find itself in.</p>			
1002		No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1003	No way to 8% increase due to council's mismanagement! This could ruin families! Punish the councillors that created the debt!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1004	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1005	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1006	It should not be the central coast residents responsibility to recoup the financial atrocities made by the central coast council. The proposed rate rise of 10% is simply unacceptable and we should not be paying for the mistakes of an overpaid and fraudulent group of people!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1007	Confidential	No	JO	CADMAN
1008	The cost of living is already hard why should we be penalised for there mess. It's not our fault they are in financial problems.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1009	Would be fine for a one of rate rise in 2020/2021 but a significant increase each year for 7 years is not the answer!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1010	<p>It is disappointing to think that after 40 years of being a citizen of the Gosford Shire area and paying rates every year quarterly for that period of time that we have been let down by our governing body and now are made to pay more for their mistakes. Why was this not picked up in a yearly tax audit? There have been plenty of accusations made over the years about the Council's incompetence, were any of these investigated? Why are we who are honest, hard-working citizens being made to pay for this enormous mistake? I'm not happy.</p> <p>This will push a lot of families to the brink. Come on own up to this and help the Central Coast people out.</p>	No	Lisa	Bentley
1011	I do not agree with the Central Coast Council proposal	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1012	Why should rate payers have to wear the cost of the councils merger and incompetence. Its unfair and unrealistic.	No	Jasmine	Carpenter
1013	So council miss manages already given rates but now want more. That's reward for bad behaviour...not on. Maybe some trust needs to be reestablished first.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1014	<p>As a long term resident of the Central Coast region, I do not approve of our council raising our rates to pay for their inability to manage their accounts. It's shameful that a local government has the right to increase our rates by an additional 8% .. Ipart should be looking after the best interest of the community. How did the state or federal governments not notice such poor management.. How are they sitting back with no apology to the residents and community of the central coast. Forgotten residents once again the small people have to pay for the errors of other. No, no no, we can not afford to pay more, our rates already increased and we pay the highest rates in NSW and I don't even have a gutter .. Please listen to the residents , we have spoken and it's not fair</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1015	<p>I feel it unfair that residents have to pay a huge rate rise to cover for council's incompetence. Council Assets should be assessed and considered for liquidation.</p> <p>The increase would not only have a negative effect on owner occupiers but also on tenants, landlords will have to increase rents to cover the cost. Central coast has a lot of people that are on benefits including owner occupiers that live week to week, placing added financial pressure would have a negative effect. ☹</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1016	Please don't penalise the ratepayers for the incompetence of the amalgamated Wyoming and Gosford councils. With the current financial situation so dire for many residents against a backdrop of record-low interest rates, a 12-month CPI increase of 0.7% and the impact of COVID-19 on local employment there is no opportunity for residents to afford any increase.	No	Matthee	Cross
1017	<p>This would have a horrible effect on families already struggling with day to day living expenses and also make the Central Coast Local Council area undesirable for it's current residents but also any new potential residents.</p> <p>Please consider another option to help fix the errors made by Central Coast Council.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1018	As a rate payer for the central coast council, I feel let down after I put my faith in them to appropriately manage funds, however as news came to light I was sorely disappointed along with the many other rate payers, I feel that Central Coast Council should be made to stick to the current agreed rate level and not be permitted the Special Variation increase that they are seeking! What's to say they won't mismanage the funds they get from the special variation increase? I also put to you that this particular increase might be too much for young families who are just starting out.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1019	The idea that rate payers have to cover the mistakes of this council are disgusting. They need to sell off some of their buildings to cover the debts or better still, survive on an income that most families have rather than huge pay packets.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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1020	Rather than making rate payers pay back the debt how about the council looks at the ridiculously high wages they pay their staff. Halt all promotions & wage increases until the debt is paid. Rate payers shouldn't have to pay extra that they cannot afford while the staff are being way overpaid.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1021	Confidential	No	Katrina	Price
1022	Why should residents be punished for greedy politicians taking advantage	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1023	This Council are inept. Let them trade out of trouble instead of burdening ratepayers. Too easy for too long.	No	Duane	Norris
1024	I completely object to the council's submission. This penalises the constituents for their stuff ups. People and businesses are already struggling due to covid, they will not be able afford this.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1025	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1026	No way! The huge debt is as a result of poor management not inflation. If they can lose the money then they can jolly well find it again. We have paid our rates in good faith why should we be penalised? Someone, somewhere has benefitted the Administrator should seek and recover.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1027	I object to this rate rise due To incompetent actions of central coast council.	No	Shayne	Winkler
	I strongly oppose the rates rise proposed by Central Coast Council to help solve the financial crisis created by its own financial mis-management. That is fundamentally unfair to local ratepayers. As a resident of former Wyong Shire Council, I am already paying a 7% SRV, imposed some years ago to solve a \$39m deficit accumulated by WSC. Rates harmonisation has twice been postponed .. which means that fWyong residents are now being asked to pay twice for financial mismanagement by fWSC and the amalgamated CCC.			
1028	I reiterate my strong opposition to the proposed rates rise and it is fundamentally unfair and unjustified until harmonisation has occurred.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1029	The application for a rate rise should not be supported. Rate payers cannot afford this unjust rise	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1030	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1031	Confidential	No	Eric	Berkery
1032	Reduce waste and tendering for projects multiple times	No	Frank	Craven
1033	I DO NOT agree with the council's request for increase to rates above the IPART allowance. The council need to show they can manage money before they get more!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1034	They have shown that they are incompetent, need to be removed from running this Council. I do not wish to have to pay for a rate rise, so they can give themselves a pay rise, and mismanage Council Funds. We need more information, on persons who become Councillers. We need to see their Current Resume, as it is difficult to find out anything about these persons prior to an Election. We need more openness with regard to Council Expenditure and spending. More Community input, more open Council meetings. Just my view.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1035	I object against this decision to pay the exorbitant percentage referred to as the "Special Rate Variation" of 8% (plus rate peg). It is the councils duty to keep to a budget, and not call upon the local people to alleviate the council's financial situation. We shall not be penalised for the mistakes of the Council and Local Representatives. This is a disgraceful act, the citizens in the Central Coast area should not have to pull the council out of this dire financial situation. This is caused by carelessness to stick to budget.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1036	I would like to submit and objection to the submission of rate increases for the central coast. The council should be requesting state help rather than dumping their financial blunder on residents.	No	Sean	McCutcheon
1037	I object to this increase given most in the council area are not working or on a small income! Through pure ineptitude this has occurred despite those that own paying their rates as required! I do hope that since those in power have made these poor decisions that they will be pursued in the courts. Where were the regulators??? Disgusting!!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1038	Time to cut spending and streamline council , remove expensive green programs and non essential works . Do not put the rates up !	No	Andrew	Martin
1039	I disagree to the increase it's ludicrous	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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1040	Please do not grant this. Why are the people made to pay for the mistakes of a few on the Council? These Councillors should be made to pay for their errors. Where is all the money they had? People are struggling enough in 2020 with Covid and unemployment and yet they want to force us to pay more? This is so unfair! You have to deny this request. Please!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1041	As a rate payer I'm disgusted at any proposed rate rise due to councils incompetence. Due to the current illegal practices and pure business incompetence rate payers should not be subject to bail them out. Instead council should be wound back to only provide essential services and if necessary asset sales and staff cuts as a final resort. All that should be done prior to rate rises. The recent entrance herb tree is an example of the waste of money that has been going on by council and these things should be fully cut prior to any rate rises. A very angry resident!!!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1042	Confidential	No	Gary	Bardetta
1043	Residents should not be held accountable for the errors of the Council. Not only are they looking to increase rates they are also doubling the carpark fees for their commuter carparks. This is insane when there are limited parking options in the Gosford area!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1044	Confidential	No	Stephanie	Holdsworth
1045	I am already paying rates over \$2000 per year. This is more than my friends in Sydney. I have no curb and shuttering, dangerous trees in front of my home on Council land that I have been requesting to be trimmed for over 10 years and nothing done. We should not be paying for their mistakes.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1046	When the state government decided in there wisdom to join the two councils with wyong council doing well financially and Gosford council doing badly financially it should have been a big red flag when things like this happen . So why should the people of the coast who have been complaining about this council and it's inability to get things right or listen to complaints in a reasonable manner .And now they want us to pay for there mismanagement and lack of foresight , if anything the state government should pickup the bill for joining these councils together against the wishes of the people of the central coast.	No	Dianne	Jack
1047	Disgusting and should not be done , why should ratepayers cope the increase from mismanagement of council	No	Tanya	Howard-smith
1048	Rate payers shouldn't have to suffer for the incompetence of previous councillors. Cut spending or get a state government bailout.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1049	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1050	I wish to object to the council's request to get an approval for a 10% rate increase under section 508A of the LGA 1993 for 2021/2022. Council has managed its funds poorly in the past putting itself in a dire financial situation and I believe it must manage itself out of this mess with the current rate amounts. I am tired of extra rate increases time after time and it is having a big impact on our finances. I also object to any special rate increase even a at 2%. Enough is enough! <div></div>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1051	Rate payers in good faith have paid their rates, and mismanagement and lack of accountability has allowed them to run the business of council services into bankruptcy. Now it is expected that the rate payers compensate for this, and in a time where mortgage stress and unemployment is a major concern for the nation let alone a region that has a low average income, poor employment opportunities locally and has never developed to its full potential. Unfortunately the inefficiencies of council and its ineffectiveness needs to be addressed and almost needs privatisation to an extent to run the business of servicing the region of the Central Coast in an efficient and cost effective manner. Fix the root cause , don't pass the burden of your financial issues to the people of the Central Coast. Dig yourselves out of this mess with strategic business sense and know how. Why do you have two buildings to run one council?- sell your inefficient and costly assets, develop Gosford and Wyong to improve the area and attract development which is appropriate to encourage more business and population= more rates. Prove to the people of the Central Coast your ability to run council in an honest, cost effective manner - for the people! Coming cap in hand for more money should make you ashamed! Stop taking the easy way out! Maybe for once you will be there for the people of the Central Coast- not yourselves. Time you think of a better solution and strategy to turn the council situation around ! The people of the Central Coast are waiting to here your strategy- come back and let us know what it is when you have one.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1052	Central coast residents should not have to pay for bad management practices from the previous committee.	No	Jim	Greig
1053	The fact that rate payers are expected to pay for councils inability to manage their business and finance is completely unacceptable. At this time, when many people have lost employment and faced challenging financial times, the fact that we're expected to pay back the debt of the council is appalling.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1054	I hereby refuse to pay the increased council rates for the the council's mismanagement and illegal use of funds. The citizens of the Central Coast should not have to bare the burden of a few incompetent people that were hired to manage the funds.	No	Raelene	Haydon
1055	As Central Coast residents we are struggling enough after the year that has been 2020 without having to now pay an extra 10% ontop of our fees to correct errors made outside of our control.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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1056	As a new property owner who has recently paid their annual rates, how are residents of the central coast going to afford their rates with a 10% on 10% for the next 7 years, a total of 70% over what we are currently paying. CPI is zero so no annual pay rise for the majority of the people on the central coast, how are we expected to make these planned increases. The previous councillors should be held accountable for their actions, we the residents are now being made to pay for their inadequacy of the council and their running of the council budget. Even though their was no intent or theft of council monies according to reports they should be charged and sent to jail for corporate fraud. We the residents of the central coast have been stitched up by the dodgy in-house politics of local government,there should not be liberal,labour or greens in local government, they should be local residents with no local government party agendas with the community their first priority.	No	Stephen	James
1057	Rate payers should not have foot the bill for managements poor job. Try taking the 8-10 percent from the payouts and corruption, incompetent management staff that allowed this mess. I think that would be a much fairer solution.	No	Tobi	Best
1058	The rate payers should not be paying for the incompetence of the council. The standard increase is understandable but this increase is not.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1059	We struggle to cover out rates and water at the moment let alone with a increase every year for 7 years	No	Jacob	Predebon
1060	Please do not support a increase in rates to Central Coast Council. We have already received an increase and for many struggling families that have lost jobs through COVID or unable to find full time work this will be devastating. That are charging 17.5 % in late fees and have shamefully taken no responsibility for their actions. This decision will also push our elderly retirees and stuggling families significantly below the poverty line in order to keep a roof over their heads. The stress and social impacts will have a knock effective that will have long lasting health implications due to stress and hardship. Many people will more than likely loose their homes and require government support. Thank you for considering my appeal.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1061	I object to the rate increase to bail out the central coast council. The people responsible should be jailed and the state government can pay for the mess. the rate payers should not foot the bill.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1062	In no way should the local people have to pay exorbitant rate increases to pay for Central Coast Councils mistakes especially when we are unaware where that money has gone to as we have parks we wouldn't let are children play in as they are unsafe and so dirty disease would be on them, walk ways covered in grass/trees/weeds, no local fireworks this year, walkways like Terrigal being introduced when locals said no to it... why should we be made to pay for their overspending on what we cannot even see where it's gone? It's a crime to increase our rates to pay for their mistakes, especially as we already pay high rates. We already saw a 2% increase this year! Now 7-10 years of increases of up to 10%?! It should be looked at as illegal to take communities money like that and we should not have to way their cost of councils mistakes!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1063	I find it abhorrent that rates should rise due to the incompetence of external auditors not doing their job according to their contract and agreed procedures	No	Paul	Ryan
1064	The ratepayers, who already receive too little for our existing rates do not deserve an increase because of the ineptitude of councils. Instead they should focus on their own efficiency to reduce wasteful spend.	No	Don	McRae
1065	Confidential	No	Andrew	Cannell
1066	This would be extremely damaging for the community considering the financial hardship already felt by a lot of people due to the COVID pandemic. Unfair that the residents have to fix what those elected have mismanaged! Don't harm our residents!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1067	We the people do not consent to a rate rise for Central Coast residents whether that be to pay for the mismanagement of Council funds or the mismanagement of State Government in their overseeing of Local government. There are far reaching considerations of what this will mean in the social costs, the trickle down effect and increases in homelessness, the effect on businesses-less consumers - higher prices, increased desperation & crime and general downward spiral of this area. The majority of residents on Central Coast are already doing it tough, we have the highest incidences of suicide in the country, some of the highest unemployment rates in the state, a high percentage of aged pensioners who already choose between bills and food and people who work hard and pay high taxes for the privilege of being slaves to governments poorly run, greed driven economic system. The Central Coast already has so many social and economic issues - we don't need these increasing as a cumulative outcome of rate rises. We do not consent, we do not approve of any Council rate rises or any other publicly owned amenity rises.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1068	I oppose the Central Coast Councils application for a rate rise. The whole basis for the rise is due to the severe mismanagement of council funds and grose incompetence. I don't believe that the residents of the Central Coast should be punished, and have to foot the bill, for the unaccountable actions of the council.	No	Nigel	Stretton
1069	Confidential	No	Nic	Burnes

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	I strongly object to the application made by Council to increase the rates by a higher rate over the next seven years. Why do ratepayers have to pay for mismanagement? We have already paid our rates and they have obviously been spent inappropriately.			
1070	There are a lot of elderly people on the Central Coast who would not be able to afford this increase.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1071	I do not think it's the rate payers responsibility to pay for the mismanagement of the council.	No	David	Hargreaves
1072	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1073	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
	Wyong shire council prior to amalgamation snuck through extraordinary rate rises...with a dishonest pretense at public consultation. The residents did not mismanage (or worse) our rates and do not deserve to be held financially to account for the malfeasance of local government. A further rate rise is inappropriate, unacceptable and, may quite reasonably be rejected en masse by the community.			
1074	Find a better fix.	No	Kipling	Kear
1075	CPI increase fare enough but 10% a year for 7 years is insane for no actual increase in services	No	Graeme	Rowe
	We hope this doesn't fall on deaf ears. When it was Wyong Council the funds were more than enough, when you merge with Gosford Council all of a sudden the funds have disappeared. So instead of persecuting the ratepayers take them to court, sell their assets & empty their pockets - not us.			
1076	With pandemic, loss of jobs & income - now we will have loss of homes as well if this goes through.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1077	This increase will see family's have to sell their house or go without food. Council needs to find another way without penalizing the community for their massive stuff up. Wages are not going up and the cost of daily living is going up. We cannot allow this massive increase to occur please.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1078	I object to the 8% increase that has been put forward. Why do the residents of this area have to suffer for the mismanagement and negligence of our trusted council management team?	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
	It is ridiculous that due to the incompetence of the previous council, that their mismanagement of funds should impact the homeowner. Those that don't own homes are exempt yet use all amenities that these rates are used for.			
1079	Why penalise us, when it is the council's fault this has occurred. Poor!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1080	I strongly object to the proposed increase of rates over the next 7 years. The recommended 1 to 2 % should be maintained & not exceeded.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1081	I disagree with the proposed rate rise for the Central Coast residents.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
	I am against the request of asking us residents on the coast to pay extra rates to fix the deficit the council made. We have already been penalised by them not committing to fix our roads, grounds and any other everyday services our rates are meant to be providing for. I know the new administration has come into it in a really bad way but that's not our fault, we are already trying to fight back from a really hard year but then to ask an extra 8% for the next 7 years is just unaustralian!!			
1082	They need to fix their own problems but could maybe ask us to pay an extra 1% extra on top of the yearly rise but that is it.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1083	I understand the council have financial difficulties. I fail to see why I should be placed into financial difficulty to cover their ineptitude. 8% is excessive and will have a huge negative impact on me and many others.	No	Kylie	Abel
1084	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
	The rate payers are already disadvantaged due to the council's irresponsible financial management. It is not the rate payers fault and they should not have to pay extra for a lack of services. Roadworks and projects are left unfinished, and scheduled projects such as crucial footpaths are now not going ahead. We have already paid rates for the council to look after these services, unbeknownst that the money has disappeared. The rate payers should not be forced to pay for this. An overstuffed, over spending council needs to be held liable.			
1085	these services, unbeknownst that the money has disappeared. The rate payers should not be forced to pay for this. An overstuffed, over spending council needs to be held liable.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1086	Why should we have to pay for their mismanagement we have paid our rates and we don't even have a decent road or kerb and cutting	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1087	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1088	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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1089	<p>The increase requested by Central Coast Council is unjustified. The Wyong shire already pays considerably more than the Gosford area the amalgamated Council has not sorted the rates.</p> <p>The State Government has got us into this mess and should be held to account and forced to pay to get us out.</p> <p>Not the ratepayers.</p> <p>I believe the figures used to support the IPART request for this increase are false and trumped up at the cost of the local residents.</p> <p>I strongly object to any increase at all.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1090	It should not be up to residents to pay for the poor management of the central coast council. This rate increase is unfair and I do not support this application.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1091	A 10% increase each year for 5 years is unfair and unreasonable. Rate payers should not be punished in this way due to Council mismanagement. Council needs to look for other ways to address this situation which place less burden on rate payers.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1092	A 10% rate rise for the next 7 years should be the last resort in penalising rate payers for their inability to use the funding already in place each year. Rate payers are already struggling under increased costs for basic food and needs. My salary doesn't even increase by 2% each year so I'm already behind all the increases in my necessities. I have reduced as much of my costs that I can and I pay into my rates and water each month but even that's now not going to be enough. Honestly, please look at every option before increasing rates as that may be just enough to tip people over the edge.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1093	<p>No to a rate increase.</p> <p>Maybe better management of funds should be applied.</p> <p>Why should we as residents pay the price.</p> <p>We pay our rates on time.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1094	<p>Why are residents being forced to foot the bill for:</p> <p>1) The outcome of a State Government forced amalgamation?</p> <p>2) Maladministration by elected official which I assume was insured against By council?</p> <p>3) Maladministration by Council executives again I assumed insured against?</p> <p>4) The pursuit of potential negligence and other action has not concluded.</p> <p>This is an inequitable outcome being imposed on residents due to failure in others duty of care.</p>	No	Michael	Pigram
1095	Someone other than the ratepayers should be held accountable for this mess. Absolutely disgraceful that matters have come to this. In any other business if these sort of monies had gone unaccounted for the federal Police would be called in and prosecutions made. These matters should be fully investigated and the ratepayers not fobbed off and footing the bill AGAIN. This sort of behaviour has gone on unattended in the Wyong shire council for YEARS and has become a local JOKE. I don't normally write in for these things but am fed up to the teeth with it all, needless to say as well in all this quagmire the councillors voted themselves a pay rise! No wonder people have had enough, thankyou	No	Lyn	Bartlett
1096	Our rates are already higher than Pittwater Council's which is a higher earning socioeconomic area. Why on Earth should Central Coast residents pay for the misuse of funds that we had no part in making any decisions upon?	No	Larissa	D'Aprix
1097	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1098	Absolutely not in favour of the ridiculous increase to rates. The residents should not be made to cover the cost of council's incompetence.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1099	As a resident I do not agree with application being made to increase rates due to mismanagement of finances by Council	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1100	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1101	Confidential	No	Brooke	Sayal
1102	Not fair that Central Coast residents have to pay the price for our mis-managed council debt. Hold those people accountable not the people!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1103	<p>It is grotesquely unfair that rate payers should have to foot the bill for council mismanagement.</p> <p>I can accept the standard 2%, but our local areas are among the poorest in the state and asking people to pay more is not right.</p>	No	Karen	Wallwork
1104	The land rates are much higher than other areas, can't justify an increase, Central Coast Council has too many overheads due to poor management, for the amount of CCC vehicles and work staff driving around and not being effective, the state of the parks and public areas are in a poor state of upkeep.	No	Charlie	Buhagiar
1105	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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1106	Central Coast Council should not be allowed to raise our rates by 10% to cover how grossly they mismanaged the residents funds. 10% increase for the next 7 years will impact the retirees that live in this council, it will impact the young families it will even impact those that rent as the landlords need to pass this on to the tenants	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1107	Confidential	No	Victoria	Potts
1108	As a unemployed ratepayer this would effect me greatly, I'm 62 next birthday moved up here six years ago. In that time rates and water was billed together now there are separate and I've have seen a large increase due to the merger of the local councils. I'm disappointed that the government was warned of this happening as the good folks who has been living here for many many years has said. And to tell the truth the local areas like the entrance, long jetty, Gosford are still run down like it was thirty's years ago. The promises I've heard in my years here will not eventuate for another 30 years. We are part of greater Sydney so we like to be treated with respect and honesty.10 percent over seven years i and many others can not afford. Your sincerely [REDACTED]	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1109	I wish to express my disgust at the rate increase Central Coast home owners are going to face over the next seven years. The councils financial mismanagement should not fall on residents. ☹	No	Leah	Pappin
1110	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1111	I do not agree with an increase of rates of any kind due to the complete negligence of the central coast council- this is not fair!!!	No	Erin	Harrison
1112	I am a rate payer for 2 properties and I object to have the rates raised higher than the 2% nominal increase	No	Joseph	Scicluna
1113	Central Coast Council rates are already higher than other LGAs. A 10% rate increase is not justified and will cause hardship for many. It is not rate payers responsibility to pay for Councils mis-management	No	Karen	Collins
1114	Confidential	No	Marcella	Veenstra
1115	Confidential	No	Fiona	Gray
1116	The suggested rate increase is outrageous. I am not paying for someone else's mismanagement.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1117	Confidential	No	Terry	Clayton
1118	10% a year is a joke. If the council managed its finances better they wouldn't be in this position	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1119	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1120	I object the 7-10% rate rise to cover the financial debt of Central Coast Council. This is unacceptable and will not be accepted by Central Coast residents.	No	Ashleigh	Alarca
1121	Confidential	No	Dennis	Argaet
1122	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1123	<p>This is a totally unacceptable approach to dealing with the financial mismanagement of the Central Coast Council. Having many high value coastal and rural properties in the area, with already inflated rates, this is a cash grab at the expense of the ratepayers which may well force some older residents out of their properties and lead to increased rents.</p> <p>I would like to see what effort the council is making within their own resources to manage the current financial situation before resorting to such a substantial rate increase over such a long period. No explanation has been given to reatepayers and residents of the Central Coast as to how this financial situation has developed and nobody has been held financially to account for the situation.</p> <p>This is essentially the council asking the ratepayers to again pay for their mismanagement with no assurances that this will not happen again.</p>	No	Margaret	Mcguffin
1124	<p>Given the lackadaisical attitude this council has towards it's ratepayers and their needs, I fail to see why a rate increase should be the first response to their appalling financial mismanagement. The developments that have been passed by this council in the Gosford town centre are turning this ailing country town into "unit central". Rather than developing business and hospitality and tourism to bring more income to the area they have courted large residential development.</p> <p>Find another solution to recouping the losses. The Council's inability to put the needs of the residents of the coast before their own self interest means that they no longer have the confidence of local business or residents.</p> <p>Regards.</p> <p>K. Edwards</p>	No	Karen	Edwards
1125	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1126	I do not agree with an increase to our rates to fund the councillors BIG mistakes	No	Kim	Lane
1127	I strongly object to the 10 percent rate increase. Considering the current climate Covid this would put too much stress on families. A smaller rate increase of 1 to 2 percent would be more inline with the mental health stress that families are enduring.	No	Catherine	Leoleos
1128	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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1129	It is ridiculous that the Council can force their own financial situation on the Public at an increased cost that is higher than the cost of living. Wage rises were placed on hold yet the cost keep on rising. The Central Coast already has a Public Housing crisis and more people living on the streets, this rise will only impact that and mental health further, which too is insignificant assistance available to those suffering. Suicide rates have been increasing, Covid has impacted many businesses and the rate increase would be too much. Continue to sell off their infrastructure, especially vacant lots and empty businesses. Use the stadium to have AFL, cricket NSW, Rugby League and Mariners games and dont have the stadium exclusive. Get rid of HR within all Councils and form a NSW HR facility where it eliminates people hiring against the code of conduct and having a Council full of family and friends. Have HR set roles within Councils on a formula. Salaries are one of the biggest expenses businesses face each year. Make sure people are qualified and have trade certs etc before they can be in a role. Have a Central NSW accounting system, not each Councils individualised. Have the chart of accounts all the same across NSW, hold auditors accountable. Make the changes within and decrease overhead expenditure. Dont allow overtime unless signed off by higher authorities and with good reason like emergency repairs. For Admin, set times and salaries, staff who work over, its their choices. There are many options available to reduce costs and not affect the Community like this rate rise would impose.	No	Kate	Lewington
1130	I reject the propose increase in council rates to fund council debt. We did not support the NSW government proposal to consolidate the Wyong and Gosford councils, nor the subsequenet rate increases with no increase in service. We are the victims here!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1131	I have been a rate payer for the last four years and as a young family this increase would mean my child has to miss out on opportunities where we would have had a bit of extra money every quarter. I do not believe that raising rates is necessarily the right thing to do as there would be many other families that just make ends meet as it is.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1132	I disagree with the proposal to increase Council rates above the standard rate. We should not be disadvantaged because of the Council incurring debt without our knowledge. This is not a fair or just increase. Please consider our effort to comply with Council in all other issues. We are honest, diligent, and cooperative, and feel that our trust has been abused. Thank you for the opportunity to object.	No	Angela	Judd
1133	An additional 8% rate increase for the hard working, commuting people of the Central Coast due to our wonderfully amalgamated Council's incompetence? Please make sure Central Coast Council make themselves accountable for such a request by also submitting all the cuts to current spending they intend on making as well. The people being punished for the disgraceful management of Council finances... lose a ton of money? Spend money you dont have? No problem, the people will kindly help us out!... how is that fair? Our roads for a start certainly dont dictate we should be paying some of the highest rates in the state.. I know there is a Council clean up being performed at the moment... but this is a disgrace.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1134	I respectfully refuse to accept a rates rise now or in the future due to overspending and poor budget control regardless of who is at fault, council has a budget specifically to understand how much they are permitted to spend. Under no circumstances should a rate rise be considered at this time and any person found guilty of negligence should be prosecuted Future sitting council must have clear guidelines as to what they are responsible for and everything else needs to be cut from council agenda until the budget is back to an acceptable position. Everything unnecessary stops!	No	Warwick	Gibbs
1135	It seems incredible that ratepayers should be so financially penalized with up to 10% rate increases due to the financial mismanagement and ineptitude of Council! As aged pensioners we struggle to make the already high existing rates.	No	Shane	Oldfield
1136	Confidential	No	Kristina	Riley
1137	Why do we as rate payers have to pay for their financial negligence? I do not believe we should have to pay a 10 percent per annum increase in our council rates.	No	Nicole	Courtney
1138	Confidential	No	Lisa	Ridge
1139	Confidential	No	Matt	Peebles
1140	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1141	Confidential	No	Vicki	Pollard
1142	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1143	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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	<p>Rate increases on the Central Coast affect all residents of the Coast, not only Home Owners. The effects of this rate increase will flow down to affect rental prices on the coast where there is already a massive shortage of affordable renting opportunities and over 4500 people on the social housing 'Priority Housing' register.</p> <p>Coasties are already struggling with loss of income due to the pandemic, long travel times to and from work and increased traffic on extremely underdeveloped main thoroughfares.</p> <p>A rare increase above the standard rate would have serious impacts on the community, many of whom are already struggling financially at this time or experiencing difficulties in commuting and finding affordable housing. Think about the community and what's best for everyone - we already have areas of high crime and all the financial stress will only serve to increase that issue.</p>			
1144	Hear us and act accordingly in our best interests by rejecting this special request for a variation above the scheduled rate.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1145	<p>Why should we all pay for the Central Coast Councils Corruption that has been going on for years now, these so called councillors should be charged just like any other persons that are caught.</p> <p>This is unfair to all residents of the Central Coast</p>	No	Adrian	Deeble
1146	Strongly disagree with the proposed increase in rates due to poor council decisions by central coast council. This should not be paid for and bailed out by us	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1147	Confidential	No	Susi	Cunningham
1148	I strongly object to the proposed rate increase. By approving the increase you would be severely impacting growth on the central coast and undoing the desire that exists for people and business to relocate here. Personally, you would be putting us under enormous financial pressure through no fault of our own. It feels as though this approval would be shifting accountability for this mess from the council to the ratepayer. THIS IS NOT OUR MESS	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1149	<p>I object to this increase which the Central Coast Council has applied for, because as a rate payer I should not have to pay extra due to the Council's mismanagement of funds. I also request that all ratepayers receive a copy of the general ledger and profit and loss statement so that we can see what has gone wrong with the accounts instead of it being covered up by the council requesting extra money.</p> <p>The current administrator needs to be more accountable to the ratepayers disclosing his findings and his suggestions for a solution.</p> <p>One suggestion that has been popular is the sale of one of the administration buildings. When two companies amalgamate, generally they sell off one of the premises and cut back on staff. This is the benefit of amalgamating, cutting costs means more profit. But this Council not only kept both buildings, but they "increased" staff????</p>	No	Denise	Guldemond
1150	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1151	Confidential	No	N	Hammond
1152	Strongly Opposed the the suggested 10% rate rise over the next 7 years. Way above the approved 1-2% per annum. The residents of the central coast WILL NOT pay for the incompetence of Central Coast Council Staff and repay THEIR DEBTS. Absolutely criminal to expect the residents to bail them out of this mess. They're negligence is criminal and a disgrace and it should not be our consequence to financially recover their costs.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1153	The residents of the NSW Central Coast should not be penalised for the councillors' neglect and inefficiencies. I am a regular user of the library and enjoy facilities built and maintained by council eg: The Entrance waterpark and playground and I appreciate the costs council must have but I already pay \$2700 per year in rates and really don't see value for money at the moment. I find it very difficult to understand how a growing debt of these proportions could go unidentified until it reached \$89million.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1154	I really don't see why we as ratepayers should bail out a pack of incompetents for any reason whatsoever. Whatever happened to personal accountability? Is there no oversight of these people?	No	Dan	Clink
1155	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1156	<p>Unacceptable.</p> <p>7 years of rates rises at the proposed rate are completely out of line.</p> <p>Council can find other ways to remove themselves from the situation they have got themselves into instead of using rate payers to essentially bail them out</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1157	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1158	As a ratepayer and taxpayer I fail to see how the mismanagement of funds by an incompetent council should become the burden of the residents.. I disagree with this proposal.	No	Adrian	Reynolds
1159	<p>This will cost local residents an absolute fortune and put financial pressure on families. It is not our responsibility to pay for the poorly managed council and their massive debts that have been accumulated.</p> <p>Regards</p> <p>Marc Pedavoli</p> <p>Toukley</p>	No	Marc	Pedavoli

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1160	I strongly oppose a rate rise due to councils illegal mismanagement of money. [REDACTED]. I personally will not adhere to a rate increase nor will I pay the increased amount should it be approved.	No	Brad	McDougall
1161	It is completely wrong that residents have to pay for the councils ineptitude and thievery	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1162	No rate rise!	No	Bryan	Mcmullan
1163	Disgusted that our council has decided to increase our rates due to their poor management of funds	No	Jodie	Turner
1164	Confidential	No	Leanne	Baffis
1165	The additional increase to CC rates would bring significant financial distress to my household. We as a family are already living beyond our income. Please we are begging you not to increase	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1166	No increase to rates	No	Seamus	McCallan
1167	I strongly object to the planned rate increase by CEntral Coast Council. Residents have suffered enough under their gross and negligent mismanagement WE should not be further penalized for their inept management. I respectfully request their request be rejected.	No	Cheryl	Feeney
1168	First things first! I demand as a rate payer a full explanation as to where \$500M has gone, who is responsible and what legal action is being sought for this mismanagement or criminal behavior. I also seek the full listing of options that have been put forward by the administrator? Finally, I strenuously object to this proposal for an over standard rate rise over this proposed period. This will lead to property value losses as persons looking to purchase property consider rates in the price & further consideration as to if they can afford to live in that area.	No	Phil	Casey
1169	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1170	I strongly object to the special variation request to increase rates on the Central Coast. Residents should not be penalized further due to the incompetence and gross mismanagement of the Council. I respectfully request that the request be denied.	No	Cheryl	McFarlane
1171	Has there been a forensic investigation onto how this council managed to get so far into debt? If it has been due to mismanagement of the council itself by failing to take appropriate steps to correct errors in a timely manner and manage funds appropriately, I find it completely unacceptable that the low hanging fruit option is to increase rates for the rate paying community. If I rack up a massive credit card bill, can I go to the council with hat in hand looking to be paid out? Of course not. There should be a degree of accountability for the people who have failed to manage our rates. This should not be allowed to fall under the current favourite "unprecedented times" or "unforeseen circumstances" standard excuses. This is chronic mismanagement and I don't see why I should be paying for it.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1172	Why penalize the ratepayers for the failings of the council? A ridiculous and extremely unfair and unwarranted increase. I certainly cannot afford such an increase in these uncertain times, shame on you Central Coast Council!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1173	This rate increase request based on poor management and decision making on the Central Coast councils part should not be the responsibility of residents, ordinary tax paying people, to repair. This is a 'get out of jail' attempt by the council to overcome their shortfalls and mis-management by not openly addressing the problem but having the people of the central coast pay even more money for them to line their pockets with. It is not ethical nor responsible to allow this to prevail.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1174	On the back of Coved 19; increasing the rates will send some families into financial hardship or bankrupt. My family is one of them. We have struggled throughout covid to pay all our bills. This will break us. We are not alone. And we should not have to foot the bill for someone else's mistake. The persons responsible should be the ones to fix the problem. NOT US!!!!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1175	In regards to the increase in council rates due to the mismanagement of Central Coast Council funds. It is highly unfair to expect the rate payers to provide funds to contribute to fixing of misused and mismanaged funds. A significant amount of rate payers are already struggling to stay a float in general. I myself ([REDACTED]) will not have a pay rise this year of 2.5% because of Covid so in fact will very much struggle to feel my children and care for them as they should be. Actually, our pay rise has also been capped for next year and possibly further too. I have a question, will rates be capped as well? If [REDACTED] cannot have a pay rise, why should Council? My question to you, why should the rate payers be responsible for fixing other people's mistakes when those people in power were incompetent or just down right corrupt?	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1176	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1177	I disagree with the proposed rate rise.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1178	Completely disagree to a rate increase of this magnitude! The residents of the central coast should not have to foot the bill after a forced amalgamation that nobody wanted and an incompetent council put us in so much debt. Surely the council is reporting to the state government, why was this situation not picked up sooner. We are obviously paying the council too much already if they felt they could waste over 100 million.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1179	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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1180	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1181	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1182	Confidential	No	Jayde	Merchant
1183	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1184	A rate increase should not be applied when the previous funds mismanagement cause has not been identified, process steps not put in place to avoid a repeat, nor consideration taken that rate payers should not pay more for an issue caused by our council!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1185	I do not endorse the Council's application for a rate rise to cover the financial incompetence of those persons responsible for the Council's finances.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1186	The epic mismanagement by central coast council and a lack of oversight by the relevant regulatory organisations is not the problem of rate payers, and should not be passed on to rate payers..	No	Ben	Fiene
1187	Increased rates will do little for the rate payer when we have a diabolical collective running the Council, who are unlikely to spend it wisely. Why hasn't anyone gotten to the bottom of the GFC that obliterated Gosford Council funds through high risk investments.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1188	I oppose the Special Variation of Council Rates for Central Coast Council. I strongly believe that Council, like all businesses, should budget and spend within its means.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1189	I'm strongly opposed to a significant increase in the rate amount for Central Coast Council residents! I have continuously been a rate paying resident of Gosford/Central Coast Council since 1979 & have rarely felt that the council has been well run. I certainly don't feel that it's fair that we rate payers should be asked to pay for a failed amalgamation process that was forced on us by the state government. I expect the state government to step up on this one. It is my view that the Central Coast has always been a free decentralisation area that has always been under funded by state & federal governments. Yours in deep frustration, Roy Harris.	No	Roy	Harris
1190	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1191	It is a disgrace that we should be asked to pay for a situation caused by the amalgamation of the two local councils. Why is the state government not responsible?	No	Mike	Eastwood
1192	Dear Coucillors, You cannot hold struggling households accountable for government debt. Rates are already quite high. Our roads are shocking. Our schools need special ed teachers and more amenities. Staffing of Central Coast health/hospitals is inadequate and you guys sat back spending funding on what? When did you lobby the federal government for extra funding for schools and hospitals. Where are the councils clear priorities written to be found? Get your hands off ratepayers money and focus on government funding to get yourselves out of this fiasco, Kim Cherry Lifetime Coastie, currently renting looking to buy.	No	kim	cherry
1193	There should be no abnormal rate increase until council has exhausted all other options re over staffing, expense control and asset sales. Councillors should not be re-appointed until the next election cycle	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1194	10% in any year, is a substantial difference, let alone with CoVID. Families are barely struggling through now. And for this to be for the next few years is atrocious. Residents have very little say in how council runs things; yet due to mismanagement, we have to pay extra. 1 or 2 % on top of the standard increase, fair enough. 8% is ridiculous.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1195	Residents should not be punished for the debacle they have got themselves into. Where the current rate money goes I have no idea cause I know nothing gets done in my street or area. ☹	No	Nathan	Moseley
1196	I Do not agree with your proposal to increase my rate notice annually for the next 7 years by 10% each year, due to your practices & inability to handle tax payers money via your EX staff. They should be held accountable, not just sacked!	No	Craig	Black
1197	Central coast Council has failed the community. I'm a victim of a dog attack and for over 4 years we have been the highest in NSW for dog attacks. We have potholes everywhere. We have derelict buildings . We have no maintenance of council strips and nature strips [REDACTED] . We have councillors that have been suspended. We are half a billion dollars in debt. We have as citizens had a hard enough year from the financial crisis of COVID-19. Council DOES NOT DESERVE US TO BAIL THEM OUT BY RAISING RATES FROM THEIR GROSS MISMANAGEMENT.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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1198	I disagree that rate payers should fit the bill for their mishandling of money. We pay enough in rates but do not have much to show for it. GCC should have their pays cut as I'm sure their take home pays are enormous. If rate payers are late with their payments, council charges interest. Where has all the money gone, in the pockets of management for poor management of moneys.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1199	I object to such a large increase in council rates, instead of charging the existing ratepayers more money council should utilize there existing funding more reasonably and cut review there essential and non essential services expenditure to ensure to not overspend. Spending greater than the budget allows for is not a problem that will be solved via this measure, only a band-aid fix. Please consider this a strong objection to the rate increase.	No	Alex	McDonnell
1200	We have an Investment property and a substantial increase in rates would not be good to maintain our Mortgage repayments. This could even lead to us having to sell at a lower price than what we may have got if the rates had'nt gone up by this proposed amount.	No	Christine	Bell
1201	Increasing rates at that rate would force many current investors in the area, of which I am on, to increase rents every year to meet the rate increase. This would place further burden on renters who have already been hard hit by Covid. Making rate payers and subsequently renters and struggling home owners pay for the trouble within the current council turbulent times is not the answer.	No	Paul	Bell
1202	Confidential	No	Darren	Mcfarlane
1203	The temporary increase would not be temporary.. As has shown previously, a 6.9% increase back on 2012 was not removed in the latest rates notices. Further, the source of the debt needs a deeper investigation. I'm not satisfied that \$500 million of debt is attributed to 'merging' - it's far too excessive for that to be the truth. e.g. A few street signs, an electronic bill change, and some rebranding of vehicles and buildings is NOT \$500 million. If they maintain this is the case, present the invoices and arrange for these to be validated as fair and reasonable. I suggest IPART decline the rate variation proposed by council, and ask Council fully disclose all aspects of the debt prior to ratepayers being held to ransom for what appears to still be severe council finance mismanagement. We want to see financial details, income and expenses which outline exactly the increases.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1204	Why should previous Wyong council rate payers pick up the tab for the debt inherited from Gosford council, due to the amalgamation. Why is council footing the bill for beach repairs at Wamberal when buildings were refused by them. Approval overridden by a State Govt Dept, therefore they should pay for any repairs, by way of a loan to be repaid by property owners.	No	Lyn	Gaddes
1205	Residents of the central coast have put up with such a poor council that have day in day out mis managed projects and funds over many years. Now expecting to give us a rate increase to pay for there stuff ups!!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1206	Confidential	No	Robert	Collins
1207	Confidential	No	Michelle	Pierce
1208	Objection to the proposed rate rise as a result of mismanagement!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1209	The proposed rates increase by 10% is a disgrace and the fact it is to continue for seven years is like having a stab in the guts. All our hard work and stress this year is enough to cope with. The uncertainty of job security and financial burden of the average person is a huge worry. Many families struggle to make their money stretch. Many areas are low socioeconomic causing stress and strain on relationships and families in general. Shame, shame, shame on such a proposal.	No	Angela	Smith
1210	It seems rather rich to expect the ratepayers of the Central Coast to foot such a rise due to the financial mismanagement of the Council. The council should be looking at alternative ways it can find the money, we the ratepayers did not authorise the mismanagement, yet the ratepayers always are the ones burdened with the financial responsibility. The rates collected currently are not spent in an appropriate manner and we are expected to trust that the special variation will be?, I find it very hard to believe that there is any oversight or accountability, just slug the ratepayers again	No	Aaron	Hepplewhite
1211	Why should residents suffer a significant rates increase due to the lack of financial competency of its local council.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1212	Central Coast Council want to substantially increase our rates. This is due to the State of NSW forcing the previous two councils to merge and the incompetent members of the new council. We, as ratepayers should NOT have to bail them out ! We REFUSE to foot the bill!	No	Angie	Eastwood
1213	The council has made terrible decisions over the past few years to get to this point, however the community should not be punished for this poor management by 10% increases in rates. That's completely unfair.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1214	Confidential	No	Ella	Muma
1215	Rate payers should not have to pay for the council's mismanagement. I oppose the 10% rate rise.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1216	I disagree to the proposed rate increase proposed by the Central Coast Council to cover their incompetence.	No	Danny	Nelson
1217	I object to the significant increases planned for the next 7 plus years for council failings. Next year as a necessary addition to the income but going forward a more valid reason after a thorough review of how the council is spending the income needs to be done to warrant such increases over the years.	No	Celeste	Leahy

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1218	It is not our fault the Central Coast Council has not managed their budget! I am a self funded retiree and rely on my two rental properties to survive. If our rates go up, I will have to put up rent, which I do not want to do. We already pay more than the Northern Beaches per quarter, which we are less likely to be able to afford.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1219	It not fair or reasonable to punish the central coast residents for mistakes made by council! You let them leave with whopping big payouts and now expect us to pay the shortfall! Disgusting behaviour from NSW Government.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1220	I'm opposed to this rate rise	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1221	As a rate payer I DO NOT agree with the Central Coast Council seeking to raise our rates by an extra 8%. All the council members should be held accountable for their actions and dealt with accordingly, why should we of the Central Coast be forced into bailing them out, they should be made to pay the monies back not us.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1222	It is not the communities fault that the incompetence of the Central Coast Council resulted in a lack of budget control. We, the people should not have to pay for something that the Council is responsible for. Maybe stop employing so many people and wasting money by putting band-aids on problems and not actually fixing the root cause of it. There are 15 men watching one man dig a hole and they are all getting paid the same. Sort it out. I don't even have a degree in this area but it can't be that hard to manage a budget.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1223	Say no to rate rise!!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1224	My husband and I have been residents and rate-payers of the Central Coast for 11 years. We have no paved curb and guttering on our street in [REDACTED] very few footpaths and our street has been returfed once in the time we have lived here. We pay almost \$2500 a year in land rates as a single-income family with a mortgage. I can not stand by and let our rates be raised by such a high amount due the ineptitude and gross misconduct of the Central Coast Council in their mismanagement of council funds. I implore you to please not make the hard working residents of our area pay for their inability to properly do their jobs.	No	Lyndall	McDonald
1225	7% increase above the regulated 1-2% will impose an unreasonable burden on ratepayers. Over 10 years the compounding effect would mean rates more than double in the next decade. Many CC residents are retirees who will be unreasonably impacted by this change.	No	Nina	Chad
1226	Confidential	No	Grant	Foster
1227	This is a disgraceful tactic to begin solving the dire situation held by Central Coast Council. It is not the residents fault that has created this debacle. Lots and lots of people are in no position to pay a rate rise. The sheer waste by selfish representatives is disgusting. Pay cuts to every person on the Board of Council, including Councillors, should be introduced without question. The Administrator needs to put the well-being of residents first and foremost. Utterly shameful expecting more from the people.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1228	Residents in Central Coast Council should not have to pay for council's mismanagement of funds. Already we live without decent roads (they are appalling) or considerate planning. We have seen very little for our current rates and will see nothing for the extra ten percent. I have lived here for over 20 years, under Wyong Shire Council originally, which was the far superior council. They were merged with the already mismanaged Gosford and this is the result. Why should the long suffering residents pay???	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1229	Confidential	No	Fred	Kong
1230	Confidential	No	Patrick	Scragg
1231	No to more rates rises. We already have one of the highest rates with little work done to roads etc. just because the council has been incompetent and are in debt, why should we cope it for their failures.	No	Maurice	Murphy
1232	I believe a 10% is a total joke for us ratepayers to receive for the incompetence of our council's debt.	No	Tim	Ryan
1233	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1234	Tax payers should not bear the cost of financial mismanagement by persons evidently incapable of carrying out their functions. More stringent and regular checks and balances are required by overseeing bodies so councils cannot spend into bankruptcy. I oppose the proposed 8% tax increase requested by the central coast council.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1235	Residents should not have to pay for a local government who are incompetent. How about you scrap the St Huber bridge eyesore of a safety screen and pay some debts	No	Brendan	Cunningham
1236	Dear Sir/Madam, PLEASE do not increase our rates. We are pensioners and we are battling as it is.. We did not cause this problem with the Council's finances. We have to live with normal rate increases, but a 10% increase for 7 years is beyond the pale. This is not a very nice way to retire. We go to bed worrying EVERY night now. Thank-you very much.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1237	I object to the proposal to raise our council rates. The mess the council is in is due to the ineptitude of the council members, not the ratepayers.	No	Susan	McCarthy

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1238	Stretch my already stretched budget even further for something that was totally avoidable,\$565.000.000 and absolutely nothing to show for it.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1239	Now you want me to us rate payers to bail the council out when you haven't even sacked the councillors involved absolutely disgusting.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1240	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1241	I disagree with this rate increase. It is not the ratepayers who are at fault. They should not have to compensate the council for poor management. This needs to be looked into and the guilty persons prosecuted.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1242	I object	No	Anthony	Winkler
1243	Confidential	No	Jan	McFadyen
1244	Disagree with rate increase due to Central Coast Council Debt. We have had a difficult council for many years and corruption prior to that.. We continue to pay as the consumer for the disruption and ineptitude of councils financial affairs.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1245	Rate payers feel very let down by central coast council and don't feel that they should be the ones to have to pay the price for the incompetence of council employees. The state government are the one's that forced the amalgamation and should be held responsible	No	Tony	Kirby
1246	Rate payers should NOT be punished with ridiculous rate increases such as the one proposed due to councils over spending. We have not decided where the money has been spent so should not be punished for it!!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1247	Why should ratepayers pay for the financial incompetence and mismanagement of funds? With wage increases minimal, already feeling the strain of COVID and now council wants an 10% increase. It's criminal and we oppose it. We hope that IPART sides with ratepayers and ensures that we are not penalised for Central coast council's utter incompetence. Thank you	No	Kate	Dewberry
1248	Confidential	No	Peta	Foster
1249	The incompetent management and councillors should be made accountable before any of this proposed rate rise is even contemplated. The Council is a business the same as any other enterprise and must live within its means and should be made to trade out of its debt. I thought that was why an Administrator was appointed. The issues have not made by the ratepayers but by weak and bad governance and management.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1250	The people of the Central Coast should not have to pay for the forced amalgamation of the two councils which led to this economic disaster.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1251	I do not agree to the proposed rate increase to pay for council mismanagement of monies.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1252	I say NO to 10% rate rise for councils incompetence why should the rate payers need to pay for their mistakes and inability to manage funds	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1253	Confidential	No	Nathan	AHEARN
1254	There is absolutely NO WAY the residents of the Central Coast should be financially burdened with rate increases to cover the financial irresponsibility of the council. Council should have financially qualified people overseeing all financial decisions, rather than people who have no fiscal background managing OUR communities money!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1255	Our rate should not go up due to poorly management of our rate money. The council is corrupt and they should be accountable. Take their incomes away as it's there errors not ours.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1256	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1257	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1258	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1259	Rate payers should not be the ones footing the bill for council financial errors, especially in such troubled financial times for the community due to covid19	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1260	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1261	I strongly disagree with rate payers being sluggish with a higher than standard 2% rate rise to cover the incompetence of Central Coast Councillors.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1262	Confidential	No	gerardus	teters
1263	This is not acceptable. The service provided on current rates is already sub standard and not satisfactory. The council needs to trim the fat of managers and supervisors. Come along to see any "road works" 10 people to Dig one hole.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1264	Unacceptable	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1265	Why should home owners on the coast have to pay extra for the mismanagement of funds by council. Hold them accountable! It's bad enough that Cc assets now need to be sold to pay debt rather than adding value to the community.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1266	As a rate payer in the central coast region, I strongly object to the proposed rate increases in order to redeem losses incurred by mismanagement. We already have high rates for minimal service. I live in [REDACTED], an area that predominantly has no curb and guttering, my street has barely adequate tarring. We pay high rates with little or no money spent in our area.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1267	No rate increase needed. Fix potholes etc	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1268	I strongly disagree to a rate rise. It makes residents very angry to pay for the incompetence of leaders.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1269	Ridiculous to pass on such a massive impost when government amalgamation was to reduce costs and overheads. Where was the oversight?	No	Andrew	fraser
1270	Confidential	No	Monika	Faulks

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1269	<p>The NSW government made the mess by amalgamating Wyong council with Gosford. Gosford was a council that couldn't balance books to save its life.</p> <p>Now we, the residents, are expected to pay exorbitantly for this gross misjudgment for at least the next 7 years.</p> <p>This is unacceptable. The NSW Government should be shouldering most, if not all, of the increase. Additionally, the error should be rectified and the councils re-split.</p> <p>We in the Wyong shire have had services cut and community interest programmes removed since the merger and now we have to pay more for the privilege.</p> <p>Enough is enough.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1270	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1271	<p>We're a young family that has just moved into the area in our first home. We ventured north from Sydney due to affordability and now we will be asked to pay for the mistakes of prior administration that we can ill-afford as we slowly start to emerge from COVID. I urge IPART to reject this request and force the council to find or the means of correcting its prior faults, rather than seek involuntary subscription to raise capital to pay prior debts, including payments to those responsible for the mismanaged accounts.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1272	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1273	Confidential	No	Lauraine	McKenzie
1274	Residents of the central coast should not have to pay higher rates due to the council's incompetence.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1275	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1276	Confidential	No	Neville	Lake
1277	<p>Why should I have to pay for mismanagement of council funds. If I ran my business like that I'd be in jail.</p> <p>Someone needs to be held accountable and that's not me. I will not be made to pay for some else's mistakes. Instead of charging the public why don't we reduced counciler's wages by 50% as they made the mistake? Maybe next time they'll be more careful. I can't believe this is even on the table.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1278	<p>Please don't let them raise the rates. It's ridiculous that Central Coast residents are being forced to pay money that they don't have because the council poorly managed their money. The raising of the rates will have a large affect on everyone on the Coast and will make so many lives so much harder.</p> <p>The council is responsible for their debt, not it's residents.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1279	Please do not approve this special variation to rates. It is not the ratepayers who have gotten the central coast council into this mess financially, and it should not be the ratepayers who are punished or have to bail the council out. The council should pursue other avenues to recoup its finances, this is unfair and not the answer.	No	Jonathon	Lock
1280	<p>The rate increase is unacceptable.</p> <p>I understand the need to recover from debt, but why is this revenue not being raised by persecuting those counselors responsible for this situation and seizing their assets? Why are the people who happen to live in the areas that have been grossly mismanaged expected to carry the slack?</p> <p>That money went somewhere, and someone needs to answer for this gross mismanagement rather than being given a golden handshake and walked offstage.</p>	No	Nicolas	Vassiliadis
1281	We are struggling enough to pay the current rates and council can't even fix our roads or even sort major issues like lake flooding. They should five us a rate cut for the job they do.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1282	We do not agree!!	No	Francesca	Molluso
1283	<p>A 10% increase is unfair on ratepayers! We cannot afford rates as they are!</p> <p>It is not our fault the council mismanaged the money!</p>	No	Adelle	Sands
1284	<p>This is beyond ridiculous. We already have high rates, have endured abnormal rate increases in the past AND have nothing to show for it (particularly on the north end of the coast).</p> <p>This is a lower socioeconomic area and I fear that this is a rate rise that cannot be afforded. There has to be a better way to recoup the missing money.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1285	I think the rate rise for the central coast residents should be reconsidered, it's not a fair call to put more financial strain on the rate payers to pay for a council stuff up!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1286	I disagree with any rate increase that is expected from residents due to the CC council's debt issues. It is ridiculous to make the residents pay for the mismanagement of council when so many of the Central Coast have suffered enough from the recent bushfires and Covid lockdown.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1287	I totally disagree with the motion to request a rate increase of 8% above the normal yearly increase to claw back the debt they have created especially as there has been a massive decline in the maintenance works by this council.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1288	<p>The proposed increase is not affordable by most of the central coast residents, particularly the aged pensioners.</p> <p>The debt is caused by mismanagement of operations and resources, not the residents who should not wear the debt through increased rates.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1289	Central Coast Council are in debt to the tune of \$525million and as previous expect the ratepayers to help them reduce this debt in a year where the community were subject to bushfires, Covid, unemployment etc. I do not approve their request that we the ratepayers once again be responsible for their financial mismanagement and ineffectiveness.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1290	Strongly reject the fact that resident should have to bail out incompetent public officials.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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1291	We shouldn't be hit with the bill, you can sell assests and find the money elsewhere. The Central Coast already has particularly high rates for NSW and this would make it worse.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1292	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1293	Please do not increase my council rates we are struggling to to pay them now. Sack the council and amalgamation to state government.	No	Phil	Toth
1294	Rate rise should be limited to 1-2% yearly.	No	Corinne	Harvey
1295	My husband and i are deeply opposed to the council and their intended rise of our rates because of mismanagement at the council's end, why do we all have to suffer at their expense. We are only pensioners and do not think this is at all fair. DO NOT MAKE US PAY FOR THEIR MISTAKES!!!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1296	Completely unacceptable to pass on responsibility for your failing at financial management to the residents. We are not a high income area and this will further impact those struggling after covid.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1297	I don't believe the tax payers should be given the increase when our rates are already so high and higher than Sydney 's more affluent suburbs due to gross negligence & mismanagement of funds by the council that should have been picked up by NSW gov auditors way before this blew out of proportions.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1298	No to the continuous rate rise for 7 yrs	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1299	This is unacceptable and unfair that Central Coast residents are burdened with the cost of bad financial management by council and failed amalgamation process implemented by the state government. Families on the central coast are already struggling, especially in post-pandemic times. It is not the fault of residents that Central Coast Council failed to properly manage their finances. Even entertaining the idea of such a steep rate rise is appalling!	No	Bethany	Harrison
1300	It's not the ratepayers fault the council is in so much financial trouble and certainly not the ratepayers who should have to pay for their theft in the form of higher rates!! With the appalling state of our roads and hospitals in crisis to mention only a few problems, you want to slug us, the ratepayers. Totally unfair and i strongly object to such an increase.	No	Glenda	Rose
1301	Confidential	No	Diana	Arundell
1302	I disagree with the increase. I dont not want to be financially burdened because of others mismanagement.	No	Evelyn	O'Leary
1303	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1304	Central Coast ratepayers ALREADY pay high rates compared to other LGA's. CC is mortgage belt, has a high population of aged residents and young, single income families. Please don't punish these ratepayers for CC's current financial position. I am a ratepayer and a landlord. Several of my children live in rented properties. Neither myself, my tenant, nor my children can afford this increase!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1305	Residents should not suffer due to the inadequate actions of of council. Increasing our rates are not fair to not off their debt... our rates are already high enough without punishing us further and more residents could look to buy on the coast with more companies working from home... do not increase our rates but 10%	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1306	I think the proposed increase in rates should NOT be applied. We, the ratepayers, didn't force the council to make bad choices in relation to OUR money, nor was there any apparent increase in services, yet they want us to pay (money we have already paid, in good faith, to the council) even more money to be wasted on further unsubstantiated spendings. This is just throwing good money after bad. I should not have to pay extra when we need to sort out what the mayor, the councillors and all those directors did to cause this massive debt. Let's get them to repay the full amount of this missing money. I know I didn't get any of this 'stolen' money here, so where'd it go? Let's get some answers, and not ask us to pay for services we have already paid for.	No	Sharon	Monck
1307	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1308	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1309	I object to the proposed increase in rates. It's excessive and families are already doing it tough.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1310	I do not agree with the 7%rate rise	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1311	Why are the poorer residents of central coast paying for mistakes made by council. Well and truly a tort and so wrong.	No	Melinda	Holmes
1312	This is incredibly unjust for ratepayers who played no part in creating this deficit . Make cuts , sell stadium.every avenue before lumping it on ratepayers .	No	Noelene	Ball
1313	As a ratepaying resident in the former Wyong Shire Council area I feel a great injustice would be inflicted on this area. We had \$60 million in the bank and now we are being penalised by this amalgamation. If you look at the median income of the region you will notice that the North is far poorer than the south and the finaancial burden on residents would lead some to breaking point. Please reconsider this step. Thank You. Brian Groth.	No	Brian	Groth
1314	I oppose Central Coast Council's application to increase rates by 10% and maintain the increase for 7 years. It is evident that the financial crisis is the result of ineffective financial management by council and I do not believe that rate payers should have to bear the consequences of council's actions over which they had no control.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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	I object to any rate increase apart from the 2% already permitted. I cannot see why the ratepayers should be penalised from gross mismanagement of councils finances, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Please reply to my statement			
1315	Glenna Cluff	No	Glenna	Cluff
1316	The councillors should be held accountable for the mismanagement of funds. Rate payers should not be subject to the proposed rate rise.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1317	We the people of the Central Coast can not afford to pay an increase above standard just because of council negligence. Personally we are a young family with 3 small children in school and 2 parents trying their best to provide in an already challenging climate.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1318	I believe the requested rate rise is totally unfair and beyond comprehension. We have paid our rates in good faith in the past and the powers that be misused and misdirected the money, We shouldn't have to pay again for that. If I overspend my wages, my boss doesn't give me a pay rise, which, in effect is what we are being asked to do. The rate rises will cause the loss of family homes as so many are affected by COVID 19 and the requested rate rises will push the family budgets over the limit for a lot of families.	No	Cathy	McKenna
1319	I cannot afford a rate rise. My living costs are draining my wallet already. My hours at work have been dramatically reduced. My husband is working himself into the ground to keep our heads above water. We are sinking into deep depression. Please don't punish us anymore. We have had enough rate rises.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1320	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1321	We should not have to pay for the councils disgusting misuse of our funds.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1322	I strongly object to a 10% rate rise each year over the next 7 years. I would be happy with a ONCE off extra payment but not a permanent rise over 7 years.	No	Michael	Bird
1323	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1324	Confidential	No	Nichola	Dunn
1325	I do not agree with a rise in rates to be paid by central Coast residents. It is not affordable and not fair.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1326	Confidential	No	Vanessa	Harrison
1327	Why should we pay extra rates for councils mismanagement of funds	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1328	You must be kidding yourselves if you think you can reduce the debt created by a corrupt council by hitting the residents up for what in effect will be at least a 400% increase in rates every year for the foreseeable future. You have no right to do this and I will refuse to pay my rates if a hike of this nature goes ahead	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1329	I am strongly opposed to the Special Variation (SV) in rates increase. I feel it is grossly unfair for rate payers to foot the bill for Council's incompetence.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1330	No bloodg way. We are pensioners and cant afford a 10% rise each year.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1331	As a rate payer and a self employed business, I find it appalling that the Central Coast Council has through gross mis management wasted rate payer money. Now they want more rate payer money. NO WAY! If I did that with customers or clients money, I could be jailed for gross misconduct.. An increase is not acceptable I strongly oppose Brad Tyler-Webber	No	Bradley	Tyler-Webber
1332	The Council has used and created a debt with rate payers money over a period of time that they now need to hold responsibility for. We as rate payers did not over spend and to the same rate payers to now repay the debt given the current global crisis and many financial impacts it has had on our community. Our family itself (among many) lost all income and struggle to come back from it, to add such a substantial rate rise is not just irresponsible but a lot to ask of the rate payers that have already paid their fair share. We have yet to see some projects and works started or completed that impact on our everyday goings without a fuss, without complaint but with patience and understanding.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1333	I do not agree with the rate increase. We are not responsible for councils debt and bad financial management.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1334	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1335	Confidential	No	Robyn	Ognibene
1336	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1337	The forced amalgamation is not the taxpayers fault so the taxpayer ie me should not have to pay to fix this fault. It is ridiculous that is being considered. Many local workers will lose their jobs to get the budget into black yet the council who oversaw this failure get a 3 month holiday. The taxpayer again did not ask for the amalgamation so it is not the responsibility of the taxpayer to fix the issue. I expect this will fall on deaf ears as all levels of government have shown a disdain for the average taxpayer.	No	Kyall	Gibson
1338	The rate payers should not bare the financial burden of the proposed increase because of the incompetencies and miss management of funds from this terrible council	No	Marc	Farrall

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1339	Absolutely absurd that us rate payers (I have 2 properties) have to pay this massive rate hike through incompetence from our council. This will mean rent hikes for people who are already finding it really hard to rent properties at present . Not happy Jan!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1340	As a ratepayer of the Central Coast, I am strongly opposed to the proposal by the council administrators to raise rates by 10% to make up for their financial mismanagement. We trust our council to manage funds appropriately and we should not be penalised for their incompetence. They need to find an alternative to punishing residents by increasing rates, particularly when a lot of us have already struggled financially due to the pandemic.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1341	This rate rise to cover Gosford Councils debt is not fair. We already had 2 rate rises just before the amalgamation and now they are going to raise it again. We are not an affluent area. We cannot afford our high rates as it is. This significant increase should not happen. It is not our fault Gosford council got in debt then decided to spread their debt by amalgamating with our Wyong council.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1342	Please no rate rise. We already pay too much for the service we receive. Mismanagement shouldn't qualify for rate increases. Our area is getting overcrowded because of this councils greed selling off land that was meant for bushland - never to be built on. They are squeezing too many houses in & no infrastructure.	No	Karen	Greentree
1343	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1344	We should not be punished for the council's miss management	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1345	Mis management is not the fault of residents, we are all struggling and I don't earn the wage that council workers earn. I find it offensive that we are treated this way and I cannot afford a rate rise. Hands off our money and stop being so incompetent	No	Sandra	Hudson
1346	The proposed rate rise for central coast residents due to the appalling mismanagement by our elected representatives is outrageous. I strongly object to the huge rate rise about to be inflicted upon the hard working residents of the central coast who have been diligently and in good faith paying their obligations every year. Disgraceful.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1347	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1348	It is not ratepayers problem useless council was mismanaged nor up to ratepayers to pull useless council out of the [REDACTED] get rid of half the chiefs in council no need for half of them being there	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1349	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1350	Confidential	No	Claire	Isaac
1351	Here at [REDACTED] we already pay fairly high rates, and do not get our money's worth! Our family has lived here over 50 years in this home and 50 years ago we were told the easement at the back would be fixed. We ended up doing it at our own cost! In addition, our quarterly water rates have an additional \$40 odd dollars for 'drainage' when we have NO drainage and a yard that constantly floods at the slightest of rain! Not to mention the disgrace that is the filthy. blocked waterfront drainage along the lake! We also have a sewerage junction on our property that backs up our toilets, and our neighbours, every time we get heavy rain, pouring faeces and goodness knows what else straight onto our lawn! This is a major health risk to us and our animals! Council come and pump it out (sometimes) and last time it took 3 phone calls to even get someone to come pump it out. This is NOT good enough! Now you want extra rates to cover mistakes that were not ours??? The suggestion of this is very wrong!! Why should honest ratepayers have to fork out extra money when the wrongdoing was corruption by council?! I say a HUGE NO to us paying more money!	No	Alyson	Day
1352	My husband lost his job this year, and we are struggling to make ends meet as it is. Please do. It increase relates as this will make our lives even more difficult. It was also reduce our capacity to contribute to the revitalisation of our local businesses as we will be unable to purchase anything other than essential items.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1353	This is total [REDACTED] and can not actually be a thing right!?	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1354	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1355	Please do not allow this to be approved. The community should not be punished for this terrible mismanagement of our rates.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1356	As a home owner and rate payer I object to having to pay more money for services I don't see. I live on a dirt road with no curb and guttering and the waste disposal contractor does not always pick up our bins. Why should I have to pay for miss management and incompetence. ☹️	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1357	After a very tough year due to Covid19 it is extremely unreasonable for our rates to be increased to cover the poor management skills of our council. No outrageous rate increases please! We have had enough!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1358	I do not agree with an 8% increase in rates due to councils prior negligence	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1359	The request to increase our rates by 8% is a disgrace and unaffordable to rate payers.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1360	I object to the rate rise. What right does the council have to make ratepayers compensate for their mismanagement? There is absolutely no oversight and I strongly object. [REDACTED]	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1361	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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1362	Despite being a ratepayer for years, the sheer stupidity and mismanagement of Central Coast Council will now cost ME more. How about making those responsible accountable? Fines and/or criminal charges might stop those who seek power, but have no knowledge of running corporations, from running for office. The amount of the increase being sought will cause hardship for ratepayers for years to come. We are not at fault.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1363	Residents should not have to pay the way out of a dysfunctional council. This is the mistake of the merging council policy which again is not the fault of the residents.	No	Tim	Walsh
1364	Central Coast Council should never have been amalgamated especially without the consultation of its rate payers. At the time the amalgamation took place, Wyong Shire Council has already set a rate rise. When the amalgamation took place, the new Council applied an additional rate rise because Gosford had not had a rise. At the last Council meeting, it was voted to not only further increase rates but Council voted to increase their pay knowing they had a huge debt. They gave themselves a pay rise during a global pandemic when people are losing their jobs and State employees had their rightful award pay increase dismissed and knowing they couldn't cover the wages of their OWN staff. How is it reasonable to increase rates by 10% over the next 7 years due to a government's systemic failures? Instead of hitting up rate payers, penalise those who's ineptitude lead to this. [REDACTED] I see first hand people struggling to put food on the table and keep the roof over their head. This increase will lead to leaving the coast due to increases in rent and mortgage stress. These same residents supported local business and kept the local economy ticking over during a pandemic. Work with the residence, not against them.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1365	I object to the Central coast council application to raise rates via a special levy of 8% for the next 7 years. This is excessive and rate payers should not have to foot the bill for mismanagement of local government	No	Gavin	Muspratt
1366	Confidential	No	Julie	Ritchie
1367	We are finding it very difficult to make ends meet since going on the pension and this rise will cause more worries where to find the money Council has spent unwisely and now expects residents to prop up their finances I don't think this is the way to go	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1368	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1369	The application to raise rates for Central Coast residents as a result of the gross financial mismanagement of the council should not be approved. Residents should not be forced into certain financial hardship with the proposed exorbitant rate rises. These are not financially feasible for this socio-economic group, particularly in the former Wyong Shire district	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1370	Please do not allow this submission to go ahead.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1371	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1372	We should not be penalised for the councils wrong doing. We can not afford this increase, many residents are already struggling to pay rates due to covid. Mis management should not cause our rates to increase.	No	Amanda	Denniss
1373	Many people on The Central Coast struggle to make their rates payments. Such an increase would be devastating for these people. My wife and I are a single income family. We receive no government assistance. We pay our rates on time but it is a real struggle. Should this increase occur we will be forced to sell our home and move to a different council area where the rates are affordable. Please don't penalise the people for the sheer incompetence of our council.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1374	Confidential	No	Allan	MacDonald
1375	The residents of the Central Coast should not be left footing the bill after the severe mismanagement of our funds by the council itself. The councillors and management should be held accountable. A rate increase this large for seven years will leave many central coast residents in financial difficulty, especially after Covid restrictions in 2020. I do not support a rate rise of this magnitude.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1376	I am strongly against the proposal to allow Central Coast Council to cover their debts. The mismanagement of the Council is not the fault of ratepayers like myself, and placing the burden on us to cover the council's debts by allowing a huge increase in rates is certainly not fair.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1377	As a home owner and rate payer, I strongly oppose Central Coast Councils application for a special variation in rates; an increase of 10% per annum for seven years as opposed to the 1 - 2% per annum rate increase as regulated by IPART. The council cannot impose the burden of their financial mismanagement on rate payers.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1378	We oppose the proposed 10% rate rise. The amalgamation of Wyong and Gosford Councils was not wanted by the residents and the subsequent poor management is not the responsibility of rate payers. State and Federal government need to sack the lot of them and bale out the debt. We cannot absorb another \$250 into our already stretched budget. Increasing rates by this percentage in a COVID environment is morally wrong.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1379	The ratepayers of the old Wyong Shire suffered through an 8% variation each year for 4 years which continued into the current Central Coast amalgamation. We have already paid excessively for financial mismanagement in the past and I strenuously object to a further impost which, at 8% each year would be crippling to a local economy struggling with Covid related unemployment and skyrocketing energy & grocery prices. Enough is very definitely enough. Might I suggest trimming the executive salaries, perks and number of management positions instead.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1380	I strongly object to a rate rise especially from a council in such a poor financial position due to mismanagement. Why as a rate payer should I be impacted?	No	Karina	Ryan
1381	Perhaps the people that have grossly abused their position of power can foot the bill for their theft / negligence	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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	I strongly object to Central Coast Council's application to an 8% rate increase being passed on to it's residents.			
1382	2020 has already thrown enough financial difficulties to many residents of the central coast, and i do not feel that it is fair that we are further financially impacted due to mismanagement by those who are meant to be serving this community.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1383	Confidential	No	Gregory	Clarke
1384	They should be forced to explain where all the money has gone and set up a system to recover the losses before they are allowed to ask for more money from the hard working tax paying community.	No	Mark	Lyttle
1385	Why should we as rate payers be subjected to rate increases because of mismanagement by council. We here on the pennisular pay excessive rates as it is compared to other surrounding areas.What those responsible have done is despicable and to expect rate payers to bail the council out is not on. As a pensioner i cannot afford to pay this proposed increase .	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1386	Confidential	No	Trish	Norhover
1387	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1388	I am not paying AGAIN to fix their mismanagement of the money I have ALREADY PAID.	No	Alecia	Webb
1389	Why should the rate payers suffer because of councils miss management. Why can't the councils members take a pay cut to cover the cost of their over spending and poor management. Its not our fault and the members need to step up and take action for their own poor management.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1390	Residents should not be penalised for Council's mismanagement of funds. This proposed change will have a significant adverse impact on people from lower income families.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1391	The financial strain each year on families is unacceptable. I understand that the council was incapable of using funds appropriately but the cost to rate payers is unfair. I'm sure that there is another way. Why should rate payers lose their hard earned money. Whose to say that the new council won't do the same? The government should have procedures in place so this can't happen.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1392	I understand that our council has huge debts outstanding and these need to be paid off. I do think that this amount of increase for rates payers is extreme. Perhaps half this amount as alot of rate payers are pensioners or retirees and this would be difficult for them to manage	No	Brian	Pagliari
1393	Why should we foot the bill for an incompetent council who can't manage their funds. They should be held individually liable for this outrageous blow out not us. If they were it might make them more RESPONSIBLE for the way they spent OUR MONEY NOT THEIRS IN FUTURE. Total [REDACTED] unbelievable.	No	Anne	Ward
1394	Confidential	No	Ronda	Mason
1395	Confidential	No	Erin	Turnbull
1396	It is ridiculous that the citizens should be left with the debt of mismanagement. Lived her my whole life and council has never been in this position before. It is management that should be held accountable, not the community.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1397	I do not agree with this proposal / submission or any rates increase.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1398	Confidential	No	Brady	Hardcastle
1399	Strongly oppose any proposed rate increases above the normal 1-2%. Councils mismanagement is responsible for creating this financial crisis they have found themselves in, its not the responsibility of ratepayers to pay or be punished for their mismanagement	No	Darren	Hunter
1400	Confidential	No	Andrew	Penton
1401	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1402	I do not agree with the attempt by CC Council to raise the rates by anything other than normal cpi. They must work hard to recover their losses inteligently not by the easy route of increasing rates. No to their application to pass on their failure to us residents. Yours sincerely Alex Smith [REDACTED]	No	Alex	Smith
1403	Confidential	No	Sandra	Smith
1404	Ratepayers amd residents should not be penalised for the poor decisions of our council and counsellors. The CC is already socioeconomically disadvantaged to our metro counterparts, and will drive many people away from living on the coast	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1405	Confidential	No	Elizabeth	Hamill
1406	Do not allow them to increase our rates because of their inadequacies.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1407	Confidential	No	Warren	Allen
1408	I refuse to pay over 1-2% rates increase because of inept workers and management.	No	Steve	Grahame

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1409	It is completely unfair that Central Coast rate holders are being held liable for the mismanagement by the Council. We are not responsible for the incompetence of the Councillors and should not be expected to finance the debt to our detriment. Those of us up the northern end of the Coast have always paid higher rates than Gosford and have less to show for it. Now you want to increase the rates of homeowners. Many people have struggled financially through Covid and may take years to get back on their feet. That, and the rate hike will threatened people's health and financial position. A rate hike is a cop out. Every other option must be considered before laying the burden on the home owners.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1410	Confidential	No	Petara	Hynds
1411	Confidential	No	Michelle	Lyons
1412	I do not agree that landowners rates should increase 10% every year to assist with the council being in debt. Its not the landowners faults and we should not pay for poor and costly management decisions. We have enough bills, then you add the financial stress of COVID - its NOT FAIR and I do not agree.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1413	Confidential	No	Phoebe	Alexander
1414	Gosford City Council Rate increases should be fair to the rate payers. Lets take in to consideration job losses, rate payers living week to week, currently struggling with repayments whether it be instalment plans or paying by the quarter. Keep increases fair and steady please.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1415	I believe the council should look to reduction in their excessive expenditure occurring over a number of years to cover deficits rather than charge the rate payers for their ineptitude.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1416	The citizens of The Central Coast should not be made to pay for mistakes made by the council. Do not raise the rates as per request - not our fault.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1417	Follow the stipulated increase of 1% - 2% please.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1418	I do not support the increase of housing rates for the central coast. The cost of living is already outrageous and this will put huge financial stress on young families.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1419	The proposed central coast rate increase of 10% over next 7 years is and will place the central coast community under unreasonable financial pressure. The negligence of the few that were entrusted to manage funds on behalf of the community. Let not raise the rates but hold the perpetrators to account.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1420	I disagree with the rate rise. We shouldn't not have to pay for the councils mistakes	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1421	I object to council raising the rates to pay for councillors mismanagement of council funds	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1422	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1423	Disagree with the 10% rate increase	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1424	In the toughest year in record how could anyone seriously consider raising our rates due to others negligence. Council should hire professionals with real skills to trade out of this mess they created for us all, not put further strain on our desperate community by raising our rates even further	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1425	Confidential	No	Rebecca	Mckeown
1426	Why should rate payers help the council out.. it should be the government. Or who ever made them join together.. not rate payers problem. No way. I disagree..	No	Joanne	Whittaker
1427	Your gross mismanagement of money is not our fault and should not fall on our shoulders . Your lack of foresight and competence is an embarrassment. Why would we now hand over more money . And what guarantees do we have it won't happen again . I strongly oppose this!!! ☹️	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1428	TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN SUBJECT: Central Coast Council (CCC) Administration Seeking an additional 8% increase above the 2% in place for our Rates I, along with my wife are residents in Forresters Beach on the Central Coast and have been alerted to the CCC's submission for the increase of 8% on top of the 1-2% of our Rates which would make it a 10% increase per year for the next 7 years due to the mis-management of the Budget by the Council and subsequent blowout. We severely object to this significant increase to our rates as a result of this mis-management as the CCC are essentially penalising us for their gross negligence making us pay for their mistakes. A year on year 10% increase would see Central Coast rates skyrocket to some of the highest in NSW without actually providing an increase to services. Please do not approve this rate increase, a yearly 10% increase for the next 7 years, puts incredible stress on home owners who have done nothing wrong. It is completely unfair. Sincerely, ██████ ☹️	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1429	The council cant managr their funds so the residents have to pay the councils bill by increasing rates on already high rates? That doesnt seem fair and reasonable	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1430	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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1431	I object to the rates being increased by 8% p.a. for the next 10 years.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1432	Can not justify putting the rates up on the central coast	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1433	It is unfair for unaware rate payers to have to pay for the councils incompetence!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1434	Please do not allow an additional 7% rate rise for the next 7 years. Many people on the coast are doing it tough and rate rises will mean rent rises across the board. In an already overstretched rental market, this would be devastating for so many and would lead to homelessness and severe disadvantage. Surely the debt can be clawed back by better efficiencies in council, more rigorous tender processes for services etc. Thank you.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1435	This is not affordable for residents and its unreasonable to effect the community in such a way when you are here to help them.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1436	I do not consent to a rate rise due to Central Coast Councils financial negligence	No	Tim	Eaton
1437	How dare you attempt to increase our rates due to your incompetence!!! At a time like this! Sort your own [REDACTED] out and [REDACTED] trying to make residents pay for your mistakes.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1438	No to rate rise	No	Theresa	Jacob
1439	I am very worried about the proposed rate rise over the next 7 years. As a family of 6 with 4 children on the NDIS we will simply not be able to cope financially with that kind of rate rise.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1440	It is completely unfair that residents of the Central Coast should be burdened with the debt incurred by an inept Council and a State Government which forced an amalgamation process that was never going to work for this region, is quite happy to give a Liberal Hornsby Council \$90 mil for its shortfall due to the amalgamations policy but refuses to provide the same for our Democratically elected Labor Council.	No	Liam	O'Neill
1441	[REDACTED] I don't think it is morally correct to ask the already suffering ratepayers for more money. A lot have struggled this year due to COVID and a 10% increase could be the difference between heating or cooling their home, food on the table, petrol in their car. The council simply has to find another way to pay back the ridiculous and incompetent debt they have accumulated.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1442	It is absolutely immoral and unethical for Central Coast residents to be asked to pay a 10% increase in taxes for 7 years because of the inability of the CCC to do their job and run the "business" they were voted in to do!!!!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1443	Residents of the Central Coast should entrusted council with finances. Their mismanagement should not become a financial burden to us rate payers. That's grossly unfair and unreasonable. The fact that they are even requesting this rate rise rather than make some financially competent decisions oozes arrogance and incompetence.	No	Sharon	Harrison
1444	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1445	Confidential	No	Linsey	Devlin
1446	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1447	As a rate payer I disagree with the special variation request our council is applying for to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) for an 8% rate increase to commence in the 2021/2022 financial year.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1448	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1449	As a rate paying Central Coast resident, that already pays high rates and receives minimal service in return, I am opposed to the idea of a rate increase to cover the financial damage that the Central Coast Council have managed to create. There must be another option, a fairer way to remedy the atrocious mismanagement of finances that have occurred.	No	Michelle	Williams
1450	Residents should not be required to cover the debt accrued by an incompetent council through rate rises. Perhaps that councils responsible could take pay cuts and not receive hefty pay outs	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1451	Residents should not be left to pay for the financial mismanagement of Central Coast Council. There should be an investigation in to how Central Coast Council has ended up in such a financial state, and action taken against individuals if and as appropriate. The proposed increase is financially unfair as it far exceeds any likely wage increases for families who seemingly are now to foot the bill for the financial mismanagement by individuals at Central Coast Council. The proposed rates of increase will have devastating financial effects on families.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1452	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1453	The gross incompetence of central coast council financial management should not be passed on to my family to pay for. It was mis-management and overspending that caused this situation, like any other business they need to cut out all the unnecessary spending to cover the money not cripple local families.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1454	Confidential	No	Robert	Mason
1455	Confidential	No	Paul	Crawley
1456	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1457	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1458	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1459	No way should the residents pay for mismanagement, do a root and branch check a Council, make staff redundant, close some buildings like small libraries, don't build the new one.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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1460	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1461	This should not happen! Why should residents be left to foot the bill for something they were not responsible for?!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1462	I strongly oppose any increase in Central Coast council rates beyond the regulated 1-2%. Thank you	No	Cathleen	Pakes
1463	Reduce proposed rate increase for central coast residents due to poor financial management not the residents fault and we should not pay for people's mistakes	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1464	I think an increase in our rates to cover the mismanagement of Money spent by CC Council is criminal!! Why should we have to pay for their mistakes and their mismanagement of funds!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1465	This situation of Council needing to raise rates because of their own mismanagement should not become the responsibility of rate payers	No	Daniel	Humphreys
1466	<p>I strongly object to the Central Coast Council's application for the additional 8% rate increase above the IPART annual 1-2% annual rate increase.</p> <p>The rate payers are not responsible for the misuse of our rates and council income. The council has not provided basic council needs, roads and drainage are neglected while the council waste money on increasing staff to fill roles not required. The council has been fighting over the amalgamation, wasting rates, increasing staff, employing overseas people to fill local jobs.</p> <p>Efficient and effective management, take staff back to minimum to do actual council tasks and you will have more money than taking additional money from rate payers that are not able to pay additional rates.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1467	I strongly object to the application by Council for the increase in rates due to their mismanagement	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1468	no rate rise..can't afford it !! ☹️	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1469	It is in no way the fault of the residents of the central coast that this council have mismanaged their own funds plus funds lent by the state government, and it is a cop out that we bear the burden of replacing these funds. They have gone for the first easy solution. Find another avenue to recoup.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1470	<p>Is council actually seriously trying to jack up our rates.</p> <p>How about I buy Finance for dummies instead for council. They might learn how not to lose money.</p> <p>Not our fault council can't budget properly.</p>	No	Steve	Kirkman
1471	Increasing rates at the level proposed is going to cause further financial stress for families, during an already unstable and unprecedented financial climate. This proposal is not reasonable and will cause much financial hardship for many residents on the central coast.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1472	There should be no rate rise. The ratepayers are not responsible for central coast councils current financial state & should not have to foot the bill for their gross incompetence. Kerri [REDACTED] Rae	No	Kerri	Rae
1473	<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>I deeply oppose the cash grab by the central coast council.</p> <p>They have grossly mismanaged things and now want to force rate payers to pick up the cost.</p> <p>But there is no indication that the council will be prevented from doing this again, that any meaningful oversight has been put in place, that any of the negligent criminals involved in this have been punished or that they have extensively cut wasteful programs and excessive pay.</p> <p>It is absolutely unconscionable that the rate payers should be expected to pick up the tab with no meaningful consequences or ability to exercise more direct oversight on how the council spends money.</p> <p>No rate increase should be allowed, definitely not one this large and definitely not without a requirement that rates be extensively cut after the financial hole has been repaired.</p> <p>Yours sincerely Jason Rennie</p>	No	Jason	Rennie
1474	Due to COVID our family are struggling financially to pay the current rates. A large increase will affect us greatly. I am disgusted by the mismanagement of the Central Coast Council and now we have to suffer financially. That doesn't seem right to me.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1475	Confidential	No	Sharon	Hawthorne
1476	I'm opposed to the proposed rate rise by the central coast council. We as residents and rate payers shouldn't have to pay for their incompetence and mismanagement of funds!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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1477	As a Central Coast homeowner I disagree with the councils proposed rate increase. Our current council's dire financial situation, the council has applied to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) for an 8% rate increase to commence in the 2021/2022 financial year above the IPART regulated 1- 2% per annum rate increase for next 7 years THAT IS A 10% INCREASE IN RATES EACH YEAR FOR SEVEN YEARS TO COVER THE FINANCIAL DEBT OF CENTRAL COAST COUNCIL (as opposed to the regulated 1-2%)	No	Robyn	Alvarez
1478	I cannot afford increased rates to pay for the incompetence of people who are earning a lot more money than me. I am 62 years old and work full time in a physically challenging job despite chronic arthritis. I believe that I should pay my way - so should these greedy incompetent people who expect ratepayers to finance their mistakes.	No	Janet	Hodges
1479	Confidential	No	Craig	Harrison
1480	Why should Central Coast residents rates be raised to cover the costs of poor Council management? This is ridiculous!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1481	Confidential	No	Bev	Harrison
1482	I oppose the suggested 8% rate increase to commence in the 2021/2022 financial year over and above regulated 1- 2% per annum rate increase for next 7 years, due to the current debt situation of the central coast council. It is a cop out and a simple solution without making the council accountable for their actions.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1483	Residents should not have to suffer for Council's incompetence.!	No	S	Drennan
1484	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1485	I wholeheartedly disagree with any proposed increase in rates due to Councils financial ineptitude.	No	Debbie	Ryan
1486	The Central Coast Council should not be increasing household rates to make up for their mistakes. This is promoting inefficiency!	No	John	Giles
1487	Things are tough enough due to COVID-19!	No	jasmin m	townsend
1488	Confidential	No	Emma	Kirkman
1489	It is very unfair to expect ratepayers to be expected to pay for councils incompetency. The councillors themselves should accept responsibility and take pay cuts until the debt is paid and also be fined.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1490	We should not be responsible for a rate increase due to incompetence. Especially during covid times of employment uncertainty to increase rates by this much is terribly unjust.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1491	I object to this, I should not have to pay for the incompetence and mismanagement by others. I will not be paying.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1492	Confidential	No	Mark	Brown
1493	I don't think it's fair that the residents of the central coast have massive rate increases, way above recommended, to pay for the mistakes of our previous councils.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1494	Confidential	No	Neil	Watson
1495	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1496	I vehemently object to the Central Coast Council's application for an increase in rates above the rate peg. The insolvency of the Central Coast Council was a direct result of the mismanagement by councillors and officers and the ratepayers should not be expected to pay for their misdeeds.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1497	If the voted council cant do their job put someone in that can	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1498	Why should residents pay for bad council management	No	Fay	Cohen
1499	Central coast council has knowingly mismanaged funds for years now. It is unthinkable that residents bail them out with a 10% year on year increase. During the Wamberal storm surge, the council was paying for round the clock craning in of concrete on the dunes. This was a hugely wasteful use of funds that most residents objected to. Suggest a complete halt to all projects and manage this as a financial crisis. Residents already pay very high rates comparative to other council areas. We will not pay for the incompetence of the council. Not fair!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1500	We should not be punished for the mismanagement of council funds. Increasing our rates is completely unfair.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1501	Confidential	No	Julie	Mckim
1502	Our council have grossly mismanaged the funds allocated for the benefit of central coast residents but it appears that poor governance allowed this to take place. It is unfair to penalise residents who have no role to play in this process or power to have prevented this. This is a fundamental principle of good governance. Where are the state government in all of this?	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1503	I was shocked when I relocated to the Central Coast a few years ago that our council rates where higher than what we had previously been paying for with Kurrungai Council for nearly double the size block. A substantial rate increase of the suggested 10% over how ever many years for the residence is ridiculous. The residence of the Central Coast should not be financially burdened by Councils inability to balance their books. It's not our fault they got themselves into so much debt.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1504	Rate payers should not have to bail out Central Coast Council for their mismanagement of funds. I strongly disagree with this application to increase rates by these amounts.	No	Andy	Sinnett
1505	Confidential	No	Garry	Brook
1506	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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1507	Confidential	No	Rachelle	Stewart
1508		No	Jane	Bowtell
1509	I completely object to the extortionate rate increase application by Central coast Council. Rate payers should not be penalised for their ineptitude.	No	Andrew	Heenan
1510	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1511	I object to the proposed rate rise.	No	Haydn	Donnelly
1512	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1513	Confidential	No	Jane	Tame
1514	It is unjust that rate payers should have to pay for the councils incompetence . We will not pay the increases that are proposed	No	Belinda	Talbot
1515	I strongly disagree with the rate increase that Central Coast Council has applied for. As a family of 7 who lost work due to Covid it is not fair to burden the homeowners further due to councils negligence. We cannot afford a large rate increase and would struggle to pay it.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1516	We are not happy with council and suggest that the new rate rise doesnt get approved, when council can spend money on radio advertising and also events, when they are so much in debt	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1517	I object to the rates increase.	No	Jess	Farrugia
1518	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1519	I object to the proposed increase in our rates!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1520	We already pay really high rates. My home is already at 140 per month. We can not have an additional price rise due to their bad business	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1521	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1522	I have always paid my rates on time and am even in front with them and I refuse to pay anymore for the mistakes and mismanagement of the Council.	No	Darien	Stevenson
1523	We are experiencing a pandemic which has already hurt many and will have long running financial hardships for many people in the area into the foreseeable future . We have only just recently had rates go up and to now be forced to pay even more money in rates will be a harsh response due to mismanagement issues by the Council. Why should our residents be forced to pay for mistakes not created by our decisions? For my family I would be paying an extra 10% to continue to not have guttering or adequate drainage. I still wouldn't have green waste, sewerage or town water serviced to my area.	No	Janelle	Swift
1524	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1525	The debts of this council should not be the responsibility of the hard working residents. The state government needs to consider the dire repercussions of these increases on every individual rate payer	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1526	Confidential	No	Catherine	Kylw
1527	Disputing the 10% increase to rates due to central coast mismanagement and asking us to pay for their debt.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1528	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1529	I object to the councils rate rise request through ipart as it is a huge amount requested.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1530	I strongly disagree with the proposed rate increase on the central coast.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1531	We do not consent to the proposed rates increase. We already pay premium rates for a street with no curb and gutter and an unrepaired land slides on the council land in front of our property.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1532	we've already paid our rates not fair that we're expected to pay more to bail out the who wasted our hard earned cash in the first place	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1533	We are a young family living in North Gosford, with a 2 year old daughter, and two small businesses heavily affected by COVID-19 restrictions, we cannot afford the proposed IPART increase to cover Council's mismanagement of funds. Please do NOT approve this amendment, as it will cause even further stress to our community, and to our family. Thank you, Ruth Conwell	No	Ruth	Conwell
1534	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1535	I do not agree to the increase separate these councils go back to Gosford AND Wyong councils individual council systems or fix it people do not deserve wages over & above ridiculous amounts Wyong council was not irreplaceable or corrupted & wyong shire rates payees should it have to foot & pay the bills disgusting	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1536	I strongly disagree with the rate increase. Residents of the CCC should not be held responsible for the appalling financial mismanagement of the Council funds.	No	Amanda	Austin
1537	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1538	Already onerous rates and now trying to make up for councils financial mismanagement.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1539	Totally against this obscene rate rise to cover council incompetence. Workers need more supervision instead of hiding in my street to avoid working.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1540	We, the residents of the Central Coast, are not responsible for the dire mismanagement of councils finances. I will not be paying more in my rates to compensate for their shortcomings. If I spend all my money, I can't apply for a payrise with my employer. We pay more than enough in rates and water bills as it is, Deny this application.	No	Matt	Halliday

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1541	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1542	Rate increase of 10percent for seven years is going to be unaffordable for most people	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1543	<p>Dear Sir / Madam</p> <p>In relation to the proposed 10% increase in the Central Coast Council rates I am lodging my objection and strong outrage that this council would even consider such a penalty on the home owners within our LGA.</p> <p>We all expect a rise in our rates in keeping with inflation but 10% each year for 7 years is a burden that should not be considered..</p> <p>Yours sincerely Terry Coker [REDACTED]</p>	No	Terry	Coker
1544	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1545	Sell of the the councils assets and leave our rates alone. We did not create this situation the councilors did	No	John	Hepburn
1546	Confidential	No	Maxine	Langford
1547	I do not think it's fair that we should have a rate rise due to the Central Coast Councils mis management of the council.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1548	So please do not put our rates up. All councillors need to be sacked without a payout I feel it's completely u fair to give them a payout and increase our rates.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1549	I already pay enough and I strongly disagree that rates should increase, as this is a one income home.	No	Megan	Lodge
1550	We should not have to pay to get the greedy selfish management at CCC out of trouble !!	No	Lexie	Hall
1551	The mismanagement of Central Coast council should not be borne by the residents with a rate increase. As a rate payer I oppose to the planned increase suggested by the council to recoup the loss due to their inability to do their jobs correctly. We the local ratepayers should not suffer and take the brunt of this inexcusable act of Central Coast Council incompetencies.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1552	Please don't increase local council rates. The ratepayers should not have to be penalised for errors made (or crimes committed) by council executives. While the staff who were responsible for the out of control debt still get a generous payout when they are dismissed! Not all of us voted for them.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1553	Residents of the central coast should not be made to pay for the council's mistakes, we didn't overspend the council did and they should be working to find a way to repay the debt without burdening the rate payers. Our council rates are already high, putting more financial strain on the residents could see people moving out of the area and increase homelessness.	No	Tom	Southwood
1554	It would appear the amalgamation occurred however I understand residents and developers in the former Wyong shire deal with the Wyong group and similarly in the former Gosford shire deal with the Gosford team. Please correct me if the is incorrect, regards Tom	No	Annie	Kopp
1555	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1556	As a homeowner on the central coast I do NOT agree to this additional rate rise.	No	Bonnie	Randall
1557	Why should I pay more because my local council was corrupt. Not OK. Not fair. Not Australian.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1558	Confidential	No	Ian	Morris
1559	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1560	Please no more rate rises- we pay more than posh suburbs in Sydney and yet we have no curb and guttering or footpaths. In fact, Tramway Rd is possibly the worst road on the Central Coast. How dare you raise rates because of their careless (corrupt?) spending ?	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1561	I do not agree to pay increased rates up to 10% for the next 7 years to make up for the gross mismanagement of Central Coast council over the past few years.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1562	The councils mismanagement of their funds is deeply concerning and it should not fall to innocent rate payers to recoup the monies they squandered.	No	Elwin	McKee
1563	I object to the rate increase to cover Central Coast Council mismanagement of rate payers funds	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1564	It shouldn't be up to Central Coast ratepayers to bail out a financially inept Council. In saying that, it shouldn't be a cost borne by ratepayers of other Council areas either. I don't know what the answer is but the imbeciles responsible should be held accountable.	No	Rebecca	Armstrong
1565	No rate increase	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1566	The rate increase proposed is completely unfair as the rates on the Central Coast already far exceed rates for any Sydney area. The ratepayers should not bear the brunt of incompetence by the Council	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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1566	Why should we have to pay for the councils [REDACTED] up?	No	Andrew	Oliver
1567	I do not agree to the 8% rate increase for years. Councils debt should not become rate payers debt! No no no. We did not create the debt. Council needs to find another way to pay it back. Cake stalls and sausage sizzles every weekend lol?	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1568	Residents should not be forced to make up this short fall through increased rates.	No	Alexandra	Kinkade
1569	I strongly disagree with the proposed increase to central coast rates. The council has mismanaged funds and it is not the responsibility of the rate payer to 'rescue' them after years of poor (possibly fraudulent) financial management.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1570	This councils poor fiscal management requires more creative planning then ratepayers repaying the councils bad debt. Our family does not have the finances to pay an annual 10% increase in rates for the coming 7 years and beyond. We have a budget and need to stick to it. Having lived here for 6 years most of our suburb has no gutters, no footpaths and the playground has been closed for approximately 6 months outside lockdown closures, for maintenance. They have not followed up on an illegal build for a new house on our street and the huge deficit should have been picked up long before it got so out of hand! Council also makes decisions to profit off public land that don't benefit the wider community, eg a tax office where a community and multipurpose precinct could have attracted more people and businesses.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1571	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1572	No to rate rises	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1573	The Central Coast Council area is one of the highest pensioner areas of any of the council areas of NSW, as such the expendable income is very limited. To ask the residents to fund the financial ineptitude of an incompetent Council is not just. I realise funds need to come from somewhere, but as you would realise this the second time the residents have had to bail out the council in the last ten years. With the financial effects of the Covid-19 shutdowns still being felt in our hip pockets I strongly feel that any request to increase the rates is in-appropriate and unjust and therefore should not be granted. The financial incompetence of any NSW council should be picked-up by the the Department of Local Government at a much earlier stage. Appropriate mandatory reporting mechanisms should be in place to prevent this situation ever occurring anywhere in NSW again. Any management body that operates whilst insolvent usually faces the full brunt of the law and so also should Local Government Councils. Incompetence is no excuse!	No	John	Corbett
1574	No to the proposed rise In rates central coast council have put forward.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1575	I fail to see how drastic mismanagement of funds, and an ill advised merger forced at the state level, is going to be solved by an exponentially massive jump in rates for local home-owners. All this action will do is shift the financial onus for fixing a failing at the goverment level to the electorate.	No	Thomas	Watson
1576	I am opposed to councils application to raise our rates to cover their mistakes. Our rates are high enough. I live on a street with no curb and guttering with pot holes in the road and everytime it rains my property is waterlogged because water can not get away. I don't care about fancy boardwalks and this like that. I have lived on the Central Coast for 30 years now and the council has always been in financial hardship due to miss management. Why do we always have to pay for their incompetence?	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1577	I object to a rate rise due to the incompetence of the council [REDACTED]	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1578	The previous Council members mis-managed the tax payers budget for over 2 years and drove it into deficit of more than \$200m dollars. How to regain financial black hole: 1. All salaries associated with the previous council members should be stopped, this includes supper, salaries, etc. 2. Investigate where the \$200m went. 3. Sell any non-essential properties but ensure the properties are sold at a profit not sold to previous council members at a bargain price. 4. Do not increase rates Central Coast residents have had enough and will not stand for further increase in our rates. S. Calderon	No	S	Calderon
1579	As a rate payer living on a pension and doing the best for my local community I find it outright RUDE that council who has misappropriated funds and basically lined their pockets to cause such a deficit make us pay fir THEIR mistake. Administrator has been appointed to clean up the mess but it's, the high paid, money spending politicians that need to pay back this money. Just looking into their quarterly figures it appears their spending is considerably high especially when we have a lot of low income homeowners in certain parts of the coast. Our hospitals are inadequate, the infrastructure can't sustain the amount of people here as it is and all the applications for developments where are these funds. We need gutters on our roads, waterways cleaned up and maintained not fancy walkways, and buildings that most people don't use. A community committee made up of local businesses and people who know what's really needed and get jobs done cheaper. Just ask Any mother who doesn't have much money and she will have the solutions to stretch the dollar as they have too	No	Maria-Christina	Zotos

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1580	We totally object to being scapegoats for the inefficient running of the council. They should all be held accountable and I hope none are still being paid by council funds	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
	[REDACTED] I am happy for a small increase but not what is being asked for. [REDACTED] and should make up the difference of debt after the first year not 3-4 years down the track. So the public should only pay the first years dept not after that.			
1581	And this is not a high income area this type of rise for home owners is not going to make our financial situations that are not easy now good at all .	No	Stuart	MARTIN
	Despite being a single income family (with no government assistance) we have always paid our rates on time. This has often been a struggle though. If the rates rise again (particularly at the ridiculous amount council want) we will be forced to drop out of our Private Health Insurance (which we rely on as both my husband and I have ongoing health issues) and become a burden on the Public Health system. We have worked hard and managed our limited finances carefully. Why then should we shoulder the burden of a council that couldn't do the same? I cannot understand how the auditors missed what was happening in our Council 3 years running! Where is the accountability? So many people on The Central Coast are financially struggling and I believe that if this increase goes ahead then I fear that the suicide rates may increase.			
1582	Please don't throw the people of The Central Coast under the bus because of a fiscally irresponsible council! We are the victims, not the perpetrators.	No	Karen	Howard
1583	I am extremely disappointed in the way the administration of the council handled it's affairs and the grouse miss conduct of rate payers funds. I oppose any future rate rise to recoup the millions of dollars because of the miss management.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1584	Confidential	No	Jessica	Moody
1585	Our community will not benefit from selling lots of assets then have the hide to raise rates 10% aswell. Sell assets with 2% rate rise. No special levy also.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1586	For such a gross mismanagement of funds, I expect that the hard-working taxpayers would not foot the entire bill. There needs to be some middle ground. How about adjusting the wages within the council for 7 years to compensate for the loss. Disgusting.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1587	Once again residents have to wear the cost of council miss managing its funds	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1588	Confidential	No	Karen	Rippard
	I strongly object to the proposed rate increase due completely to the mismanagement of funds by Central Coast Council. As a rate payer in the [REDACTED] there has been minimal maintenance to our area in YEARS. What am I even paying my current rates for?! Projects in the Gosford shire?? AND harmonisation of rates after the amalgamation is still pending! If there is improvement to our storm water drainage, kerb/guttering, weeding, road/pothole issues and general maintenance to the north end of the Coast- so we can see where our current rates are being spent instead of being ignored- a rate increase may be fair. But to bail out Council's stuff up? NO WAY!!			
1589		No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1590	I strongly oppose the increase in rates above the 2%, this debt was caused through illegal/mismanagement of funds by councillors and I do not believe rate payers should have to pay over and above	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1591	I oppose the additional rate increase as it is only to recoup losses that our local government were allowed to incur, it is not intended to make improvements to our daily lives. Only competent persons should be able to handle such large sums of money and their performance should be reviewed regularly with all spending needing justification. Local residents do not have the ability to assess the ongoing competence of council and should not pay for their mistakes.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1592	I object to the application of a rate increase to supplement the debt of Central Coast Council.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1593	We as residents should not be made to pay our hard earned dollars for the councils bad management	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1594	No Rate Rises. Please remove the corrupt councillors wasting ratepayer money and massive savings can be had there.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1595	We are outraged at the financial mess, general mess and untidiness of our area!	No	Samantha	Schuetze
1596	Confidential	No	Kim	Morris
1597	Disagree with the SV rate increase to rectify the dire financial situation caused by inept council members given authority to misuse funds.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
	As a resident and ratepayer on two properties in the Central Council Council region I appeal to the proposed increase of rates in this region to 10% for the next 7 years. As the rate increase is proposed due to the poor financial management by the current Council, other strategies are required, relating to changes of the council members. The current pandemic and individual changes in ratepayers financial situation is not considered with this increase. How will this increase of 10% be paid by ratepayers during these difficult financial times. This will reduce the money put back Into the central coast businesses adding extra burden on our region already affected by the pandemic. If this increase is approved the current council members need to be replaced by a more competent and accountable team.			
1598	I appreciate your consideration of this unacceptable increase both in amount and time.	No	Michelle	Anderson
1599	I object to the rate rise to recover monies that were mismanaged by incompetence. This in my eyes is another form of theft. I am disgusted that these clowns got away with spending such large amounts of money and do not agree with the unjust increase proposed rise.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1600	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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1601	We are opposed to our rates being increased, just because council miss managed the money we already pay..This has been a tough year, especially in pensioners, so this will.make homes impossible for many to maintain home homeownership. As well ours, like,many other streets, is well below standard, no curb and guttering or paths at our end and bandaid repairs to roads. We did not create this debt, so why are we responsible 😞	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1602	Confidential	No	Jayne	Wilson
1603	As a rate payer, i should not have to foot the bill for incompetence and mis management of my rates. Please do not approve this rate hike.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1604	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1605	Why should the individuals be responsible for the Councils debt ? Why would the NSW minister or local government and his auditors allow this to happen. 1. State Govt finance debt or 2. Council to sell land assets. As would happen with any other bankrupt corporation.	No	Chris	Gallegos
1606	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1607	We will not increased rates,because of councils miss management	No	Bevan	Talbot
1608	We the people do not consent to a rate rise for Central Coast residents whether that be to pay for the mismanagement of Council funds or the mismanagement of State Government in their overseeing of Local government. There are far reaching considerations of what this will mean in the social costs, the trickle down effect and increases in homelessness, the effect on businesses-less consumers - higher prices, increased desperation & crime and general downward spiral of this area. The majority of residents on Central Coast are already doing it tough, we have the highest incidences of suicide in the country, some of the highest unemployment rates in the state, a high percentage of aged pensioners who already choose between bills and food and people who work hard and pay high taxes for the privilege of being slaves to governments poorly run, greed driven economic system. The Central Coast already has so many social and economic issues - we don't need these increasing as a cumulative outcome of rate rises. We do not consent, we do not approve of any Council rate rises or any other publicly owned amenity rises.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1609	We cannot afford any increase as we are struggling due to covid already. I highly object to this increase.	No	Lee-Anne	Fay
1610	I strongly object to the proposed rate increase. Why should we pay for the council's incompetence.	No	Lilania	Kershaw
1611	The current rates increase proposed is significant and unmanageable for a large number of residents. The council is seeking to increase revenue after failing to manage the income they have.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1612	COUNCIL SHOULD NOT BE ABLE TO INCREASE RATES ABOVE THE APPROVAED iPART VALUE, DUE TO POOR MANAGEMENT OF IT FIANANCES	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1613	We should not have to increase our rates due to the council's mismanagement of funds. I totally disagree with this and feel there needs to be another way.	No	Jody	Francis
1614	No.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1615	I don't support a rate variation for Central Coast council. They have mismanaged funds already.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1616	It seems draconian and completely unfair that the ratepayers of the Central Coast have to help fund the poor performance of government officials. The financial executives would have been aware of the looming financial position for some time and in choosing to do nothing about it (or making extremely poor decisions re: suitable interventions) is not something that should be 'buck passed' to the ratepayers. I strongly disagree with the councils request to increase rates to cover their poor financial and operational management. I suggest there should be some form of financial assistance from State Government to cover immediate shortfalls and then close mentoring of this council as they work their way through the disaster they have created.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1617	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1618	We shouldn't have to pay for their miss management. We don't get our money's worth now, so why should we pay more. We probably won't be able to pay our rates of this happens. Lots of people just don't pay their rates now, and nothing is done about it, Council should have been more proactive in dealing with these people. This has been a really hard year,pensioners not getting their interest they need, we don't need it made harder. Pensioners should be exempt from.All increased, have paid taxes and rates all our lives.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1619	I as a disabled pensioner can not afford to have an increase in my rates. I barely have enough money left from my pension after paying rates, mortgage, gas, electricity and essential services to feed myself and my companion animals. My home is needing repairs and I can not afford to have things fixed. I definitely do not support the increase in rates. The members of the council that have caused this debt and used trust funds for infrastructure should be held accountable.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1620	I am firmly against a rate increase for central coast residents. It is not our responsibility to bail out a board of incompetent members who failed dismally at managing their bottom line. Find an alternative solution to the problem your created, not us.	No	Kristin	Bamford

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	To whom it may concern: It is absolutely despicable and unethical that CCC pass the results of their financial incompetencies onto its residents who played no part in the creation .of this colloidal debt. Why should we have to pay for their blatant disregard of rules, regulations and conscience? This surely cannot happen. Regards, [REDACTED]			
1621		No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1622	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1623	A 10% increase is extremely unreasonable	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1624	The impact a rate rise will have on my family will be financially crippling for us. This proposal should not be allowed.	No	Rachel	Schulz
	This is an obscene request and cannot be allowed. Due to no fault of the rate payers and an incompetent council we are being asked to pay for their shortfalls. [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. This should never have been allowed to happen and all involved should bear the brunt not the			
1625	innocent rate payers of the area who placed their faith in the duty of care they should be able to expect	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1626	We should not have an increase in our rates to pay for someone else's error!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
	The proposed increase put forward by central coast council is absolutely outrageous. During a time when people are still trying to recover financially from the setbacks that 2020 has			
1627	provided, the fact that they expect ratepayers to bail them out of the atrocious financial mess they have got themselves into is disgusting. The proposed increase cannot be approved!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1628	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1629	Why should we have a rate increase when the council have done the wrong thing. I am so angry about this.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
	No rate rise. As a rate payer - Why should we have to pay for the incompetencies and possibly criminal actions of the Council? It is already impossible to meet the costs of everyday living with a family and young children.			
1630	WE CANNOT AFFORD A RATE RISE!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
	I cannot afford a rate rise. The cost of living is already very difficult to manage.			
1631	NO RATE RISE	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
	Please understand, a 10% rate rise will send many households (mine included) to the point of deciding which bills to pay vs which meals to miss. We have had rate rises above the pegged amount in the past, and the outcome has never been as promised. Enough is enough. Get the money somewhere else.			
	Thanks, [REDACTED]			
1632		No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1633	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1634	Residents of the Central Coast have no control over who manages the various programs run by Council and therefore should not have to pay for Councils sloppy budget management.	No	Kim	Walshe
1635	Council should be held responsible for their failures. Locals should not have to bare the brunt of their inadequacy.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1636	Confidential	No	Myf	Pilon
1637	Central Coast Council should be held responsible for their management of funds and not be allowed to pass on a further increase to property owners via rates.	No	alison	howard
1638	I object to the special variation of our council rates	No	Michael	Milne

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	<p>Dear Executive Chair - Central Coast Council,</p> <p>Thank you for taking the time to review this correspondence.</p> <p>I have lived on the Central Coast for 25 years and a rate payer for 12 years.</p> <p>During this time I have always believed in paying rates and the services this income for the council(s) pays for.</p> <p>If I'm being honest, having discussions with associates who work for the council, they tell a story of a work place with no accountability, theft of council equipment by workers, filling of fuel cans to use in private cars - the list could go on.</p> <p>Why are we as local law abiding citizens being punished with the incompetency of Gosford Council.</p> <p>We are struggling as it is with high rates, high water charges and poor roads and drainage.</p> <p>How can the simplest excel workbook not show the issue? Income coming in, payments going out.</p> <p>Perhaps an emergency loan from the state or federal governments?</p>			
1639	Let's not punish honest, reliable, hard working rate payers.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1640	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1641	It is not up to ratepayers to be used as cash cows to prop up a council that should never been amalgamated.the state gov created this mess let them fund it	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1642	Confidential	No	Graeme	Howarth
1643	Poor mismanagement & the inability to "count" should not penalize us rate payers from years to come. Sell off more assets to cover the debt	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1644	I object to any increase to Councils proposed rates increase.	No	Timothy	Grogan
	<p>No way</p> <p>Are you kidding!</p> <p>We have been hit by floods, storms and everything in between and council made zero effort to help, so I don't see why rate payers now need to give them more money. They got</p>			
1645	themselves in debt because the people running the council are incompetent.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1646	I object to any council rates increases. Families do not need the extra financial stress that this would bring.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1647	I oppose the rise for rates applied for by central coast council. Their poor management shouldn't cost rate payers.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1648	I object to the Central Coast Councils application for an extra 8% rate increase to commence in the 2021/2022 financial year above the IPART regulated 1- 2% per annum rate increase for next 7 years due to their financial mismanagement of council funds. This essentially would mean a 10% increase in rates for Central Coast residents each year for seven years to cover the financial debt of central coast council!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1649	Residents should not have to pay for the council's mismanagement in spending restricted funds. Residents should not be accountable for the fact that council over spends and hires unnecessary staff .	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1650	I have lived in [REDACTED] for 45 years to see our roads curbs and side walks neglected. When we amalgamated Wyong was in the black not like Gosford, which became our main area council. I am now a pensioner and can't really afford to pay any extra rates and really why should I. All these years of paying my way to be told I have to pay for [REDACTED] wasting our money to feather mates and their own pockets. Make them sell some of their assets to help fund the errors. Rate payers have done no wrong	No	Paula	Sheppard
1651	We the rate payers shouldn't have to suffer an increase just because the council couldn't do their job properly ☹️	No	Leonie	Boyd
1652	Confidential	No	Lynne	Groves
1653	As a rate payer on the central coast NSW i am very upsett that our rates could rise by 10 percent each year. We the rate payers are not reponsable for the huge debt that council now have. This would cause hardship to myself and many other ratepayers so please don't allow this to happen.	No	Barbara	Hughes
1654	The consideration of a rate payer increase of this amount is outrageous and shows that Council is not there for the ratepayer. We have for so many years been with such an incompetent Council and in order to claw back funds this is their conclusion. Other avenues can be explored, remove people from Council jobs that stand around all day and do nothing. Don't make us hard working people pay for the incompetence of others. Values on land has also been over stated to gain extra funds, this should be looked at before %increaes imposed year on year, what and I going to get for the increase, just another bad council who will wast money again. Such and embarrassment.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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	We CANNOT afford our rates to go up as high as has been requested over the next 7 years. I have 2 small children and moved to the Coast from the city for many reasons including that is a cheaper lifestyle.			
1655	<div></div> but was at the helm of this horrid situation but someone like me who works hard will struggle to pay these increases.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1656	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1657	Confidential	No	Karen	Merrin
1658	More controlled spending and less waste would be a far better option than just grabbing more cash. I can tell you I won't be paying it!	No	Adam	Weinert
	Totally object to Rate payers having to clear up the Council's mess.. lots of Seniors will never be able to afford the increase It is appalling that we, the Rate payers are expected to pay for the Councils underhand/and illegal spending of Ratepayers money			
1659	Get the Directors to pay back and reduce the Directors to 3 NOT 6 and definetly not 9 as currently is.. sell off assets	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1660	Why	No	John	Kirk
1661	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1662	I am a single person, already struggling to make ends meet, and I don't believe I deserve to suffer more financially due to the incompetence of mishandling funds by our local council.	No	Christa	Bradley
1663	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1664	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1665	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1666	Confidential	No	Margaret	Gallagher
1667	Confidential	No	Dayna	Towers
1668	I disagree with an increase in rates to homeowners on the central coast above the set rate of 2%. At no time were we given a say on how so much money was spent/overspent, & I strongly believe we should not be held accountable for the debt. I do not consent to any rate rise above the standard fixed rate.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1669	Please do not raise rates by 10% as what is being suggested by Central Coast Council- we cannot afford that, I doubt most people in this area can afford such a ludicrous raise in rates as what is being suggested. Also, please note council are not fulfilling their duties properly anyway - most suburbs are still waiting for paths, proper guttering etc.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1670	Confidential	No	Anthony	Penny
1671	We already pay high rates and should not be punished for the incompetence of the management staff of central coast council. This needs to stop, by removing the people responsible - not the councillors or the actual staff doing their jobs. Sell assets and streamline the business rather than charging coasties more.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1672	I would like to strongly object to the proposed increase in rates by Central Coast Council to make up for a short fall in their budget created by their own incompetence. There has been no improvement in roads or services in Forresters Beach. We have filthy potholed roads, few footpaths and no bike lanes. Sewer and waste charges have gone up significantly, rates have to increased due to higher land values, and I can see absolutely no justification for their proposed increases. Sincerely Dr Luke Timmermans <div></div>	No	Luke	Timmermans
1673	This is the rate payers money the council have stolen and abused. They should be held accountable to pay all moneys back to the rate payers and they all should be sacked and replaced by people who have the rate payers interest at the forefront. The central coast is a disgrace. There are so many areas the really need work but have been left lacking. We already pay high rates as it is and the 10% increase will send a lot of families without homes as they won't be able to afford it!	No	Pauline	Farrell
1674	Because of mismanagement by this council they want the rate payer to bail them out. They shouldn't have touched the restricted funds. I am an old age pensioner who by the way didn't get the CPI this year. I am paying my house off and I just can't afford to pay a 10% rate hike because of Councils mismanagement of the surplus they use to have. If this 10% rate hike for the next seven years goes ahead, I will be forced to sell my home which I am still paying off. I am 70 years of age and I'm having trouble now making the rate payments. I am supposed to be enjoying my retirement not paying for a Council which mismanaged rate money and who were completely incompetent. The fact of the matter is, if this rate hike goes ahead for the next seven years, I'll be better off dead as I won't be able to live off my pension that I worked for, for 50 years to get.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1675	I am opposed to Central coast council rate rise due to them being inept at managing financials.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1676	Confidential	No	Alex	Teseo

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	It's the Council's ineptitude that caused this, not its long suffering residents. Start by sacking the lot of them and culling their shovel leaning bludger workers. Sell councils assets first.			
1677	It's their mess not ours.	No	Ron	Lecky
1678	Confidential	No	Jazz	Barnes
1679	<p>Dear lpart,</p> <p>I strongly oppose the increase to our rates as these current Councillors have proven their ineptitude, and I pass a complete no confidence vote in their ability to rectify again with my money this dire unprecedented situation we all find ourselves in!</p> <p>I do not consent to a rate rise for Central Coast residents whether that be to pay for the "mismanagement" of Council funds or the mismanagement of State Government in their oversight of Local government. There are far reaching considerations of what this will mean to the social costs; the ripple effect and increases in homelessness, the effect on businesses- less consumers - higher prices, increased desperation & crime and general downward spiral of this area. The majority of residents on the Central Coast are already doing it tough, as we have the highest incidences of suicide (one occurred at the recent construction site at James Browne Woy Woy sporting oval complex additions) in the country, some of the highest unemployment rates in the state, a high percentage of aged pensioners who already choose between bills and food and people who work hard and pay high taxes for the privilege of being slaves to governments poorly run, greed driven economic gouging system. The Central Coast already has so many social (drug concerns which need strong Harm & Policy Responses: https://www.aph.gov.au/About_Parliament/Parliamentary_Departments/Parliamentary_Library/Publications_Archive/archive/illicitdrugs not the selling off of our hard fought assets in fire sales, which could result in the unrepresentation of much needed infrastructure which is required on the Peninsula and displays I allege CCC's culpable negligence in committing this non-compliant and unregulated "mismanagement of funds") and economic issues - we don't need these issues flaring further as a cumulative outcome of rate rises. We do not consent and we do not approve of any Council rate rises or any other publicly owned amenity rises.</p> <p>I believe strongly in not rewarding these current Councillors (I allege they should be sacked as they have proven their incompetence at this major task at hand) the ability to continue this flagrant disregard for our hard fought and earned resources, funds and infrastructure on the Peninsula and at Gosford which is touted as the capital of the Central Coast!</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration of this important matter that lies now in your jurisdiction to assist in rectifying this matter for all parties involved.</p> <p>██████████</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1680	Previously sent but forgot to put my details due to the fact I'm extremely upset by this matter.	No	John	Mortimer
1681	No rate increase	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1682	Do not price hike our Rates for Central Coast NSW / due to miss-management, sue the people responsible -	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1683	Confidential	No	Stephen	Hogg
	Rates should only be increased in line with the CPI.			
1684	The residents of the Central Coast should not be punished for the total incompetence of the Council's management. These are the people who should be held accountable.	No	Teena	Markulin
1685	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1686	Why should us rate payers pay more for the idiots that ran the council Hasn't it been a hard enough year .	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1687	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1688	I strongly disagree with a 8-10% rate rise. The residents of the central coast should not be be penalised for bad and incompetent financial management by the council	No	Ellissa	Cook
1689	To whomever it may concern I am among the many who object to the proposed rate rise for the Central Coast to re coup the monetary mismanagement by the council. My objection is based on I do not believe Council is delivering a satisfactory service for the current level of rates paid. Our local area is neglected and even a simple thing such as an afternoon walk with the family becomes treacherous and dangerous due to basic maintenance neglect of council owned pathways and equipment.I can provide photographs if required.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1690	Disgusted we ratepayers have to cough up for organisational incompetent ance! I object!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1691	It's disgusting that the people should have to cover this. How could this happen?	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1692	I am appalled to hear of a proposed 10% rates increase for Central Coast residents over 7 years for the purpose of bailing out our local government officials following gross mismanagement of the community's funds. How is this a fair and equitable solution? Some of the regions residents struggle financially day to day, especially as a result of COVID-19. If this proposal is approved, it sends a very poor message to the community that injustice is rife within the government decision makers. The people responsible for this gross debt are the ones who should be held accountable for repayment!!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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1693	We did not ask for amalgamation and have had no knowledge of what was happening through council since the process started. We do not agree with the fact that we are now paying for councils incompetence when we have done the right thing and paid our rates when due every time. Please reconsider passing on this unfair rate rise as we do not believe we should be punished for a lack of knowledge of how to budget council funds.	No	Donna and Eric	Peck
1694	Current financial crisis requires a total restructure of central coast council. Any further financial burden placed onto rate payers should be a last resort and will have a significant impact on the economic recovery of local businesses. When national economic policy is trying to stimulate this excessive rate increase will only decrease spending and place undue financial hardship on home owners already struggling from the covid 19 shutdown and recession. With current low interest rates a capable and efficient council should be able to implement and manage a repayment plan that does not rely on using the ratepayer as an insurance policy for gross mismanagement and negligence by council.	No	Phil	Owens
1695	Why do rate payers have to be penalized with an increase to their rates for the bad management of the Central Coast Council. These matters should have been detected prior to the amalgamation of the councils concerned. Rate payers are not at fault so why are we now accountable. For What. Please explain	No	Shelley	Cutugno
1696	Your significant proposed rate increase will leave my young family scraping by trying to pay our mortgage. We shouldn't have to suffer for your mismanagement of our money.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1697	Why should residents have to pay for government miss management of funds. Typical government organisation that requires bailing out	No	Pete	Mortimer
1698	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1699	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1700	I do not agree with Tax payers incurring a rate rise to pay for our council ill handling of funds	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1701	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1702	The fact that Central Coast Council has grossly mis managed our funds should not mean that we the rate payer should have to pay rates at a ridiculously higher percentage increase than other council areas. Our funds haven't been properly spent to begin with, and then we are being asked to fund a massive rate hike to compensate for the inadequacies of certain individuals. Unnecessary spending should be cut immediately and those responsible should be held accountable for their actions & compensate us to the full extent of the law. ☹	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1703	No curb guttering or roads fixed in my area. Storm water bursting every few weeks. Now we are meant to pay fir the mismanagement of funds?? It's a disgrace.	No	Katie	Austin
1704	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1705	The rates increase is absolutely ridiculous!!! The central coast residents aren't the [REDACTED] who made the mess so why should we be made to fix it! In 7 years time people won't be able to afford to live on the central coast!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1706	Confidential	No	Zane	Neill
1707	Why should we pay for this organisations' inability to conduct its finances properly? Total ineptitude doesn't deserve a bail out by us.	No	Ben	Jenkins
1708	This council has been subject to major fiscal misadministration by employed council executives & elected councillors. As a ratepayer, I object strenuously to being asked to stomach rate rises above the IPART rate peg until such time as reparations are sought from the relevant miscreants who caused the problem. Said reparations could & should involve seizure & sale of assets, withholding of termination payouts and any other means necessary.	No	Michael	Lee
1709	As a rate payer, I object to an increase in my rates to recover money mismanaged by Central Coast council. As yet we have not been advised of how and who is responsible for the mismanagement, and if those same people will be responsible for managing the finances going forward. The Central Coast already pay high rates. It is an area with a large amount of pensioners and people from lower socioeconomic backgrounds who should not be pushed further into disadvantage. Failure has occurred at management levels across the Council and until processes are strengthened to prevent a recurrence, a rate rise should not be granted.	No	J	Malcolm
1710	i disapprove the intended rate rise by central coast council. the central coast housing market will die. people will move away. we have a lot of families on the coast that rely on the building industry in the local government area. they will have to travel for work and probably move away as well	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1711	Do not raise our rates!! Shocking ineptitude from the cc council to be in this position	No	Daniel	Donovan
1712	This is Outrageous, why are we paying for mismanagement of this Council. The Merging of Two Councils into one was a huge mistake in the first place.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1713	Mismanagement of funds is not the rate payers responsibility to fix.	No	Gregoru	Potts
1714	Why are we being punished for funding Gosford Councils bad management and debts from merging. Wyong was doing alot better than it now with Gosford pulling it down.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1715	I strongly object to residents paying council mens errors and lies	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1716	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1717	I object strongly to the proposal that rates be increased at any level above the standard 2%. It is wholly unfathomable and unforgivable that residents be expected to pay (massively) for the enormous errors made by the central coast council	No	Kate	Winters
1718	The increase requested is excessive. Wyong council always managed well. Amalgamating with Gosford who could never manage their money is the problem, we don't see why we should pay to fix up a problem caused by the forced Amalgamation. This council is too big and needs to be separated again. The state government should not expect us (Wyong), to pay for a mistake they made.	No	Robin	Miller

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	<div></div> . The residents of the central coast should not be held liable to the atrocity that is the financial mismanagement of the council members.			
1719	The council/government caused it, it should be up to them to fix it. I will not be paying any rates increases outside of CPI, as it's a miscarriage of justice and criminal to punish the residents whilst the criminals get away with it.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1720	The application for variation made by central coast is extremely excessive and well above the agreed 2% I strongly disagree with their application and would appreciate further information on processes available to stop the application	No	Glen	Hogan
1721	I can't afford to pay my rates now but can't if it goes up by 10% increase. Why should the people pay for the miss management of the merger of two councils when Gosford was already in the <div></div> before the merge	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1722	This is an absolutely disgusting submission by the central coast council. This is an unfair and unjust tax on rate payers for years of council incompetence. The local community will fee the effects as households like ours struggle further to make ends meet this will include spending on take away and other small businesses.	No	Bradley	McKenna
1723	This council needs to stop spending our money. I totally disagree with a rate rise. This means that the people are being punished for councils amalgamation and the huge debt they created by mismanagement. Throwing more money at this problem will not stop it from happening again Central coast council should now work on a needs not wants system. If we desperately need something then we get it. If we only want fireworks ,new signs ,vehicles and new equipment then we don't get it. This council area called central coast council needs to stop spending money on anything but maintenance until this debt is repayed. If the community or groups in the community want something they will have to raise the money by other means. This includes any more surveys, signs and new vehicles.	No	Mark	Stone
1724	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1725	Confidential	No	Julie	Dlugosz
1726	The suggested rate increase (exceeding the standard 2%) will put so many families on the Central Coast under serious financial strain, mine included. It seems like a gross injustice, when the incompetence of the local council to manage their funding should result in so many local families struggling to make ends meet.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1727	Confidential	No	Adam	Montgomery
1728	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1729	I vehemently oppose the increase to rates requested by Central Coast Council. Rate payers should not be em required to pay more because of the incompetence of the Council.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1730	No way should we pay extra, we own properties in both Gosford & Wyong so a double hittonus. sell off the assests that they don't need & cut back on the so called councillors wages who got us into this mess.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1731	No rate increase If incompetent people were not on our council we would not have this problem	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1732	I don't believe rate players should have to suffer from an increase due to the council's lack of competence in financial budgeting	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1733	Mismanagement should not be a reason to lift rates. The state should guarantee the debt and the council trade out through cutting services. I object.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1734	Given the current economic situation in Australia it would be inappropriate to enforce a rise in rates above the current guidelines to council. Ratepayers should not bear the burden of mismanagement by previous administrations. Avenues to reduce costs and seek additional funding should be investigated.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1735	I do not support an increase in my rates.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1736	The Central Coast is an affordable option currently for young families and retirees. Please do not make this an impossible reality for so many families who play such an important role in our community.	No	Katie	Montgomery
1737	Central Coast Council is attempting to raise rates by up to 10% for Seven years as a direct result of thier mismanagement. In no way should the residents of the Central Coast be forced to pay for the mistakes of our council. This is absurd, and outright theft.	No	Micah	Weekes
1738	Confidential	No	Tierney	Grice
1739	I vehemently oppose the idea that we the rate payers of the Central Coast should pay up to 10% rate rise to make up for the diabolical situation that this council has created .These individuals should have criminal charges brought against them .	No	Jennifer	Hartich
1740	All I keep hearing is how we need to make more affordable housing. This will drive up rents, drive people to sell and leave people homeless. Stop trying to make the rate payers pay for your mistakes!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1741	Confidential	No	Geoffrey	Johnson
1742	Confidential	No	Chloe	Cassidy
1743	On the list of services provided by the CCC the only service we enjoy is sewerage and waste pick up. We do not have kerb and guttering, our road is continually full of holes which are repaired in a very hap hazard manner only to pop out next rainfall. We save our storm water to two tanks in the garden from our house and carport. But we pay for stormwater. We are pensioners and although we do get a discount the strain on our finances is hard to manage as it is. My husband and I do not see why they can double dip and expect us to get them out of the trouble they have created by their mismanagement. So therefore I strongly object to this very unfair rate rise.	No	Kay	Radford

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	Council rates are high enough already, and as you are now no doubt aware, our council cannot be trusted to be financially responsible. Increasing their allowance wil just give them more mony to waste.			
1744	Moreover, increasing rate caps when people are already suffering from lost work / loss of revenue / wage reductions or freezes as a result of covid is kicking us when we're down. It increases the cost of living which has already gone up as a result of price increases in the private sector flowing on from the 2019/2020 bushfires and covid shortages.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1745	I oppose the extra 6% raise in rates due to financial mismanagement. The council should recoup the money without punishing the people of the central coast for the poor desisions of a few	No	Nicholas	Cassidy
1746	The residents of the central coast will be paying for the financial incompetence of the council which seems unreasonable given the fact that we have little say in how the money is spent.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1747	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1748	Reduce the high flyers at council wages by 8-10 per cent and see how they feel	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1749	Confidential	No	Roslyn	Donohoe
1750	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1751	This will be unafforable for so many, particularly single imcome households. The low socio economics.of the coast combined with high costs of commuting to work for so many. This is not possible!!!!!!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1752	How about council give something back for once.instead of linking there own pockets personally	No	Craig	Hall
1753	I vehemently oppose the projected Central Coast Council rate rise of 10% because of the diabolical situation that this present council has managed to achieve in a short time . The persons who managed to pull the wool over everyone's eyes should have criminal charges brought against them. Why should rate payers have to pay for this council's incompetence ? This is a slap in the face for all the residents of the Central Coast . This council can't even fix our roads ,potholes etc . In my opinion they should all be sacked . Very concerned resident Jennifer Hartich	No	Jennifer	Hartich
1754	The future rate rise proposal (of 10% per annum) is a disgrace! We should not have to pay back the money & debt the dire central coast council has created, as a result of the total mismanagement of the council operations. Very frustrated local resident.	No	Aaron	Bolte
1755	The CC Council should not be permitted to raise rates in order to dig themselves out if a financial hole that is not the fault of the ratepayers. This rate rise will cause significant financial hardship to not only rate payers but renters who will see rents rise as a result. CC residents already suffer from a poorly managed council that prioritises wealthier suburbs for amenities. Why should ordinary working people bail out the council [REDACTED]? This is an egregious snd unfair solution to the problem.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1756	How are we, the Central Coast residents, meant to afford such a huge rate rise year after year? We should not be punished nor liable for the earth shatteringly Huge financial hole dug out by the disgraceful Mis-Management Team.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1757	General citizens and householders were not the beneficiaries of Central Coasts Councils mismanagement of finances. A more targeted solution should be sought. Exorbitant rate hikes are not the answer here.	No	Matt	Adams
1758	Confidential	No	Annabel	Cockerton
1759	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1760	I would like to object the reform for 8% increase to the current rates for Central Coast Council denizens as opposed to a normal increase of 1-2% per annum which is due to commence from 2021-22, because of poor financial situation now facing by the Council, secondary to irresponsible mismanagement of available resources. The Council cannot and shall not hold it's residents to be liable to pay for it's apparent losses due to own actions.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1761	I object. To exorbitant rare rises.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1762	An investigation into the Central Coast council!! Corrupt! Absolutely	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1763	It is not fair for the rate payers, who have been paying their rates on time every quarter without fail, to cover mistakes made by the people who they trusted to use those funds appropriately.	No	David	Potter
1764	Why should residents have to pay for council stuff up. We already have higher than average rates, it's absolutely appalling	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1765	Completely against a rate increase for Northern end of council area as debts in the main from insolvent Gosford City Council pre merger under govt pressure.The previous Wyong council was in a sound financial position and had a strong Balance sheet it is abhorrent that rate payers in old Wyong area should suffer any disadvantage from any council that we had no say in electing.The Liberal appointed administrators only interest will be to cover for a corrupt govt and previous Gosford LNP controlled council.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1766	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1767	No to extra rate rise	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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1768	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1769	Not paying above normal 2% why do ratepayers have to pay for council and councillors total incompetence who couldn't in council see the ballooning debt and raised a red flag before it got to \$109 million dollars	No	Gary	Overall
1770	To whom it may concern I strongly object to a rate increase for the residents of the Central Coast. I am so angry that it looks like we will be made to fund the absolute incompetence of those who did not do the job they were paid to do. Ratepayers DO NOT DESERVE THIS. Regards [REDACTED]	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1771	While I understand that standard rate rises occur, the fact that the Central Coast Council has requested an 8% rate rise for 7 years plus the additional standard 2% increase - 10% year on year for at least 7 years is absolutely appalling. Why should the rate payers have to cover the loss of funds that occurred due to mismanagement and neglect by our so called elected officials. This has been going on since the Wyong and Gosford councils amalgamated, so why wasn't it picked up sooner? Now the surplus Wyong council funds have been used to subsidise things at the other end of the coast which Wyong ratepayers will barley use or have access to. Seperate the councils and go back to the way things were prior to the amalgamation. Please do the right thing by ratepayers.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1772	Why should rate payers of the central coast be penalised for the council being in debt by 565million. It's their mistake not mine so why should I be penalised.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1773	Hi, I object to council increasing my rates because of incompetence. The state government can bail out th council. This is not something rate payers should do because a few individuals could not adequately manage a budget based on simple income vs expenditure . The terrigal haven walk is a prime example of something that did not NEED to be built. That money was wasted. Hence the hundren million deficit. Sack all council management.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1774	Central coast council has not represented its community well by not completing the amalgamation and consolidating resources. The local community should not be negatively impacted either by increased rates on a forced merger the local community had no say in. Any additional rate increase above 2% should be rejected.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1775	Disgusting that they are even thinking of increasing our rates so high, to cover their incompetence, and never get anything in return for what we have paid already over many years	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1776	Confidential	No	Elizabeth	Miller
1777	I feel strongly that residents should not be responsible for paying of obvious mismanaged funds, fair enough the merger cost a lot due to Gosford council already being in massive debt and should of been taken into account with any major financial decisions, but the balance of debt is huge and would have been quite obvious on the P&L statement way before this was announced, this would not happen in corporate business, it's not an oversight this massive amount of money, inept and mismanagement caused this and the public is not responsible, government is, you pay for it, I am not.	No	Peter	Andrews
1778	[REDACTED] His severance should be forfeited and the additional revenue taken from someone who can afford it.	No	Brendan	Jones
1779	No increase in rates. Make the people responsible for the debt to pay it off themselves.	No	Mark	Richards
1780	This increase is more than I can afford .	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1781	No rates increase! Unfair to have the people pay for Councils incompetence.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1782	We are yet to have accountability for how or record debt occurred. How do we not know this overspend for reduced returns will not continue. We seem to have lots of glitzy tourist attractions, yet we struggle for simple must haves like kerb and guttering and paths to make it safe to move around our existing suburbs. For the elderly, disabled and parents with prams this is a disgrace.	No	Wayne	Burcher
1783	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1784	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1785	This is completely unfair of the Central Coast Council to do this to residents. Those who were in power should be held responsible, not us!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1786	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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1787	The residents should not be punished for the errors of the council. A bailout at a state or national level is needed. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] The question should not be “what” did the council do to lose so much money and leave us in this state. The question should be “how” can a council be given the freedom and lack of monitoring to allow it to get to this state. What other local councils are half way to this point right now? Prevention is better than cure. Rip out the problem root and stem.	No	R.	Boag
1788	The central coast council has made such a mess of its finances it’s going to ask for an additional 8% in rates next year. This is completely unfair on the public who are not the ones who created the mess & personally I always pay my rates on time so don’t think I should be penalised for their shoddy decisions [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1789	Ratepayers should not have to suffer for Council ineptitude. Councillors allegedly being unaware, [REDACTED] [REDACTED], particularly considering many of the Counsellors have been in office before. In these current tough times it would be unconscionable to allow such an ongoing rise above the standard.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1790	I do not support raising rates for property owners to cover mismanagement/theft of funds from the rate payers of the Central Coast. Each member/ employee who had any access to those funds should have to answer where the money has gone and they should be individually analysed, personally and professionally. When the person/s are found they should be made to pay it back with interest and jailed. We should not have to pay for their dishonesty!!	No	Debbie	Attard
1791	This is truly disgusting, how dare they propose a 10% increase on taxes for the next 7yrs solely due the ineptitude of the current council to be financial responsible. With our nation already struggling under a global pandemic, people have lost their jobs, incomes, lives and homes, and our local councils response is to raise taxes 10%?? This ludicrous gouging of hard working, tax paying Australians should not be allowed to stand!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1792	I protest the proposed rate rises. The rate hike will be a burden on our already struggling home owners. It is unreasonable to expect our rate payer families to pick up the debts of council’s poor management. A small rise would be reasonable of up to 3%.	No	Cynthia	Burgess
1793	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1794	"Due to the current councils dire financial state, the council has applied to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) for an 8% rate increase to commence in the 2021/2022 financial year; this is in addition to the IPART regulated 1 - 2% per annum rate increase for the next 7 years." If this is the case it would hike up the rates 94.87% from current levels. This problem was not caused by ratepayers, but by those in charge of finances at the Central Coast Council. This did not develop overnight, but over some years. (The persons responsible should be brought before the courts on criminal charges, just like company directors would, and be held personally liable). For this reason I do not agree that rates are increased by the additional 8% p.a. and IPART should NOT APPROVE this request.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1795	Flatly REFUSE to pay for incompetence	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1796	I’m not comfortable with my family going without to pay for the council’s corruption and mismanagement.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1797	This is un-lawfull If I make a mistake at work I have to pay for it. The councillors should be jailed for deceit and fraud	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1798	My family objects the rate rise, we are struggling to make ends meet, this will potentially leave our family of 6 homeless	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1799	All due respect. But this is an absolute joke. Did someone run off and join the circus?	No	Sarah	Cozens
1800	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1801	As a rate payer of 45 years I strenuously object to the projected increase in central coast 2021/2022 rates of 10% to repay the debt caused by the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] senior management of council. I suggest you look to them for the millions of dollars of rate payer funds they squandered whilst holding those positions of trust.	No	Dianne	Hawkins
1802	The residents of the central coast council are NOT responsible for the negligence of the former council. We should not have to pay for their poor behaviour and mismanagement.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1803	Confidential	No	Michelle	Reid
1804	The proposed 8% increase in rates by the embattled Central Coast is extreme and will place significant financial stress on a high number of local residents, many of which have already been impacted significantly this year after the pandemic, and some still recovering from fires and floods which began 2020. This cannot be allowed to happen. How can it be up to the residents to fix the councillors bad decisions?!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1805	Confidential	No	Paul	McKenzie
1806	Rates should not be increased as a result of council financial mismanagement. The 2 percent increase is understandable to keep council services however anything additional is unacceptable. Instead of rate rises the people responsible for the mismanagement of the council should be accountable not rate payers	No	Beverley	Small
1807	A rate rise for the central coast is disgraceful and unacceptable!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1808	This proposed rate increase is unfair and over the top. Why should the ratepayers of the Central Coast have to bail out Council for their inept financial mismanagement. I was attached to the Wyong Shire prior to the merger with Gosford and they knew how to operate correctly. Shame on you Central Coast Council	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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1809	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1810	I disagree that council should be able to increase our rates, particularly in the current situation where the council has been unethical, misappropriated council monies and broken the local communities trust. Why do we the local rate payers have to pay for their dishonesty and mistakes. [REDACTED] councillors should be liable to fix this mess	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1811	We should t have to pay as ratepayers for mistakes made by a inept council and mistakes made by governments merger of two councils .	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1812	I think this is ludicrous. There's no way we should have to pay for our councils failures and a 70% increase in the next 7 years would send me bankrupt!!	No	Alec	Mills
1813	Having an rate increase of 10% each year won't only put myself under a lot more pressure but a lot of others. Our rates will be dramatically higher than ever before but our property value isn't. Our roads aren't getting fixed. Our sewer is always having trouble. Why should I pay more for nothing to happen. It works out to be roughly an extra \$400 a year on top of my rates. Especially with COVID so many people have lost their jobs and under huge financial strain and now the council wants to increase our rates dramatically. I won't be paying any increase and neither will most residents of the central coast.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1814	Run a business and run out of money. No one supports you. Why should we foot the bill for mis- management	No	Ian	White
1815	I don't normally protest but for this one I'll be out there. It's a joke. Let's see some responsibility and accountability before a rate increase for nothing in return. I'm disgusted. We live	No	Muchael	Lewy
1816	I will not be responsible for the financial mismanagement of CCC. Increasing rates to recover the losses the have incurred should not be an option.	No	Megan	Wiggins
1817	No to a rate increase just because the council is in debt millions of dollars. Especially during covid 19 while many people are re adjusting to economic times. Let's be realistic its not the publics fault their in debt.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1818	Confidential	No	Pam	Devlin
1819	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1820	Grossly unfair for residents to pay the price for this mess. I strongly suggest IPART does not approve this proposed rate increase.	No	Jacqui	Matthew
1821	The council won't bail me out if I can't manage my money for my family, So why should we bail you out.. [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. Also how much are your forking out for the administrator to sort your [REDACTED] out.. I bet you that would be in the millions too. The only winner in this is the administrator.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1822	Why do we have to pay for mismanagement This is wrong We will continue to pay our normal rates and council will need to pull its belt in and place themselves on a budget Reduce your wages.... don't reward mismanagement with bonuses and severance pay	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1823	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1824	I am writing to say I am against this drastic increase to rates. I feel that it is by no way my wrongdoing that has caused the mismanagement of council funds, that is causing the council to want to increase the council payers rates to above 2%. We are a family with 3 young children, trying to find the additional funds for this will have an adverse affect on our family finances which are already under stress due to covid.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1825	I absolutely, catastrophically deny that we should have to pay any rate rise whatsoever as the "Powers That Be," did not receive consent, written or verbal, from every person in the Shire. Why penalise struggling rate payers for the idiocy of said "Powers That Be". We as ratepayers should start a Class Action against the Central Coast Council to prevent them ever being able to invest in offshore investments without consult and should NEVER have to cover losses sustained by negative investment outcomes!	No	Tanya	Kane
1826	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1827	Confidential	No	Nicole	Kirwood
1828	Central coast council and Gosford council has provided the area I live in on the central coast with the bare minimum for decades - we continue to have raw sewage polluting our local beach of Terrigal, no safe footpath around our primary school, traffic congestion, continue sell off of land asserts for overdevelopment - this has been happening since the 80s with minimal change and improvements, why do the residents need to continue to pay for a council that have failed in their job? Why did it take the government so long to realise the debt that was accumulating before action was taken? And how can anyone have the audacity to expect the residents that the majority are working class or under the poverty line to be able to afford such a rate increase? The government for local council needs to be held accountable - the residents have known for years how wrong this local council was - remember the library fund for example? And with so much debt how come no criminal charges to those in council?	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1829	Confidential	No	Carol	Stiwe
1830	Confidential	No	Jacqueline	Morris
1831	I request that the huge rate rise be reviewed and abolished owners and renters should not have to burden the cost because of a few decisions made by the appointed.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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1832	<p>to whom it may concern,</p> <p>I completely object to a Special Variation to Central Coast rate raises of an additional 8% each year for 7 years. The decision to financially punish residents for the poor financial management of the Central Coast Council, which was single-handedly caused by the Central Coast Council, is monumentally unacceptable.</p> <p>The Council is a government service which exists for its residents and the smooth running of the community, and should be conducted as such, meaning that dictatorial measures will not be accepted by any of us. The Council works for the people, and the people will most definitely not forget what this administration has done to us when the next election comes around. "Central Coast Council is committed to open, accountable and transparent government through the timely release of Council held information" are the words published on the Council's website, however there are no up to date documents on any topic. The financial reports section of the website states "Our annual reports show you how we're performing ... These reports include audited financial reports", however there is no report published from 2019-2020. Was last financial year even audited? In the nature of transparency to the local residents, as the Council has claimed they will provide, where did the money go? Surely if procedures were not being adhered to, then the individuals responsible should be held personally legally accountable for their mismanagement of our government's money.</p> <p>The Council also states that "Our budget for 2020/21 puts the community and the local economy first", however the letter from [REDACTED] states that the purpose of the 10% rate increase proposal is for "councils improved financial sustainability" which is a complete contradiction to the promise which has been made to residents. A rate increase which is 500% of the normal increase is NOT putting the community and the local economy first. In fact, this will dramatically affect the already struggling members, families and businesses of our community. How can every person with a mortgage, every landlord, every business owner afford to pay an obscene amount of compounding extra rates when our salaries, wages, and income support are not increasing? How can someone who has just lost their business or job due to covid then pay more to live in their own house? Renters will equally find themselves struggling with rent increases due to rate increases. If this proposal is passed you will cause a real estate and a livelihood collapse.</p> <p>There are 144,409 private dwellings on the Central Coast (2016 census). Using my own rates from [REDACTED] as a baseline (\$1432 this year), I can estimate that this Special Variation over 7 years, across all LGA houses, will raise an ADDITIONAL \$165,440,727 profit as well as the normal 2% increase. This obscene amount far overshoots the actual Council debt that the residents have been informed about.</p> <p>So is this request reasonable? No. Is this request morally correct? No. Is this request in the best interest of the residents of the Central Coast Council? Absolutely not.</p> <p>Regards, Tarryn Marshall [REDACTED]</p>	No	Tarryn	Marshall
1833	I first became a resident of the Central Coast 42 years ago. I have never seen the level of incompetence of the previous council, and believe it is extremely unfair to raise rates to put the financial rescue of the council into the rate payers of the central coast. We did not make the poor decisions they created the debt.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1834	The request to increase council rate by the Central Coast Council is appalling! The rate payer shouldn't be punished because of the council's mismanagement of council funds! It is absolutely disgusting and beyond disappointed they way this council has treated our area, please dont approve their request, it is only the rate payer who will suffer again!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1835	I object to the special adjustment request for an extra 8% rise	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1836	<p>Hi, our council shouldn't be able to increase our rates until they have proven they have sorted the dilemma they created. In addition, the increase shouldn't be year on top of previous years increase and in addition once land values increase on top again. The amount required should be determined and only that amount levied to rate payers. Also the rates should be compared to other councils to ensure they are in line and haven't escalated beyond what is reasonable, which could happen overtime.</p> <p>Thanks [REDACTED]</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1837	I strongly disagree with this increase over seven years. This is a disgrace when top management are being given a generous redundancy package and the debt is due to their and councillors mismanagement. The amalgamation of Gosford and Wyong Councils has Ed a huge failure	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1838	Rumours of a dramatic increase in rates to Central Coast residents to cover the incompetence of the administration. Hoping that this is incorrect but if not am lodging my disgust at the idea. As a young family of five this would be a massive unfair hit to our yearly budget and lives over the next seven years +!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1839	This is an excessive rate rise proposal and in a year of economic turmoil created by COVID, it is a proposal that should be declined. In addition, the residents should not carry the damage caused by the embarrassing mismanagement of council funds. The elected reps and the state should shoulder the burden.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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1840	To Whom It May Concern, As a long term resident of the Central Coast, I am horrified at the prospect of a 10% rate increase for the next 7 years. Our council was run by incompetent, selfish, greedy individuals who have profited, lied and used restricted funds. We don't deserve to pick up the pieces for this unbelievable mismanagement. We also cannot believe the incompetent individuals responsible are being let go with huge severance packages. Why should we pay to fund their irresponsible spending? Please don't allow this to happen, it will be devastating to many Coast residents.	No	Beth	Saiz
1841	We disagree with a rate increase above the rate peg to increase income because of bad management of finances by central coast council. The rate payers should not be penalised because of the financial situation the local council is in.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1842	This is an absurd increase on a local area, we are a small community who has been let down by the council, we should not have to foot the bill and have an outrageous increase when our wages do not match those of Sydney residents still to this day, you will be forcing locals to move to a different area that's within their price range, young people who grew up here are already battling to own properties and now this on top would be the nail in the coffin	No	Katharine	McLeod
1843	It's absolutely atrocious that us rate payers have to cover councils mishaps and spending on top of what we've already paid them. Can they cover my debt please? That seems fair.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1844	Objection to any rate variation increase due to previous and present Central Coast Coast Council for unlawful and mismanagement of funds	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1845	Refusal to pay extra charges in 2021 rates due to mismanagement of Central Coast Council funds	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1846	I strongly oppose the Central Coast Council's proposal to increase the rates to fix up their own mistakes/negligence.	No	Kyle	Whiteford
1847	Please do not raise our rates, it is not our fault that the current council has mismanaged their funds. We can not afford higher rates especially after a year of Covid.	No	Glenda	Carroll
1848	I do not agree with this rate rise, sell off council assets before rates rise please	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1849	I very strongly object to Central Coast Council increasing rates. The people did not mismanage finances, they did not squander the rates they paid to the Council, the Council did that. And now the Council can find other ways to recover its liquidity rather than punish rate-payers for their disgraceful financial mismanagement. Rates are difficult enough to afford now, particularly for retirees and other people on low, fixed incomes without a huge increase in council rates (and the consequent huge quarterly bill) compounding difficulties. Yours sincerely [REDACTED]	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1850	Confidential	No	Matthew	Byrnes
1851	Before councils were amalgamated Wyong residents had to pay a larger council rate than that of Gosford. Residents You are now wanting to penalise these residents ever further to cover the miss management of an out of control council who did not know how to manage their finances. Maybe you should look at the people like the former Wyong council members who wasted thousands on the Chapie pi fiasco. We already pay exorbitant rate and see nothing for it. Apart from trying to clear the debt what are the residents going to get.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1852	We pay our rates on time and should not be penalised for Councils mistakes. Let Wyong Council take over there were no problems like this before the stupid amalgamation took place.	No	Susan	Potter
1853	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1854	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1855	We do not deserve to be impacted by the bad management of both the individual council budgeting, and then the amalgamated council wastages and bad financial management. 12 years ago I stated at a public meeting at Bendigo Bank East Gosford that the proposed increase was not even catching up, and should be 2% higher. [REDACTED]	No	Paul	Harvey
1856	Confidential	No	Fiona	Bell
1857	It's ridiculous that rate payers are expected to bail out the debt that corrupt councillors have left behind. Sue the councillors and recoup your money that way😏😏😏	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1858	Any government department and all its members should be held accountable for the mis management of funds , I would be happy to pay the ten percent increase per annum if all council members responsible were prosecuted, lost all of their assets and were imprisoned if found guilty of any fraudulent wrongdoing or conflict of interest for personal gain. In this day and age and with the hardships that all Australians are going through this is absolutely unacceptable.I.	No	Dannial	Saba
1859	Confidential	No	Leanne	Clarke
1860	Confidential	No	Luke	Sharpe
1861	This is outrageous. The residents and rate payers in tis Council area should not be held to pay [REDACTED] The state government must bare some of the blame for not being informed and must cover these losses. The amalgamation of Wyong and Gosford Council has proven to be a complete failure of the State governments agenda.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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1862	I protest against these outrageous proposals for an increase in our rates! Why should we have to pay for their mistakes? It is an absolute insult that he even made is to the proposal stage!! No No NO	No	Mel	Hoye
1863	We shouldn't have to pay for the mismanagement of funds or illegal use of money. It's completely unfair and unjust. I don't have curb and guttering, our local swimming pool is falling apart and it just doesn't seem like any of the moneyy has been spend in the community where it's needed. Shame on you central coast council.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1864	I think increasing the rates on the Central Coast will put more strain on families and could lead to more homelessness	No	Mick	Hicks
	I think that it is ridiculous that you expect the rate payers to fix your financial problems.			
1865	202 has been a tough year from many of the people of the central coast and you want us to fit your bill! The one you created. Shame on you!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1866	We should not have to pay for councils mismanagement, I object strongly	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1867	Confidential	No	Milenka	Osen
1868	No rate rise	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1869	I object to the 10% rate increase proposed due to the inept financial situation from central coast council	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1870		No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1871	Confidential	No	Nicole	McCann
1872	<p>I strongly oppose the increase to our rates as these current Councillors have proven their ineptitude, and I pass a complete no confidence vote in their ability to rectify again with my money this dire unprecedented situation we all find ourselves in!</p> <p>I do not consent to a rate rise for Central Coast residents whether that be to pay for the “mismanagement” of Council funds or the mismanagement of State Government in their oversight of Local government. The Central Coast already has so many social (drug concerns which need strong Use, Harm & Policy Responses: https://www.aph.gov.au/About_Parliament/Parliamentary_Departments/Parliamentary_Library/Publications_Archive/archive/illicitdrugs not the selling off of our hard fought assets in fire sales, which could result in much needed infrastructure which is required on the Peninsula and displays I allege CCC’s culpable negligence in committing this non-compliant and unregulated "mismanagement of funds") and economic issues - we don't need these issues flaring further with cumulative rate rises. We do not consent or approve of any Council rate rises.</p> <p>I believe strongly in not rewarding these current Councillors (I allege they should be sacked as they have already proven their incompetence at this major task at hand) the ability to continue this flagrant disregard for our hard fought and earned resources, funds and infrastructure on the Peninsula and at Gosford which is touted as the capital of the Central Coast! Thank you for your consideration of this important matter that lies now in your jurisdiction to assist in rectifying this matter for all parties involved.</p> <p>•Appendix From the Auditor-General AUDIT OFFICE OF NEW SOUTH WALES https://www.audit.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/2018-10/From_AG.pdf ‘In late 2016, my mandate as Auditor-General for New South Wales was extended to incorporate the auditing of local councils. This is the biggest change to the Auditor-General’s role in over two decades, and has meant a 30 per cent increase in the number of audits we undertake each year at the Audit Office. I am very pleased with the progress made so far in transitioning to this new model of governance’</p> <p>Report on Local Government 2019 - Dated 5 March 2020 https://www.audit.nsw.gov.au/our-work/reports/report-on-local-government-2019 Auditor-General's foreword I am pleased to present my third report to the Parliament on the 2019 audits of local government councils in New South Wales. This report notes that unqualified audit opinions were issued on the 2018–19 financial statements of 134 councils and 11 joint organisations. The opinion for one council was disclaimed and three audits are yet to complete. The report also highlights improvements I have seen in financial reporting and governance arrangements across councils. Fewer errors were identified. More councils have audit, risk and improvement committees and internal audit functions. Risk management practices, including fraud control systems, have also improved. These are very pleasing indicators of the gradual strengthening of governance and financial oversight of the sector. I want to acknowledge the investment councils have made in working with the Audit Office to improve consistency of practice and accountability generally.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1873	There is great inequity in the allocation of funds across this lga. Any rate increase will only heighten the inequity. Mismanagement by council (no longer alleged, proven) is not an appropriate reason to raise rates under any circumstances, given the current inequity in allocation of funds by council to raise rates is to open up a legal minefield that will waste more of the ratepayers money. Please explore the mismanagement of funds, the ratepayers concerns and the administrators previous decisions before allowing this rate rise.	No	Lyn	Walto

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1874	We will not accept the rate rises. We will continue to pay our normal rates only. You lost that money now you find it another way. Many of us struggle as it is. We cannot afford to pay for your mistakes	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1875	Please be reasonable with rate increases. It's not the rate payers fault that Councillors didnt manage funds appropriately. I dont know one person who wanted the Terrigal/Haven ugly walkway, nor anyone who wants the Terrigal to Wamberal seawall, to the contrary, we want nature.	No	Leanne	Borg
1876	Dear Council, Due to the unfortunate and illmanaged finances of the Central Coast Council, I find it unethical that you thrust this responsibility to reclaim lost funds on your ratepaying residents. In short it is an unprofessional, unethical and irresponsible proposition that will incur the council further damage to both its name and reputation and cause further repurcussions. I therefore put it to you to reconsider you decision and your plan to fundraise for the large debt that the council has created. This is at no fault of the innocent residents and it is not a cost that we can in anyway afford to pay. This would cause dire repurcussions Central Coast residents, bussiness owners, economy and so on. Therefore, we as a community ask you to please think of an alternative way to recover our communities losses, that does not negatively impact our residents.	No	Maria	Tribe
1877	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1878	Central Coast Council residents should not be required to pay excessive rate increases due to the recent mismanagement and corruption amongst Central Coast Council staff and finances. There is still no parity in rate calculations for residents in the previous Wyong Shire Council and Gosford City Council areas. Wyong Shire residents have been paying much higher rates for a long time in comparison to their Gosford City counterparts - regardless of the amalgamation occurring years ago and one single Council being the manager and recipient of said rates/fees. Rather than approve rate increases above the average increase amount for the entire Central Coast - Gosford City residents should have their rates increased in line with Wyong Shire residents to create parity here first (who have been paying more for many years).	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1879	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1880	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1881	The Central Coast residents should not be disadvantaged for the council's mismanagement of funds. They should be held accountable for not doing their job, just as those would in the private sector. Perhaps then in future they will be more responsible.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1882	I object to the rate increase, ratepayers should not have to make up for councils mismanagement of funds, council should stick to basics such as road repairs etc especially considering how many main roads have no kerb and guttering. Council should trim spending by their own bureaucrats and lower their number of office staff	No	Glenn	Conquest
1883	Please please do not increase rates for Central Coast Council. Families are struggling through what has been a disastrous year and we can't afford to pay for the negligence of Central Coast Council.			
1883	Not only this, but our suburb () is full of potholes, our kids cant walk to school safely (no footpaths), and we have no gutters. Why should we pay more.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1884	No rate rise. Rate payers shouldn't pay the penalty for poor council financial management	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1885	An increase in rates for the central coast residence is not on. The counsellors where responsible for this huge debt and this should be covered now by the government or even the counsellors to some degree, not the responsibility of the people. I object to an increase in rates	No	Shelley	Barron
1886	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1887	This is not fair to struggling families on the Central Coast	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1888	The rate rise that is being proposed is astronomical and unaffordable for most of us rate payers! It will mean that I won't be able to pay my rates or my children are going to have to go without. It's unbelievable that we are being expected to pay so much because of councils incompetence.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1889	Tired of getting ripped off by this council. We are already paying above and beyond and see nothing in return. Weeds and rubbish lining our major roadways. Whilst some roads are worse than that in developing countries, not to mention lack of curb and guttering.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1890	Totally disagree with rate increases to pay fir bad decision making of CC Council. Decisions were made and staff need to be accountable. It is your fault!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1891	Confidential	No	Matthew	You f
1892	I say no to a rate rise	No	Daniel	Warren
1893	I disagree with the additional levy, get the money back from those involved in loosing it. Out contribution is already more then enough.	No	Sharon	Bevan
1894	As a single income household this will put a lot of financial strain on my family. Residents should not have to pay so much extra because CC Council are imcompetent. Instead, CC Council should be looking at internal ways of saving money and cancelling or postponing unnecessary building work that seems to be continuing despite the current situation. Confidence in Councils ability to do what needs to be done is low, and now my financial situation will be substantially affected which is unacceptable. I do not approve of this application.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1895	Confidential	No	Martin	Koch
1896	Residents of the Central Coast should not be held responsible for the council misspending money. We should not have to have a 10% rate increase to try and help council get money back into the green. It is absolutely not fair on residents!	No	Kylie	Peterson

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1897	Please don't allow the rates to be increased. Council have done nothing to service the local community who pay their wages. Council told us 20 years ago they would complete the kerb and guttering started in our street. It's almost 2021 and still I have no Kurt and guttering.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1898	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1899	Confidential	No	Kristi	McIntyre
1900	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1901	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1902	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1903	Confidential	No	Matías	Martínez
1904	Due to the previous (sacked) councils miss management of public money, public spaces & the blatant disregard for the Central Coast Community, I absolutely DISAGREE to the extraordinary rate increase request of 7% on top of the CPI increase that is already approved. The actions of the council are deplorable, disrespectful & disgusting.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1905	None of the former council members, should ever hold a position in this capacity ever again, and never to be trusted with funds from either public acquired or from state coffers.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1906	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1906	I am a renter in the northern area of the central coast nsw, and I strongly oppose the rate rise,(any rate rise in this area would definitely have an effect on my rent, and make living for my elder mother and myself very hard) the northern end of the coast already pays a higher rate than the southern end and issues like this need to be addressed before raising the rates of people who have already paid it and have received little in return Our streets constantly flood during heavy rain, causing massive pot holes that never get fixed, (causing damage to our cars) we have no footpaths or gutters and our sewer pumping stations are always failing I say NO to any rate rise in the central coast	No	Ross	Cockburn
1907	No. No. No. Why should we pay for their incompetence. We have no gutters, our properties have water sitting in wet trenches, we are lucky to get out bins emptied and they want to increase our already expensive rates. We have rubbish roads, traffic issues, no footpaths, flood at every downpour and they want us to pay more. Cut assests and unnecessary staff as a first option. They are currently changing the colour of street signs from yellow and black to blues to meet corporate marketing. Save the money. Its seriously a joke expecting us to pay for this continuing incompetence. Make the right decision - say NO to a rate rise.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1908	It is unfair that residents are penalized for the incompetencies of a few. Why should we pay for their mismanagement? Totally against these huge rate increases.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1909	We, the residents and ratepayers, strongly object to this rate increase. It is not our fault that Council funds were grossly mismanaged by sheer incompetence and find this notification as a blatant slap in the face to us. It's not on!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1910	This is an unreasonably high increase. Why should residents pay for the absolute incompetence of this Council? They should not.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1911	I totally object to massive rate rises due to incompetent management of council funds by Central Coast Council. I already struggle to pay my mortgage after a very difficult year. However I am keeping up all my payments through strict budgeting and do not have any extra to give and would face financial difficulties. ☹	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1912	Confidential	No	Natalie	Irwin
1913	I believe with the state of the financial affairs caused by the current suspended council, the local ratepayers should NOT be held accountable for their mismanagement & penalised with an unjust rate increase.	No	Robyn	Smith
1914	I disagree with the public having to pay for central coast councils neglect to follow normal business protocol and create such a huge debt!!! This is unacceptable to put on tax payers. Hire professional people next time	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1915	Hello, I oppose our rate rise that is proposed by Central Coast Council to make up for losses incurred by the incompetent management of this council's finances. Higher rate rises especially when we have been through financially tough times (my husband is a sole trader) will impact our livelihoods and local economy.	No	Sofia	Lowe
1916	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1917	Confidential	No	Rana	Zrnic
1918	Confidential	No	Julia	Summerfield
1919	Confidential	No	nathan	omeara
1920	Confidential	No	Annette	Harding-

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1921	Ive been off work LWOP for 5 weeks post surgery. [REDACTED] I paid for everything out of my own pocket and now unless I pay for legal, cannot claim. I'm disgusted and no longer wish to work for this [REDACTED] organisation. Ive been to work at the start of all this mess and was told I may not be paid. Reprehensible.	No	Shari	Crooks
1922	The said councilours should be made liable for all losses incurred. All there assets should be frozen.	No	Rocky	Scappatura
1923	I object to their request for additional rate increases for the next 7 years. Why should the residents of the Central Coast be forced to pay so much extra to cover what was the incompetence of the local council. It seems totally unfair.	No	Peter	Moon
1924	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1925	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1926	I do not agree with the Central Coast Council increasing their annual rates due to their financial situation. How is it fair that the residents have to pay for the incompetence of the council. The council should look at alternative funding options instead of increasing the rates. Increasing the rates to 10% for the next 7 years is an absolute jone	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1927	I object to the special rate variation increase, we already have had a srv increase approved under the former Wyong Council which after the period of effect ended, were not reduced. This time, the increase is to provide the Council with sustainable income?? Because the couldn't manage what they had and the State Givt didn't fund the amalgamation of Gosford and Wyong Councils aka Central Coast Council properly in the first instance. State govt should be footing the bill, NOT the residents!! Fair go!!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1928	Confidential	No	Joceyn	MacGillycuddy
1929	[REDACTED] the rate hike	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1930	I will oppose any rate rises	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1931	As rate payers with Central Coast Council we are disgusted with their gross mismanagement of funds. We should not have to pay unfairly for the mistake of management. It is unjust.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1932	Our local council have left the people who live in this area with the impending rate rises to cover their lack of accountability for their spending. This should not be passed on to those who live in the area.	No	Kate	Wooden
1933	I am not paying for YOUR mess ups	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1934	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1935	They put themselves in this mess, not the rate payers, why should we have to pay for their debt!!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1936	I think it's absolutely abhorrent that we have to pay extra for a governing bodies [REDACTED] up. Especially the residents of the north end of the central coast that did not want the amalgamation and are now being dragged into Gosford councils debt, we were already severely underfunded, now being one council we get next to no infrastructure or maintenance here even though it's where all the new estates are. This is wrong!	No	Mark	Ayre
1937	This is completely unfair as they were the ones unable to correctly manage finances and I definitely do not see anywhere on the coast that has had any form of improvement to explain the spending and this means no further much needed improvements will be made until the debt is paid back extremely disappointed	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1938	Residents should not pay for incompetent fiscal management. In times where families are struggling with unemployment and supporting the mental health of loved ones, internal government savings should be a priority focusing on lean, efficient operations and staff that are motivated.	No	Victoria	Gregory
1939	Please don't do this to the already suffering residents of the Central coast. We have suffered enough with floods, fires, floods again and of course the dreaded COVID. Please tell these waisters of rate payers money no	No	Toni	Moon
1940	Confidential	No	Jaemes	Tipple

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1941	Have we not been through enough this 2020 and recovery will take time in all aspects of life, employment, health/vaccine , students who fell behind in schooling, employment and business losses and you want us to pick up your bills for mistakes you made. Lets see, Family first and recover and have my children ,friends and neighbor's try to recoup their own losses over 2020 onwards OR help you with your mess with what money people don't have, um Family first	No	Deanne	FLINTHAM
1942	I do not agree with this rate rise. It should not be up to residents to cover the shortfall of others incompetent management.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1943	Well I feel our Coastie's have had enough on their plates this year that you have a hide to make increases to recover your financial problems and mistakes," What you think that we have not been effected by 2020's virus and economic situation". We have been asked to support our own Coast in health , jobs and tourism to get money back into our Community and that we support Aussie in travel and be safe about it that I know I won't have money left over to help the Council out. We have been hit by World wide Covid and have to pull together that people cant be expected to fix a problem you create by yourselves and mismanagement of funds .	No	kevin	lees
1944	Why should we have to increase our rates for gross negligence of a council. All this does is financially disadvantage people. The increased rates does not give anything to the people of the Central Coast in return. What needs to happen is legal action needs to be taken against those who got the council into so much debt.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1945	Confidential	No	Kylie	Monaghan
1946	Why should we have to pay higher rates for council not doing there jobs properly We object to this pay rise Council does nothing but pick up our trash Central coast council is appealing Find antihero way to get your money back	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1947	No rate rise. We get nothing for it!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1948	██ I struggle to pay my rates now. This is NOT fair!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1949	I am appalled that CCC given the level of inappropriate use of money feel this is an appropriate measure at this time. Only when they have sold their assets to reduce their debt should they be allowed to apply rather than ask residents to pay upfront for their ineffectiveness	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1950	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1951	No, why should we be paying for their ██████████	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1952	I oppose the rise in rates on the Central Coast. For a long time we paid more than other councils in the Sydney area as it is classed as a holiday area. The council has miss managed our funds and now we the residents will pay for it, which is totally unfair. Due to COVID-19 money is already tight in our area and this should be taken into consideration.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1953	I am against the 8% special variance increase in council fees & charges	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1954	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1955	Why should the ratepayers pay for the mismanagement , corporate incompetence, of \$98 million!!!! This should be criminally investigated and charges laid. Now they want a 10 % rise with a 2% for next 5 years- they should be jailed!!!!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1956	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1957	Objection to 10% Rate Increase (annually)	No	Helen	Doward
1958	It is the definition of unfair that residents should be held financially accountable for the complete failure of councillors and staff to manage the money.	No	Luke	Diviney
1959	With regards to the Central Coast Councils application to increase rates to cover their own debts and mis-management - I strongly disagree. It is not our responsibility to pay in such a significant way for wrong doings of people employed by the government. Requesting that this application is rejected.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1960	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1961	Our council is looking to significantly increase our rates due to their financial ineptitude. I really hope their request is not approved, particularly considering the central coast area has been hit hard by Covid due to the predominance of hospitality and tourism businesses. For us personally, we have 3 young children and can not afford any increases in our bills at the moment. Thank you for taking the time to review our concerns.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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	Suggesting that the already struggling Central Coast community should pay for the mistakes and mismanagement of council is unfair and unjustified. This will most certainly ensure the Central Coast becomes a more undesirable place for home buyers and will cause many young families undue stress (no fault of their own), the council should be appalled in the way it has mismanaged funds. If we as individual home owners had a debt to council I am certain that the council would chase us for the funds and demand payment...why should the debt they have created fall on our shoulders? We never asked for this. Most central coast families are working class and struggle to pay their mortgages as it is. These kind of rate increases can cause financial strain and then you are effectively just swapping bad debt from one place to another as I guarantee many people will not be willing or able to pay these increased fees.			
1962	Next time I have a bill due should I just readdress it to the council for payment? This is what they are doing to us!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
	Rate payers should not be accountable to pay for gross mismanagement by councillors and executive management and stuff ups by state government auditors. With job losses and increase costs elsewhere it should not be the rate payers responsibility to find extra cash to fund this bail out.			
1963	The councils should never have merged in the first place. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] It's any wonder the fit for future council scheme finished not long after. Total debacle from the state government who have turned their backs.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1964	Object to the excessive proposed increase!	No	Alicia	Beasley
1965	Why should minimum wage community be responsible for the absolute mis-management of funds of the council and the management team responsible for monitoring and employed to prevent this type of issue walk away with separation payments of hundreds and thousands of dollars. People already struggling from covid job losses and now footing the bill for council managements mistake.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1966	2% is more than enough. Given the unprecedented times with higher costs of living and greater unemployment it is unreasonable to ask for a 10% rate rise for residents of the central coast. Many, myself included can simply not afford it. Not should we have to foot the bill of mismanagement of funds but council!!!!	No	Rebecca	Hewett
	Absolutely ridiculous that we are punished with rate rises due to a poorly run council trying to recoup funds!			
1967	The cost of living on the Central Coast is already expensive, we are a single income family due to complex health!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
	I am against the proposed rate rise for residence on the central coast. As a community we have suffered under this council and continue to.			
1968	The councillors who had no problem building an unpayable dept should be held to account	No	Loretta	Mcgill
1969	I disagree with this request.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1970	Confidential	No	Sharmaine	Gormley
	I am a rate payer and STRONGLY opposed to the application to significantly increase or rates as a result of Council's financial recklessness. I find it completely insulting that the rate payers of the Central Coast should have to foot the bill because those that are paid a motsa have landed us all in this mess.			
1971		No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1972	Confidential	No	Mark	Hodgen
	We can not afford a new rate rise to compensate for the complete lack of management from our Council.			
	The LGA particularly the area formerly known as Wyong Shire LGA have some of the highest rates in the State.			
	Why not raise the rates of the southern part of the LGA to match the north? That area is a more wealthy demographic and the nost capital expenditure has been spent in this area.			
1973		No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1974	I don't see how our council can justify a y sort of rate increase when the services they provide have been cut. We should not be expected to help them prop up their poor business management and misappropriation and mismanagement of public funds.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1975	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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1976	This is outrageous. Why should residents of the Central Coast be responsible for paying increased rates due to gross negligence by the councillors in charge of spending? We expect that they will act with integrity when elected to their positions. Those who were approving any project without receiving multiple quotes for the work and running those same projects through a budgetary process should be personally held liable. At a time when so many people are struggling financially because of Covid this proposed increase is unacceptable	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1977	I object to and extra 8% rate rise. Why should the people of the central coast cover for the council's mis-management.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1978	Confidential	No	Eva	Richards
1979	Confidential	No	Andrew	Davies
1980	Rate payers should not be forced to foot the bill of ineffective councils. To increase rates by up to 10% in one year (especially after a pandemic in which people have lost income) is irresponsible to its ratepayers and will make huge financial impact on all. Increasing rates is not the answer to the councils problem but will create a huge financial impact on home owners.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1981	Don't make us pay off central coast councils massive debt by increasing our rates more than usual! It's not our fault councillors did what they did to create such a massive debt! Those responsible better lose their jobs!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1982	[REDACTED]. I have grown up on the Central Coast & I have always paid my full rates on time & am disgusted that my hard earned money has been squandered & mismanaged by a select irresponsible few. We shouldn't have to bail them out & keep on paying for their mistakes. Sell off assets, reduce spending but DON'T INCREASE OUR RATES !	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1983	To increase the rates to landowners of the Central Coast to recoup funds lost and grossly mismanaged by Council employees is immoral and shows there is no limit to corruption in our Government.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1984	The financial mismanagement of Central Coast Council is reprehensible. Like all Australians, Central Coast residents are financially & emotionally struggling due to the pandemic. Most homeowners and those who rent are living week to week in order to keep a roof over their heads. The demographics of the Central Coast show the high proportion of low income earners and retirees. Raising the rates as per the submission by Central Coast Council is punishing the wrong people and just not feasible.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1985	As a resident of the central coast, I am totally against any proposed rate increase to home owners. [REDACTED] My street is a dead end. It is not wide enough for 2 cars to pass, the road is getting narrower and narrower as it is constantly breaking away at the sides, there is no kerb and guttering and no footpaths. My children must walk on the road to get to the main road to catch the bus to school. Council have failed to maintain basic infrastructure for years and years. We as ratepayers should not be penalized for councils gross mismanagement of funds and total lack of commitment to the local area. I am totally against this increase and would be inclined to refuse to pay it!	No	Natalie	Haremaker
1986	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1987	Not just that average households have to bear the brunt of mismanagement by Central Coast Council. Totally unfair to penalise mums and dads for dishonest/incompetent actions by elected councillors. State government should foot the bill.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1988	I object to any extraordinary increase in rates as the proposed increase in rates is not commensurate in any increase in services. The rate rise is as a result of mismanagement	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1989	We've paid our rates, why should we pay for their mismanagement	No	Alison	Carlile
1990	The Current Council have mismanaged funds available to the amount of over \$500m. I object to paying them more money in Rates without anything to show for it. Our Roads are the worst in the State and nothing is being done to improve. None of the current councillors should be allowed to stand again.	No	Marlene	Stockwell
1991	We are pensioner residents of the Central Coast and don't feel the rate rise is warranted. Mismanagement by council caused the problem, we believe by a poor amalgamation process and poor management. From what we can see, amalgamation resulted in increased costs and staffing rather than achieving economies of scale. We don't feel ratepayers should pay for this poor amalgamation process and management. Whatever government department forced the amalgamation should be held accountable.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1992	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1993	Hi This request is nothing short of a disgrace, shows everything wrong with the system. Greedy people in power making all mistakes and then to be bailed out by the people. We weren't part of the disgraceful abuse of funds, yet they want us to bail them out. We already pay higher rates than elsewhere.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1994	Outrageous to expect the long suffering rate payers to take the fall for the criminal negligence of our current council especially when we have just had a rate rise also currently the old Wyong rates are still higher than those in Gosford????	No	Susan	White
1995	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1996	I am an aged pensioner and even with a rebate for being one it is a struggle to pay existing rates I am fully opposed to any rate rise in the near future to help CCC pay for their ineptitude and mismanagement of rate payers money	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1997	Central Coast Council has found themselves in extraordinary debt due to poor management. This proposal may pay back the debt the council has incurred but I have no confidence that steps will be taken to curb the mismanagement of ratepayers funds. Until the council can provide reasonable justification or a clear strategy as to how they plan to operate effectively moving forward then no additional funding should be provided.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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1998	I strongly disagree to an increase in rates for the central coast by our council who want to justify this as they have through poor management got themselves into significant debt. This needs to be dealt with by our government not put on local rate payers our rates are already high enough. If it goes ahead our council needs to be sued for negligence	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
1999	Please do not allow central coast council to charge higher rates. They have so many assets and haven't managed their finances, it is unfair to penalise ratepayers by charging us everyday people more, particularly in these challenging covid times.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2000	A disgraceful but very common bureaucratic and short-sighted response to an economic problem caused by incompetent people, just charge the consumer. In this case the ratepayer. I ran a successful business for 20 years and when times were tough we did not put our prices / rates up otherwise our continuation to trade would have been compromised. We did not take a 'short-sighted bugger you' approach and slug the customer. We found ways and means to continue operations by typically 'trimming the fat' and making everyone associated with the business more productive. In short we traded out of and through the difficult times without disrespect for our customers. If that takes time and effort to accomplish then the steps required to resolve such needs to be achieved through a structured democratic process, not that of a dictatorial approach.	No	Wayne	Ellis
2001	Central coast council's financial mismanagement should not be passed on to rate payers to fix	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2002	I do not agree we should pay for their ineptitude.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2003	The current proposal into increase residents rates exponentially due to mismanagement of funds is ridiculous. Local residents should not be footing the huge bill due to council mismanagement. This would significantly impact the cost of living of many families, increase rents to a level that many renting families cannot afford and likely increase rates of homelessness, depression and suicide. Our rent prices are already very high but for families to relocate to other regions where rent is affordable they can shuffle to find work/necessary resources and services for their families. I ask you to deeply consider the broader implications of this proposal and how our community will be grossly affected.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2004	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2005	No to any rise why should we have to pay for councils debt charge the people responsible for this mess like any average person goes through when bankrupt seize their assets not make us pay	No	Zelda	Whiting
2006	Please do not approve an increase in rates as requested by the Central Coast Council Administrator. It is not fair that the rate payers should have to pay additional money for something that is not their fault. Part of the huge debt was caused by two councils being forced to merge by the NSW State Government. The independent auditor and [REDACTED] didn't pick up on over spending which they should have done; they could have stopped it while it was still manageable but they didn't. Why should home owners in this area be forced to pay when they had no control over what was happening; many of these people like myself are already finding it very hard to make ends meet; a rate increase will be the straw that breaks the backs of so many people. Don't do it! NO rate increase above the 1% to 2% already scheduled. Make the auditors, the government who forced the merger make a contribution towards the debt; they were the ones with the power to stop what was happening, to regulate actions and were responsible for overseeing the financial position of the Council. If these people have the power to suspend a council they should step up and take responsibility for not overseeing it properly and allowing the problem escalate to its current level. ☹	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2007	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2008	As a resident, I oppose this application for the residents to clean up Council's mismanagement of funds, by raising the rates for all rate payers on the Central Coast. There must be another way. State governments have bailed out councils who mismanage funds before. State government should step in again in this instance and not expect the residents to clean up this mess via a 7 year rate hike.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2009	I oppose the request to raise rates by the requested 8% increase per year. 1% to 2% would be more appropriate to assist with councils financial recovery.	No	Mark	O'Hagan
2010	We should not have to pay for their problem.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2011	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2012	I oppose the central coast council's plan to increase our rates.	No	Michael	Barrett
2013	As a local rate-paying resident I do not support such a significant rate rise as proposed by the local council. The misuse of funds is not as a result of the community but the people elected to run the council. This is gross misconduct on their part and the community (after financial losses due to covid) should not have to pay for their mistakes. Furthermore, I think actions to ensure greater fiscal transparency should be a priority to regain the trust of this community that feels so betrayed by their officials.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2014	If council requires more money due to substantial debt. Can all councillors resign or be stood down. If they are responsible for the mess we don't trust the same people to clean it up. Residents up here are already struggling enough.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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2015	The ratepayers are not responsible for this debt and vehemently oppose it Wyong Council was in the black and this forced amalgamation has been of benefit to no one Let the government who forced it on us, take responsibility for this debt	No	Bette	Matthews
2016	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2017	I object to any rates increases now and in a the near future we need to have transparency on where the monies from previous rates have been spent on	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2018	How is it fair for us residents to pay for the stuff up of the council? A 10% rate rise per year for 7 years? That will send so many people over the edge, and is unacceptable.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2019	The financial hardship of the proposed increase in rates will be too great for us. We still have the financial impact of covid affecting us. I strongly object to any increase in rates abound the usual increase of 1-2%.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2020	I will not be penalised for incompetence in the checks and balances, sometimes an entity will need to reassess their priorities, and spend less, rate rises will not solve past mismanagement, but rather reward it. I am against anything beyond the accepted 2%.. This will equate to 194% change over these next 7 years, and yet who is this owed to? We have been told the financial bailout is secret. How can we trust this council to manage these funds as it it hasn't been capable before.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2021	It is not fair that we as ratepayers should pay for this councils mismanagement of funds. It would mean a 10% increase every year. It is grossly unfair and down right criminal.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2022	I strongly object to this rate increase! We are a low socio economic area which has been hit hard by COVID! The Councils mismanagement should not be absorbed by rate payers	No	Jane	Love
2023	I do not agree with a 10% rise in our rates.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2024	No, no, no, no! Why should Central Coast residents have to pay a rate increase to cover the incompetence of Central Coast council!? This is the second time in recent years that this council has hit financial turbulence and they are utterly incompetent!!! This funding should not be pushed back on residents and should be pushed elsewhere in state or federal funding!	No	Travis	Williamson
2025	Why should ratepayers pay for mismanagement of council funds? If this was a business, shareholders wouldn't be asked to foot the bill, there would be other capital activities such as share floats and significant cost cutting. Those in power should be held personally accountable for the decisions made. If only Gosford and Wyong councils were still separate, Wyong would still be solvent and I wouldn't be asked to pay. It is disgusting that they will attempt to turn to ratepayers to pay for mismanagement, in a year where so many are struggling anyway. If you ask for more money it will put some people under, but it appears so long as council is ok everyone is happy. I'm not.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2026	I am not happy to pay extra rates to cover councils mistakes and misspending. I have suffered enough losses with COVID this year and always still pay for and support myself even when the government refuses to. This is extremely wrong and if I am told to sort my own problems so can council.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2027	They are not doing any maintenance now so they want 10% extra for doing nothing just take a drive from Gosford through Erina and look at the footpaths, central reservations and such they are 60cm tall with weeds get the money from the Federal Government it was not us that wasted the money but the incompetent fools running the show !	No	John	Simnett
2028	Due to the mismanagement of funds and amalgamation of councils residents of the central coast have been left with increases in rates. This mismanagement is unfair on the rate payer most of whom do not receive adequate services for their rates already. I disagree with a rate increase of this magnitude and fear it will leave many people burdened with an unmanageable amount of financial stress.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2029	Wyong council applied for a srv in 2014 for 9% and were granted a 6.9% increase for the provision of upgrading parks, footpaths etc on the central coast. They also tried to charge the residents for these upgrades. The mismanagement of these funds are an example of why another rate increase should be denied, as the residents of the Central Coast should not be footing another rate increase due to council mismanagement of funds.	No	Kylie	Lister
2030	Confidential	No	Alana	Maxwell
2031	Confidential	No	Donna	Lovelock
2032	We should not be penalised for council gross incompetence. This will produce hardship for so many people. Totally unfair to ordinary people.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2033	I am disgusted that council after failing the community in managing the budget would pass on their mistakes to the residents by increasing rates to such a high extent. So many have lost their jobs or had their incomes severely reduced and council request to put even more financial strain on families. This will cause irreparable damage to individuals and families in this locality.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2034	No to a rates increase. We shouldn't have to pay for our Councils incompetence!	No	Alicia	Page
2035	It is very unfair to we the rate payers/ home owners on the Central Coast have to pay for Councils bungle/ dishonesty or whatever you would like to call it by increasing our rates to get yourselves out of trouble. I would agree to a small rise but not the amount you are seeking.	No	Dianne	Busby

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2036	I object to the Central Coast Council being permitted a special variation. Between council and the state government, there has been a huge waste of money leading to the deficit. Ratepayers should not be forced to pay for the poor decisions that council made over the last few years. We are experiencing hardship due to covid as well.	No	michael	crocombe
2037	No way residents should be slugged 10% a year for their incompetence. The average rate payer cannot afford this impost every year. You will send people broke.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2038	Confidential	No	Carley	Canham
2039	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2040	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2041	Dont not ineease our rate. We cant afford it. It was not our fault the councillors are corrupt.	No	Bryan	Smith
	Our Mayor, some councillors CEO and CFO have failed us miserably. Surely, there must be something in their employment contracts that state they will be responsible for professional negligence? Whilst I understand that the council is in massive debt, I do not agree that rates should be increased to recover that debt. The council needs to recoup salaries and from the negligent councillors, [REDACTED] and employees, and then sell commercial assets to raise funds (not COS assets) Regards			
2042	Andrew Macdonald	No	Andrew	Macdonald
2043	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2044	Confidential	No	Peta	Norton
	I disagree completely! Why should the already taxed rate payers of the Central Coast be penalised for the failings of our local government representatives?!			
2045	This is completely insulting.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2046	Standard rate increase only not 10%!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2047	We vehemently object to ANY rate rise but instead recommend the forfeiting of councilors assets so they may be sold to recoup the insane debts racked up by these so called councillors and also would like to point out that rates are unconstitutional and therefore illegal	No	Craig	Davis
2048	STOP UNFAIR RATE RISE	No	Bryan	Smith
2049	Central Coast Council should not be allowed such a high rate rise. It will make it impossible for us to pay these rates and is due to the council mismanaging the funds they had and have not fixed. This large a rate rise will cripple the central coast even further than the council's incompetence has already done.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2050	No way should law abiding residents who have been dutifully paying their rates have to pay such huge increases to cover the mistakes of councils!	No	Sarah	Jaques
2051	As a resident of the central coast I think it's absolutely disgusting that we should have to pay a rate rise to cover the incompetent employees that have left us with a huge debt. It is not the rate payers fault. Penalise those that have done the incorrect thing.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2052	Stop the rate rise incompetent councillors why should we pay for your stupidity. Look at the entrance lake is discusting a break wall is need could been done with the money yous waisted	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2053	Confidential	No	Cherie	Gardner
2054	Rate payers should not have to foot the bill for these [REDACTED] that got us all into this mess. People cannot afford to pay even more in rates myself included	No	Adam	Vickers
2055	I object to the huge rate increase! We cannot afford to pay for this nor is it fair	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2056	I don't believe the proposed increases are affordable. As a central coast rate payer I am not willing to pay the proposed rates as this will negatively impact my capacity to afford other costs of living.	No	Crystal	Anderson
2057	Completely unfair !!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2058	Please don't punish the ratepayers with this incredible rate increase. It places so much pressure on already struggling households.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2059	Rate payers shouldn't have to pay such an excessive rate increase due to bad financial management [REDACTED]. Not right on so many levels. We are still under financial hardship due to COVID now CCC want to make our lives even harder.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2060	Central Coast rate payers should not suffer further due to the incompetance and negligence of councillors. A special variation was already applied in recent years and many residents are already struggling to pay their bills, especially after covid. Not only does this affect home owners, fighting to keep their homes, but has a knock on effect to renters, in an already stressed rental market.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2061	Confidential	No	Richard	Hopwood
	They've ripped us off enough, no gutters, water that smells like either DEAD RAT or chlorine, not trying to prevent flooding. Our rates are expensive enough, after 25+ yrs paying them all they have done is wire rope fence the rear access to my property that should be a road. Do not allow the residents to have to spend more money. They can stop wasteful & expensive projects like the terrigal walk & the lagoon walk, & use the money to improve the basic necessities of the hard working residents.			
2062		No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2063	Confidential	No	Maria	Davies

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2064	Confidential	No	Leanne	Lawler
2065	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2066	Why am I being made to pay for the poor financial decisions made by The Central Coast Council?	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2067	No way we under the old wyong council pay way too much already. There's no way I can afford a rise in my rates I struggle to pay what I do now	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2068	Home owners should NOT have to pay for the incompetence of the council and its horrendous m, negligent financial management. The accountability lies with the council, not the rate payers. I strongly object to and am offended by the proposed rate rises.	No	Louise	Greenaway
2069	<p>What a disgrace.</p> <p>The poor financial management of the Central Coast council now will cost me 10% more a year in fees. How is that fair??</p> <p>You cannot allow the incompetence of the council to have such an impact on hard working families that have done nothing wrong.</p> <p>Please decline this proposal.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2070	Why are we paying for the council [REDACTED] poor management and they will keep their jobs as its too expensiv3 to pay them out.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2071	<p>I strongly object to the proposed rate increase central coast council are seeking. Why should the rate payers be punished for councils inability to manage their finances..we should not be the ones to be punished because they are completely inept at their jobs they should be held accountable for their mismanagement the solution is not to punish all the rate payers who are struggling as it is due to the impact of covid</p> <p>This is complete arrogance on councils behalf to suggest that the solution to their gross negligence is to get the rate payers to foot the bill</p>	No	Kate	Campbell
2072	<p>The residents of the Central Coast should not be lumped with cleaning up the financial mess caused by mismanagement. A rate rise of 1% but not the proses 10%.</p> <p>State govt should pick up the bill as they forced the amalgamation.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2073	It is not fair that central coast council should be raising rates 10% year on year due to the inability to manage funds. I am upset that 10% is the increase in rates. I would like to reduced to a more reasonable rate that is online with the 1-2% expected increase.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2074	Council management received hundreds of thousands of dollars in separation payments, yet they want to increase the rates and charge the community, which whom for the majority earn minimum wage. That is disgraceful. Better financial management from the start could have avoided this now major problem.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2075	Its unlawfull to expect that residents should be expected to foot the bill in the form of unprecendent rate increases due to the councils insolvent fiscal position.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2076	<p>I understand the increase in everyday things every year, but since we have the same flossing in the same areas and have not been fixed what is my money going towards. Corruption??</p> <p>I do not support that, central coast is anti development and it is stopping us from being a great region. Go see things implemented in qld like outdoor gym, walking tracks roads looked after. 2020 has given us all enough financial uncertainty and you want US to pay for YOUR mistakes?!</p>	No	Skye	Panas
2077	Confidential	No	Michelle	Campbell
2078	<p>The knee-jerk application to increase rates, based on financial mismanagement is unfair on rate payers who are already paying too much.</p> <p>The Administrator rushed through the rate rise application to beat the deadline, without allowing for full investigations to be completed & findings to be published. We have only had his interim report.</p> <p>Former Gosford Council rate payers are paying less than former Wyong Council rate payers. This should be levelled out and addressed before another increase is enforced.</p> <p>We have had enough annual increases and this should not be decided on, until all forensic accounting has been completed and a definite plan has been put forward on rectifying this mess.</p> <p>How can rates on the Central Coast be twice as much as other Councils? eg. The Hills Shire Council.</p> <p>The rate payers are not to be punished for the mismanagement of CCC.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2079	<p>To whom it may concern, I am indeed a concerned citizen. I can not believe I am being expected, not asked, to clean up the mess some council [REDACTED] have created by pouring even more of my money, that has already been misused, into this council. My rates are already some of the highest on the coast and I really don't see any improvements being done in my suburb or street. Why make the ratepayers responsible???? Why not sort out those responsible and make them accountable.....isn't that what would happen in any crime.....they are criminals! They have stolen our money and now want more.....I just don't believe the innocent should be made to fix the crime of the criminal! Sort them out, charge them and make them pay back our money!!!! Take their investments, houses and bank accounts!!!! That's what would happen in the real life!!!! Or maybe we should all just band together and sue the council! It's such a disgrace!!!!!!</p> <p>Do not persecute the innocent and protect the criminals.....make the bad guys pay.....they knew what they were doing!!!! And you know that!!!!</p> <p>Disgruntled, annoyed and disillusioned rate payer.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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2080	I have been advised that the council have applied to increase the rates to 8% which is way above the 2% increase which is normal and fair. I don't think we should be forced to pay for the mistakes made by the council.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2081	Confidential	No	Daniel	Hatton
2082	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2083	I strongly oppose the proposed increase as outlined in the special variations. The significant increase to rate payers during this time is irresponsible and to look to make such significant increases for the next 5 years is unjustified. No scenario outlined is adequate. I can see no justifiable reason for such a significant increase every year over the next 5 years.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2084	I completely and absolutely disagree with any rate rise within the Gosford and Wyong Shire Councils. Their mismanagement is a disgrace and dispute any professional indemnity they have signed to waive them of any responsibility should be torn up and they should be charged with a fraud related offence. Missing funds should be sorted from the councillors themselves and their professional indemnity insurers.	No	Toni	Slough
2085	Confidential	No	Carlie	Wells
2086	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2087	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2088	I submit my objection to the proposed 10% rates increase which is well above the national average As a rate payer we are not getting any increase in services & should not be the scape goat for councils poor management Barrie Gibson	No	Barrie	Gibson
2089	<p>Thank you for taking the initiative to listen to my views on the economic state of council and its intention to raise our rates.</p> <p>Although I am not a financial expert, it appears that the gross debt of Council is probably due to mismanagement and I also suspect, erosion of funds to improper groups or individuals.</p> <p>Honest hard working individuals, like myself, now in my mid sixties, are extremely concerned that we must pay for the lack of transparency and demise of real democratic local government.</p> <p>My many Central Coast friends and I are appalled, that in the current economic situation, that Council's method for re-financing overpaid and incompetent managers' errors are to be rectified by fees paid by the rate payers.</p> <p>In addition, I take the opportunity to ask why there are no trees planted in the newly renovated car park in Woy Woy, opposite Coles? Indeed we need thousands of appropriate trees planted on the Peninsular to combat the rising heat! It is beyond appalling, that the planting of thousands of shade trees, has not been implemented. Their cooling effect has long been documented. Beautiful surroundings are also integral in combating mental health. How many failures will council continue to accrue?</p> <p>I also realize, that economics and politics, are very complex and that Council does indeed fulfill many of its duties with diligence and success.</p> <p>However, a rate increase and a missed opportunity to plant shade trees in an arid and extremely ugly car park do nothing to enhance the communities respect for council.</p> <p>I live in continued hope, that Grace, Honesty and Inspiration will imbue not only council and its hard workers but the general community on the Central Coast. Please rethink your strategies.</p> <p>Have a Merry Christmas and a very safe festive season.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2090	I am not happy at all to have this increase in my rates. I have been paying rates on the central coast for 20 years with not much done by the council in return..	No	Brett	Balfour

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2091	Someone please explain why CC ratepayers are being TOLD they will have to wear a 10% increase in rates (for the next 5 years!!) to help cover the debt caused by the gross incompetence of our council. In what universe is this a fair assessment? Ratepayers, who are already under financial stress from a challenging year, will have little in reserve to assist an incompetent council fix their mistakes. There needs to be greater government oversight on councils to ensure audits are conducted regularly and independently monitored, with swift repercussions if rules are ignored. Regular independent oversight may well have prevented the current financial situation from becoming this serious. The rules need to change NOW!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2092	Confidential	No	Melissa	Bentley
2093	Confidential	No	Rhonda	Huckstepp
2094	Why are we paying for the decisions of these corrupt councillors. Investigate them. Charge the guilty ons and send them to goal. Then liquidate their assets as proceeds of crime.	No	Michael	Taylor
2095	No rate rise. I refuse to pay any submitted increase of my rates. Central coast council have mismanaged my hard earned money, for the own financial benefit. I am against having these councillors re elected. Ccc need to be decreasing out rates not increasing. I will note be voting for these councillors to reelected.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2096	Disgusted at the suggestion of rate rises. We already pay high rates. Councils mismanagement is not rate payers fault.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2097	I strongly object to central coast council's planned exorbitant rate rise. Especially since we are a part of the old Wyong shire council & had to be amalgamated with Gosford in the first place - absorbing their debts.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2098	Our rates are high enough as it is, let alone another unfair rise. The incompetence of the CCC is not our fault. There needs to be another way to recoup the immense loss which should have nothing to do with making hard working families pay.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2099	We are in a pandemic, so many people have lost their jobs, and even prior to this were struggling to make ends meet. Why are we being punished for councils mis management? I am a single mum with 3 kids, I struggle to pay my rates now and that's without a rate rise. Please consider our families, our retirees, we don't deserve this.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2100	The council has created their own debt through mis-management. This is not the fault of the rate payer. The council should recover its debt through budgeting, more cuts and government loans. Raising the rates above normal limits is immoral and wrong. Why punish the rate payer for the councils poor asset management? I have done my job well in my field, however When i mess up- i have to pay for my own mistakes. I would never expect others to pay for my ineptitude. If we just raise rates and move on, where is the fault? should it really fall on the rate payer? Or should the state or federal government help out.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2101	The rate -payers responsibility is NOT to pay for an incompetent council. ☹	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2102	Rate increase is unjustified - council were negligent not rate payers. As a resident of what was Wyong shire I strongly object to an increase as Wyong council was financially fine until it was merged with Gosford. Charge those responsible for the debt not residents	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2103	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2104	I am opposed to a substantial rate increase to cover a debt that was incurred by the current Central Coast Council through no fault of the rate payers. I can stomach a rate increase by CPI but no more than that. We already pay high rates compared to other council areas and still have open drainage, no curb and guttering, no footpaths. A lot of our roads have been continually patched up that it's like a roller coaster driving along them.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2105	We should not have a rate increase because the incapable council spent money on absolute rubbish while we have no kerbside guttering or footpaths to safely wak with our children!!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2105	I absolutely reject the Central Coast Council rates to be increased due to mis-management of rate payers funds by the current executive and councilors. Residents are already financially impacted due to Covid19 implications with loss of employment, reduced income, and the mental health anguish such issues have already caused. No rate rise outside of the normal rate peg.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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2106	I have submitted this Previously but I have not received a reply that you received it. I am 70 years old and live off my pension. I didn't get a pension increase this year for the CPI. I have a house loan which I pay every week. I can't afford this rate hike especially as they are responsible for this mess. I have my own loans to pay off. I have trouble meeting my rate payments now and if there not there by the due date, they charge me interest. They are responsible for this mess and the incompetence of their spending. It was only a couple of years ago they were in surplus. Where's the money gone. They misused the funds let them pay it back. Maybe they might learn to be responsible with rate money. If the rates go up 10% I guess they will be taking my house that I have worked so hard to get and since retired. They lost the money and want us to pay it back over the next seven years. This is well above the CPI I get every year but didn't this year. Should all be charged with misuse of rate payers money. Bloody thieves.	No	John	Mortimer
2107	I believe the rate rise is unnecessary and hold residents accountable rather than council administration. The shortfall and debt at Central Coast Council reflects mismanagement not a lack of access to existing funds.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2108	I dont think council deserves a rate increase as mgt of funds are deplorable. Also i found out on a Facebook page about these submissions. NOT BY COUNCIL NOTIFYING RATE PAYERS THAT SUBMISSION CAN BE SUBMITTED TO IPART. very angry. Cant afford increase.	No	Bryan	Smith
2109	Due to our current councils dire financial situation, the council has applied to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) for an 8% rate increase to commence in the 2021/2022 financial year above the IPART regulated 1- 2% per annum rate increase for next 7 years THAT MAY BE A 10% INCREASE IN RATES EACH YEAR FOR SEVEN YEARS TO COVER THE FINANCIAL DEBT OF CENTRAL COAST COUNCIL (as opposed to the regulated 1-2%)	No	Ron	Young
2110	I totally disagree with the current proposal. This is bad financial management by the council and the public should not bail them out!! Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2111	Our rates are already amongst the highest of all councils & due to council incompetence we are expected to pay an additional 10% next year with even less services. Totally unjust.	No	Mark	Barber
2112	A decision to agree to the proposed increase in rates to recoup any losses of the central coast council would have a detrimental affect to the whole of the central coast. The mismanagement of the council funds , already received via paying rates is not the responsibility of the community to bare the burden. This will have an affect on every facet of the coast costs from merchants increasing product and service costs to sports clubs increasing fees to pay for the fields. As a ratepayer I refuse to pay extra, I cannot find the funds in my personal and family budget to pay for this criminal handling of ratepayers money	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2113	I do not support the requested rise in rates.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2114	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2115	We should not have to pay for the councils inability to manage money. Before the amalgamation Wyong was In profit and Gosford was in debt, why should the entire coast pay for gosfords problems that only got worse? Divide the councils with fair division of the debt and make the people who benefit from the money spent to pay for it Give the expensive areas (Avoca, terrigal, umina) equitable rates for the cost of housing	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2116	It is ridiculous that we as rate payer should be covering for the incompetence of our councilors. They have been fired and received payouts of up to \$380,000 each for this gross incompetence and we have to clean up after them. Our rates are already some of the highest in NSW and these proposed increases will cripple my already tight budget.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2117	Why is the council allowed to increase rates, considering they've already inappropriately spent so much funding? It's not fair the public should pay for these power hungry ████████ to go on making more mistakes.	No	Glen	White
2118	Hi, During the Covid 2020 year I was forced to retire and apply for age pension. i have no other source of income. It is a struggle financially. I would definitely NOT be able to afford a 10% increase for rates at my property: ██████████ Responsibility for lack of financial judgement and poor Council budgeting should not be placed on residents such as myself to recoup. Yours truly, Peta Campbell ██████████	No	Peta	Campbell
2119	It is unreasonable to expect central coast residents to pay for inflated rates because of council mismanagement. I would understand if there were special projects, major repairs or infrastructure work taking place, but that is not what is happening here.	No	Sarah	Dibdin
2120	Confidential	No	Robyn	Townsend
2121	I do object to putting rates up, why should we pay for their incompetence of handling the funds and in this economic climate how dare they even think like that, disgraceful.	No	Amanda	Gibson

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2122	We on the Central Coast have seen a waste of our rate money for years. It has now caught up with council and I feel we, the rate payers, should not be financially penalized with ridiculous rate rises. If I raised my charge out rate more than 2% a year I would have no customers. Sadly as rate payers we can't just opt out of using this service.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2123	I'm a low income worker, i CAN'T afford this,	No	John	Sciberras
2124	As a rate payer i find this proposition disgusting. To ask we the people to dish out more money that has been squandered away by inept council members along with our trust is an utterly repugnant slap in the face to us. I live in the north end of the coast. We pay more rates as it is than Gosford and we dont get looked after. Our roads, gutters, drains, parks, median strips are all shocking and our money has gone to outlandish ventures such as the boardwalk in Terrigal for an example. LOOK AFTER YOUR PEOPLE FIRST! WE HAVE BEEN ASKING FOR OUR ROADS AND SUBURBS IN GENERAL TO BE FIXED FOR DECADES AND IT HAS ALL FALLEN ON DEAF EARS! No way in hell am i paying more money to this council that is bereft of compentancy.	No	Cameron	McMullen
2125	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2126	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2127	Why should the residents of the CCC be held responsible for the inadequate way that the council has got itself into huge debt. I along with a lot of people I have spoken to will blatantly refuse to pay for their mistakes	No	Mark	Taylor
2128	I am against the proposed council rate increase for the central coast. Why should the community be punished for the councils mismanagement and lack of oversight.	No	Aileen	Blandford
2129	Every other avenue needs to be explored before asking residents to pay for the mistakes of the council. This might include culling employees from the top down.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2130	I am against making the residents of the central coast bail out the council for their mismanagement of our funds. After the hardship of 2020 Covid 10% increase is unaffordable to many family's.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2131	I do not approve of footing the bill for council's mismanagement of funds	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2132	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2133	I do not agree to the 10% proposed rate rise for the recuperation of the deficit, it is not the rate payers fault there for we shouldn't be burdened with the debt, Yes the funds need to be recovered but by other means, alot of home owners are going to be forced into not paying the rates because not of the extra expense of paying for someone else's mistakes.	No	Neil	Griffin
2134	Cannot afford such an increase. My rates are already 20 percent more than there were in Sydney for a cheaper house	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2135	Confidential	No	Fiona	Scott
2136	Confidential	No	David	Atkinson
2137	Confidential	No	Sian	Tabone
2138	Dear lpart, I strongly oppose the increase to our rates as these current Councillors have proven their ineptitude, and I pass a complete no confidence vote in their ability to rectify again with my money this dire unprecedented situation we all find ourselves in! I do not consent to a rate rise for Central Coast residents whether that be to pay for the "mismanagement" of Council funds or the mismanagement of State Government in their oversight of Local government. I believe strongly in not rewarding these current Councillors (I allege they should be sacked as they have already proven their incompetence at this major task at hand) the ability to continue this flagrant disregard for our hard fought and earned resources, funds and infrastructure on the Peninsula and at Gosford	No	Kellie	Marriott
2139	I am against this proposed rate raise, we the the rate payer's of the central coast should not be punished for the CCC's incompetent handling and over spending by the Councilors. What makes this worse is the fact the incompetent Councilors will be payed a phenomenal payout. They should be held responsible for their actions. The rate difference in rates between the Gosford area and the Wyong area need to be equalised before anything is even considered. A rate rise will force people on the central coast into worse financial distress than we already are. No Rate Rise.	No	Anne	Robins
2140	No Rate Rise. Central coast residence should not be punished for the incompetence of the council's over spending. The councilors should not receive any kind of payout when we the central coast residence are being threatened with financial hardship. A Rate rise will take food off the table of pensioners and low income earners, many families will struggle, after all we have been through already with job losses due to Covid 19. No Rate Rise.	No	Peter	Robins
2141	Why should the ratepayers of Central Coast Council have to pay for the incompetence of the powers that be in Council. They should be made to pay the money back NOT the ratepayers. If I cannot manage my budget, I have no one that can help me. SO PAY UP COUNCIL.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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2142	I object to a above average rate increase to pay for the financial mismanagement of the council over years. The current investigation needs to clearly demonstrate that: 1) projects that have been undertaken were at a reasonable cost (I have heard from countless sources that they're grossly inflated) 2) the amalgamation of Gosford and Wyong councils has not led to double up of staffing, responsibilities, and project management and; 3) funds have not made their way into the pockets of management	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2143	I object to cccouncil applying to increase rates at a higher 8%	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2144	Do not raise my rates to fix your stuff ups	No	Ron	Keenan
2145	<p>This deplorable state of affairs seems to stem from two main areas. First, the forced amalgamation of Gosford and Wyong Councils, and second is the apparent total incompetence of the newly merged entity.</p> <p>Forced amalgamation - Obviously resulted in no savings - no surprises there. Extra costs associated with more layers of more expensive management because of the increased size of the combined Council. This should have been obvious to the Government before the forced amalgamation and should therefore be paid for by the Government.</p> <p>Council's incompetence - should have been on the Government's radar as Council's overseer, especially after Gosford Council's previous sub-prime debacle where they already lost \$100m in savings. Why a supposed service provider, who never had any money to provide services, managed to accumulate, then lose, this enormous amount of money, has also never been explained to the ratepayers. What have Councillors, senior Council staff, auditors and the Dept. of Local Government been doing for the period of time it has taken to arrive at this unimaginable outcome - apparently all of the aforementioned have been asleep at the wheel the entire time. There has been a total absence of any oversight, control or accountability.</p> <p>Ordinary ratepayers who have to manage their own personal and business affairs and finances have no input or scrutiny over what the Council does. It has always seemed that with both Gosford and Central Coast Councils, most of the significant issues were discussed, and decisions made, in closed Council sessions. How can the ratepayers be the ones held culpable for these failings and be the ones forced to pay the bill.</p> <p>It is totally unrealistic and untenable to now expect ratepayers to suddenly raise funds from their budget to finance a well over 100% cumulative increase in rates to cover this incredible shortfall. If such an increase did in fact go ahead it would eventually just be incorporated into the normal rate structure of Council's finances, setting the scene for the next debacle.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2146	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2147	I do not agree with rising the rates because the council over spent. The cost of living is already enormous in Australia and everyone is already struggling. Let's not make it harder please :) just leave the rates the same. No one needs higher bills. Especially since we just went through covid and lockdown and people are still trying to get back on their feet.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2148	Central coast councils proposed 8% rate increase to compensate for the councils negligent mismanagement of the central coasts finances should not be passed onto the rate paying public. Not only is this simply not fair for rate payers causing extra financial pressure, it will also indirectly effect renters and retailers within the central coast region.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2149	No increase to rates above standard increases.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2150	Confidential	No	Katelyn	Parrott
2151	No increase in rates above the normal increase!!!!	No	Mark	McDonald
2152	I strongly disagree with the council's plan to increase rates on the Central Coast. This financial disaster was caused by the negligence of individual councilors and so should not be passed on as a burden to ratepayers. We should not be punished for the foolishness of those we entrusted to run our local council. The funds should be allocated by the Australian government with a proviso that better management systems be put in place to prevent mismanagement in future. Thank you.	No	Mon	Flanigan
2153	I appose the Central coast rate rise	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2154	I oppose an increase in rates to cover councils financial mismanagement. I seek equity in rating across the lga.	No	Lynette	Walton
2155	We are living in the damaged council already with resources far from standard. We should not have to pay for an individual's lack of duty. That person should be accountable.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2156	<p>We Central Coast residents of [REDACTED] highly oppose the proposed rate increase . Many Central Coast residents either earn lower wages than average or commute to Sydney for work so many will not be able to afford this rate especially each year - Council will receive additional income from new developments on the Central Coast . We believe the council administrator should look at other options - Visitors and tourist use many council facilities they rate payers pay or maybe a consideration on costs in those areas - Non resident parking for instance -</p> <p>Thank you</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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2157	This is not the rate payers fault!.This is a fault of a mis managed and money hungry council that lost \$ 300 million of our money. Due to covid this year people are already struggling financially so an increase in rates is ludicrous.	No	Byron	Jones
2158	Confidential	No	Peter	Faulkner
2159	8% increase is to much	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2160	I'm pretty pissed about having a rate rise because of the incompetence of the council members. Why are we letting the [REDACTED] that caused thist get away with it. I shouldn't have to pay when I don't even have a curb out the front of my house. The members of council who let this happen need to be held accountable for their selfish actions. They should have to pay back every single cent they "earned" whilst on the job plus any property they purchased. You won't be getting a cent more then I'm paying at the moment.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2161	In 2013 WSC applied to IPART for a 6.9% special variant increase to be added each year for 7 years which was granted. To be expected to pay another 10% increase for councilors and governments incompetence and mismanagement of funds is highway robbery and we should not be expected to pay for it. They created the mess they should pay for it, not rewarded!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2162	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2163	Its not the local peoples fault of incompetent management ...since we joined with Gosford we have problems ...more development in Gosford than Wyong... Warnervale station and development halted and high rise in Toukley not approved by local community.. seems council can do what it wants.. also eye saw at Toukley Bridge been years with progress on east side was to be a restaurant ...we need new councillors and accountability...just disgusting what's happened...lots of pensioners on central coast can't afford huge rates	No	Jill	Hansell
2164	Confidential	No	Karlie	Waterson
2165	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2166	Severely disagree with councils application to increase rates to fix our financial situation that was caused by their own incompetence. Councillors should be taking a massive wage reduction until this issue is resolved and finding other means to make up for their mistakes like approving the many housing developments that they've significantly delayed for ridiculous reasons over the last 10 years. There's other means to fix this issue and they should be addressed before rates increases are even considered.	No	John	Heuston
2167	Confidential	No	Aaron	Makin
2168	Confidential	No	Scott	Allen
2169	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2170	We do not agree to the rate increase.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2171	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2172	Whilst I understand the need to recoup the monies lost/poorly managed in the first place, this is a ridiculous request to increase our rates (already high as a comparative) by 10% yearly for 7 years. Expecting us as ratepayers to make up for the mistakes of others is simply not fair. The money should be returned by better management of funds and other cost saving strategies. Perhaps including council pay cuts?	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2173	I am strongly opposed to the !0% rate increase due to the mismanagement of the Central Coast Councili. Ratepayers should not be expected to foot the bill of an incompetent management team.	No	Karen	Moss
2174	No rate rise	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2175	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2176	We are already struggling due to COVID! Why should we pay for their mistakes!!!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2177	The council's years of mismanagement should not be put back on residents. They need to find a better way to fix the problems that they caused.	No	Daniel	OKeefe
2178	We should not have to pay for the mismanagement of our rates, this all comes down to senior management and the chamber not being held accountable for their actions, I have nothing but Distain and mistrust for the lot	No	Paul	Walsh
2179	The people of the central coast should not have to carry the burden of an incompetent councils blunders . It's totally wrong .	No	Jai	Baker
2180	I do not agree with a rate rise for the failings of the Council.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2181	Could someone please tell me who is responsible for the financial mess that we are in	No	Thomas	Walsh
2182	I'm against having to pay higher rate charges. Let us uniform all rate charges across the central coast. Why should rate payers in Wyong shire pay higher charges than those in Gosford. Why are we paying for the mishandling of monies from council's inability to spend only what could be afforded.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2183	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2184	I don't think the residents of the central coast need to be disadvantaged due to the councils poor management.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2185	What did they waste all this money on and they should be held accountable and pay personally.....why are we now accountable for this debt that we had no control over where they spent it !!	No	Robyn	Stewart
2186	I, a tax paying, home owner on the central coast am outraged at the sheer negligence our council has displayed! They have brought so much debt to our community, with mismanagement of funding. I am not for a rate rise! We did not make this debt so why are we all left with the bill! This is absolutely blasphemy! I refuse to pay more in rates!	No	Kiera	Moulang

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2187	Central coast residents should not have to lay for the mal- administration of finances by a council in whom they placed their trust. I object to having to experience an increase in rates. The coast consists of a significant proportion of elderly people who cannot afford an increase and should not have this foisted upon them. It is an insane proposition and unjust.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2188	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2189	I oppose any further rate increases above the standard increase, to help repay the debt the CC Council are in.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2190	Confidential	No	Gavin	White
2191	Rate increases are good where there is a benefit to rate payers and a guarantee that the council will be closely monitored so this does not happen again.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2192	We should not be financially impacted due to the mismanagement of councillors. Coming off the back of COVID in 2020 we are struggling and we have no say where council are wasting their money. Those pretty little timber signs marking suburbs that have gone up around the coast are a waste of money for a council in dire financial trouble. The 4m high sensory Christmas Tree at The Entrance, made up of potted herbs... another massive waste of money, and water it is so wilted. We are still being impacted from the lack of inaction due to the flooding of Tuggerah Lakes and now they want more money... Shameful.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2193	Why should residents suffer because of someone's big mistake. Surely making people pay someone else's debt sets a standard. Sorry I can't pay my rates because I'm in debt. I'll make my neighbour.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2194	Being a central coast resident for my whole life and a home owner for the past 8 years I feel it wouldn't be fair to increase the rates to home owners just because the council had incompetent councillors who couldn't manage their books. Why should us tax payers and home owners be penalised for the incompetence of them? I would personally look to sell and move away from the central coast of this proposal goes ahead it is not fair to punish hard working people because the big guys got it wrong and over spent.	No	Charles	Stillitano
2195	Confidential	No	Steve	Cleaver
2196	I disagree with any substantial rate increase. I have lived on the Central Coast for over 40 years. In recent times roads and maintenance, parks and gardens and general services have been an after thought. I cannot see any improvement in services from a rate increase, given they're doing nothing now.	No	David	Spinks
2197	I do not agree. 2020 has been a year of financial struggle for our community and the thought you could up our rates because of council must management is criminal.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2198	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2199	No rate rise! NSW Central Coast families and businesses are already stretched this year financially given last summer's bushfires and major flooding followed by Covid job losses and closedowns. Central Coast ratepayers are mostly young families and retirees with limited or fixed income sources. A rate increase will also impact on the already high rental prices... it is unconscionable for CCC to apply for a rate rise to cover the money which they 'overspent' with little to no visible or documented benefits to our local services, amenities or tourism industry. Our rates are already among the highest of comparable coastal areas and have been steadily increasing year by year. I have been a WyongSC ratepayer for the past 38 years and believe that the Coast and especially The Entrance/Long Jetty area are sadly rundown and neglected for what was once a thriving tourist area.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2200	Confidential	No	Karina	Hapgood
2201	I object too the massive rates rise to cover the mismanagement debt the council has caused. This is not our problem to pay for!!!	No	Tegan	Turner
2202	This would be the second time Central Coast residence have had to pay well above standard rate rise, any increase above the rate peg should NOT be allowed	No	Paul	Beech
2203	Central Coast Council should not be able to slug hard working rate payers with a rate rise as a result of mismanagement or improper spending. There needs to be accountability on the part of the councilors responsible for the budget blowout and emphasis should be put on revenue raising through proper means without a negative impact on rate payers.	No	Chris	Neilson
2204	I do not agree that our rates should be increased above the recommended set increase.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2205	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2206	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2207	It should not be up to the rate payers to fix this. Review the wages of the top executives and cars situation. Wyong was not in trouble until they joined Gosford and took on their debts.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2208	Confidential	No	Emma	Flanagan
2209	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2210	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2211	We already have the highest rates in NSW. Why should rate payers be ripped off more because of the [REDACTED] that couldn't do there jobs in the first place. We need these people jailed.....	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2212	No increase in our rates	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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2213	I am opposed to the rate rise. We already have very expensive rates compared to other council shires. It is unacceptable to put the cost of this mismanagement back into the rate payers at such an extent. A once or increase perhaps but certainly not yearly for 7 years. I would not be able to afford this in my family budget.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2214	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2215	Confidential	No	Luke	Gallen
2216	Ridiculous, the very fact that they sit in debt and plan to increase rates by an exorbitant amount is ludicrous! It stands that a major part of the population on the central coast is in the low socio economic range and this would affect them greatly, it can't happen.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2217	Why should the residents pay over 7 years for the councilors incompetence.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2218	I do not want to see an increase in rates as I do not want to pay for other peoples mistakes NO WAY.	No	Louise	Williams
2219	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2220	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2221	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2222	I strongly object to the proposed council rates increases: it's unfair and unjust that such high rate rises be imposed on residents who are the innocent victims of the atrocious financial (mis)management of our council. Current rates with CPI increases would be more than enough to service the central coast under proper financial leadership. We cannot trust that more money won't simply be even further squandered. Tougher decisions must be made other than a simple rate payer bail out. There must be other repercussions and changes to the way our council is financially managed, held accountable and expected to correct this situation. Despite the significant budgetary over spend basic services are still severely lacking all over the coast e.g. basic infrastructure such as roads, kerbs & guttering. Bottom-line: make our council financially accountable! Force our council to considerably change and improve.	No	Ben	Healan
2223	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2224	I find it appalling that the Central Coast Council is passing on increased rates for the sole reason of making up for its own corruption and poor handling of council funds. As a ratepayer, I had zero involvement in any debt accumulation as part of the ongoing investigation and refuse to carry the financial burden of corrupt officials. I am happy to pay the current rate, but I will not accept shouldering the previous council's ineptitude.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2225	Why should the rates payers have to fund the inadequacies of a previous council? I don't see why we shouldn't split the council back into two.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2226	No, I'm not ok with this huge application to substantially increase our rates!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2227	The central coast council has gotten themselves into an enormous amount of debt through utter incompetence and mismanagement. I am about to settle on a property here and I am very disappointed to hear of the proposed increase. In this, of all years, when financial pressure is already enormous on families, we are told they are seeking a 10-15% rate increase. The burden of this should not be worn by the already struggling rate payer. We should not have to compensate their horrendous mismanagement of our rates. No person that I know has received a pay increase this year. This proposed amount is simply unaffordable and will put families in a position to choose between necessities such as heating and groceries or paying their increased rates amount, through no fault of their own. Please make the rate increase a reasonable amount, 2.5% maximum.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2228	We strongly oppose a rate increase due to Central Coast Council's incompetence.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2229	Our rates should not be raised due to your mismanagement! So unfair!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2230	We don't want our rates put up over others mistakes	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2231	I strongly oppose this rate increase. The rate payers should not be punished for council's financial mismanagement! This is a huge and unaffordable increase. Way too much over way too many years!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2232	I don't agree to pay that much more every year due to the bad administration	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2233	I don't see why I, the rate payer, should be punished and my family financially impacted by the gross mismanagement of funds by Central Coast Council. The significant increase in rates is well above any pay increase and likely to impact my family needs (food, mortgage, schooling etc). This would essentially reduce my income.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2234	I am new to central coast as a home owner. I have had no part in the debt and financial choices made and do not wish to have my hard earned money go to fixing a fiscal problem that clearly was not caused by 'low rates'. If my rates increase I expect to see how and why they increase with a focus on the betterment of services and resources for the people. People are recovering from covid recession and are not in the position to foot this bill. It is my full expectation that there will not be an abnormal rate rise to compensate for CC council poor choices.	No	Tegan	Bayliss
2235	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2236	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2237	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2238	I disagree with the increase	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2239	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2240	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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2241	I strongly object to Central Coast residents having to pay off appalling council financial decisions via a rate hike.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2242	I strongly object to Central Coast residents having to pay off appalling council financial decisions via a rate hike.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2243	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
	<p>Dear lpart,</p> <p>I strongly oppose the increase to our Council rates as these current Councillors have proven their ineptitude, and I pass a complete no confidence vote in their ability to rectify again with my money this dire unprecedented situation we all find ourselves in!</p> <p>I do not consent to a rate rise for Central Coast residents whether that be to pay for the “mismanagement” of Council funds or the mismanagement of State Government in their oversight of Local government. There are far reaching considerations of what this will mean to the social costs; the ripple effect and increases in homelessness, the effect on businesses- less consumers - higher prices, increased desperation & crime and general downward spiral of this area. The majority of residents on the Central Coast are already doing it tough, as we have the highest incidences of suicide (one occurred at the recent construction site at James Browne Woy Woy sporting oval complex additions) in the country, some of the highest unemployment rates in the state, a high percentage of aged pensioners who already choose between bills and food and people who work hard and pay high taxes for the privilege of being slaves to governments poorly run, greed driven economic gouging system. The Central Coast already has so many social (drug concerns which need strong Use, Harm & Policy Responses: https://www.aph.gov.au/About_Parliament/Parliamentary_Departments/Parliamentary_Library/Publications_Archive/archive/illicitdrugs not the selling off of our hard fought assets in fire sales, which could result in the under representation of much needed infrastructure which is required on the Peninsula and displays I allege CCC’s culpable negligence in committing this non-compliant and unregulated "mismanagement of funds") and economic issues - we don't need these issues flaring further as a cumulative outcome of rate rises. We do not consent and we do not approve of any Council rate rises or any other publicly owned amenity rises.</p> <p>I believe strongly in not rewarding these current Councillors (I allege they should be sacked as they have already proven their incompetence at this major task at hand) the ability to continue this flagrant disregard for our hard fought and earned resources, funds and infrastructure on the Peninsula and at Gosford which is touted as the capital of the Central Coast!</p>			
2244	Thank you for your consideration of this important matter that lies now in your jurisdiction to assist in rectifying this matter for all parties involved.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2245	I object to the special variation to increase rates to myself & other Central Coast residents due to the financial hardship this will cause my & other families	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2246	I don’t agree with this ridiculous idea to tax us for your poor business model and lack of structure around your work. You are to blame, not us.	No	Paul	Knowles
2247	Confidential	No	Amber	Oconnor
2248	I object to the increase of rates to cover the corruption and mismanagement of the existing council, state government should cover all debts as there incompetence has allowed this to happen	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2249	<p>Why should Central Coast Residents have to pay for Councils poor Management. I pay rates in the hope that my money goes towards roads, footpaths and parks in the local area yet I am still waiting on the above. I have emailed Council numerous times in regards to the park across the road from my house and keep getting told it’s on the cards in the coming years. Why should I pay more money and still get nothing in return. This is very unfair. The counsellors gave themselves a pay rise. Who has been overseeing these pay rises when there has been no money..?! What a joke to even expect the residents to pay!</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2250	This may seem like a good and acceptable pathway for recouping hundreds of millions of dollars by CC Council but to the rate payers of the Central Coast it is totally unacceptable, unfair, appalling and short sighted. Its an absurd notion that an application such as this should have been put forward in the instance. There should now be other mechanisms put in place to set the path for recovery not squeezing rate payers.	No	Brett	McEvoy
2251	What a ridiculous idea. Bail yourselves out of your mess.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2252	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2253	Your incompetence should not be given to the rate payers to fix your dept. When you can’t complete simple items like preventative Maintenance. This is not fair at all and you will only be forcing home owners to sell	No	Sally	Gibbons
2254	Utterly ridiculous	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2255	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2256	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2257	Confidential	No	Christian	Peick

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2258	<p>We CANNOT afford a rate rise! There is very little infrastructure or jobs on the coast... people already pay so much money and spend so much time driving to their jobs in sydney or newcastle. The coast does not have the high income levels for the most part to support any rate rises! Councils monumental inability to do their job could see average people losing their houses when they cant afford another up to \$2000 a year within a few years. The cost of living and rentals on the coast is exorbitant... we're stick between a rock and a hard place! Soon we cant afford our homes, but we also cant afford to rent and cant even find a rental on the coast anywhere. That will get harder as well if rental property owners cant afford the rates and sell their houses or significantly increase their rent to cover it.</p> <p>It is a disgusting loss of OUR money by Council already with no actual solid explanation on where all this money has gone.</p> <p>It is plain and simple: WE CANT AFFORD ANY MORE RATES!!!!</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2259	<p>With the Central Coast having a high percentage of pensioners, there is no way that they can afford such large increases. Why is there a need for ONE council to own and maintain TWO very large buildings. I feel that one building should be sold and the proceeds of the sale be put towards the debt. As part of the problem is a direct result of the forced but unwanted amalgamation, it is felt that the State Govt should make a contribution towards paying off the debt. The mooted 10% increase each year will create untold financial hardship to the residents of the Central Coast and bankrupt many small businesses. Money could be saved if a job was done properly the first time instead of having to come back 2 or 3 times to rectify poor workmanship. A lot of Council vehicles are allowed to be used for private use. I am sure that the employees are not paying for the fuel . I am sure that if looked at closely enough more efficiencies could be found thereby saving money. The residents of the Central Coast are struggling to pay for the rates at their current level.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2260	Please don't approve a rate rise for the council's incompetence while we are all in financial stress from covid	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2261	I do not support this application to increase rates. I already run to a tight budget and do not feel it is fair that I be put under financial pressure due to council's mismanagement of funds.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2262	It is disgraceful that the council wants to increase rates astronomically as a direct result of their incompetence and mismanagement. This should not be allowed to occur.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2263	This rate rise is unaffordable, I receive \$470 a week after tax to live on, I don't qualify for any concession cards to receive any government support for anything. How could a state government have allowed this to occur? People will be made homeless as a result of this complete stuff up.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2264	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2265	What do you want me to do I can't afford these rate increases it's either pay them or eat. I'm a pensioner things are hard enough. No I don't believe we should have to pay it.	No	Sandra	Fletcher
2266	Why should rate payer foot the bill for the mismanagement of funds	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2267	<p>Completely ridiculous that one of nsw wealthier councils can grossly mismanage funds and pass the debt on to the people in a time of global economic crisis and such uncertainty.</p> <p>By no means should the increase be passed.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2268	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2269	Confidential	No	Laura	Naughton
2270	Increasing rates above the regulated amount would be overly burdensome to many households doing it tough due to Covid lay-offs etc. Poor financial management on the councils part should not cause financial strain on the people who live in the council area.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2271	Please do not allow a huge rate rise. I cannot afford it. Ive been in my home for 30 years. We face constant flooding of yard as we have no curb and guttering. It was promised by 2020 but of course did not happen. I need flippers to put extra rubbish in the bin on garbage night if it rains. Roads are full of pot holes. I dont want to lose my house but fear this will happen if rates rise dramatically. I may end up homeless. Its enough of a struggle now. I did not psend all that money. Its not my fault. We do not have the infrastructure here to add too many extra residents.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2272	I oppose the rate increase.	No	Linda	Wills
2273	<p>We object to any rate increase. As ratepayers we are not paying for mismanagement of our rate payments by Council. IPART has been lazy in doing their due diligence prior to any Council increase by not checking whether ratepayers were getting delivery of services. We don't have kerb and guttering. Footpaths, street lights, and so on. How can u honestly increase rates when we are not receiving services??? [REDACTED]. You government people make mistakes and then u ask ratepayers to pay for your mistakes. What happened to accountability and transparency? [REDACTED]</p>	No	Aurora	Walker
2274	The Council made a huge error. As a community, we can not believe their debt got to this amount before something was done about it. Us home owners shouldn't be the ones paying for their mistake.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2275	I object to Central Coast Council increasing land rates to recover the financial losses from miss management.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2276	The council members should face a harsh penalty for what they have done. Anyone else under any other employers would be sacked and charged accordingly.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2277	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2278	<p>As pensioners we are entitled to reduced rates and I filled in councils paperwork and handed it in person as requested months ago but no pensioner discount has been applied. Now after we suffered property loss due to flooding since council delayed opening the entrance channel they want to put rates up even further. Please protect the central coast residents and don't allow astronomical rate rises</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2278	Confidential	No	Danielle	Abell

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2279	This increase is not on	No	Ian	Sim-mcgill
2280	Confidential	No	Jess	Ogley
2281	Central Coast residents must not be made to foot the bill of the incompetent management who were in place which has led to a financial crisis of the central coast council. To make money back by increasing our rates anything above 2% is absolutely disgusting.	No	Dean	Skinner
2282	I do not agree to this increase.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2283	Its not fair that the residents of Central coast council have to pay increased rates because of councils miss management of funds. I had zero say into any spending of the funds yet im expected to pay the bill. Its absolutely appalling.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2284	We the rate payers should not be held responsible for the actions of the reckless councillors. They got us in this mess .	No	Jodye	Mcfarlane
2285	This is a disgrace.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2286	The increase should not be passed on to the rate payer, due poor miss management of funds , this is totally unfair , if something is broke you got to fix it ,throwing more money won't fix it , needs total re-structure with good leadership , Not happy at all about this ☹️	No	Brett	Giffen
2287	This should not be granted. It is not the residents of the central coast's fault that councillors have severely and grossly mismanaged finances to get us to this financial position. Our community roads are in severe disrepair on a consistent basis, our public facilities can't change their operating hours to be more profitable because of council restrictions (see Wyong Public Pool) and year on year they continue to approve thousands of new dwellings earning millions in more revenue while making minimal improvements to any services or infrastructure. The individuals responsible should be forced to cover the difference, or they should be supported by state or federal governments, as we are the 9th most populist area in Australia that all falls under on e local council.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2288	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2289	Poor management of council and forced amalgamation of Wyong and Gosford Council should not have to be subsidised by the residents. We already pay high rates.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2290	I object to paying an increase in my rate due to the councils incompetence!	No	Angus	King
2291	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2292	Confidential	No	Daniel	Larsson
2293	The financial management of Central Coast Council is due to the complete mismanagement and incompetence. Rate payers like family cannot afford to pay for the significant mismanagement by massive having massive increases in our rates. Council needs to be run like a business and be responsible with their income. Local residents should not be the victims of this major stuff up by Council. Where were the checks and balances along the way?	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2294	As a Central Coast resident who pays rates I would like to object to the proposed rate increase. To force residents to cover the debt incurred by a negligent council is unconscionable and damaging to those families who work hard and chose to live in the coast for a more affordable lifestyle.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2295	I object to the council increasing rates again due to gross mismanagement and incompetence of the running of council and misuse of residents money. Disgraceful situation and now we are being made pay for it	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2296	Financially my family and I are struggling to find any extra money after everything that's happened this year. I have 3 children 12, 10 and six and after mortgage payments, food on the table and in general the cost of living that seems to have skyrocketed lately and now my council wants to do this to us no way. State government forced the amalgamation then walked away with totally incompetent people at the helm. We don't see anything for the rates we pay now. Our homes get flooded, our roads are appalling. This mess was not created by us the rate payers is why should we be penalised by increased rates to fix it. The amalgamation was flawed from the start.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2297	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2298	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2299	Confidential	No	Emma	Petchey
2300	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2301	I am a pensioner. Have lived my whole life on Central Coast. Would have to go without basics like food heating etc. Just not fair !!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2302	I feel it's unjust to make rate payers pay for the mistakes of council. We pay our rates expecting a service to make our area better. Not for the money to be squandered. Who's to say if the rates are risen that this abomination will not happen again!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2303	I absolutely disagree with this ridiculous rate increase. We won't be rectifying councils incompetence. You have failed us miserably.	No	Glenn	Sligar

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2304	No rate increase, because of bad management. Totally unfair. I hope that those at fault are held responsible. We are innocent parties in a bad business deal.	No	Christine	Arrowsmith
2305	We vehemently object to any rate increases. This new shortfall is not something created by ratepayers. It is a shortfall created by people employed by the government and Ministers employing people that are incompetent to manage the Council Financials. Why do ratepayers have to pay for their incompetence?	No	Andy	Walker
2306	Disagree with the rate rise from the Administrator.	No	Karen	Phillips
2307	My wife and I object to this proposed increase in rates for Central Coast Council. Rates are high enough. The Council's failure to properly manage funds should not be a problem that gets passed on to the local tax payers. We have a young family, and despite Jobkeeper and other Centrelink benefits being made available to the public as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, we exceed the relevant means test and have been without any government assistance. Why is it expected, whether on a Federal or Local level, that the hard working tax payers should foot the bill for other people's incompetence.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2308	Submitted on behalf of a young couple from [REDACTED]. My land valuation hasn't increased by 7-10% so why should my rates? The money spent by CC Council wasn't spent on my pot holled street or for paths. It was spent on stupid statues and empty buildings. Our dam is the only one never full despite flooding rain and our water rates are already too high because of this. This Council did not look after its rate payers so why should we look after them.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2309	Do not allow the special rate increase to go ahead. The rate payers are not responsible for the poor financial management of the Central Coast Council and should not bear the financial burden.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2310	Why should Rate Payers of the Central Coast pay for Council/Government mismanagement? Can this be attributed to the Forced Merger of Gosford /Wyong Councils & the poor management since this has occurred.	No	Mark	Bundy
2311	We are already one of the dearest regions in Australia when it comes to rates. Why should we pay more for councils poor decisions and management.	No	Alex	Brady
2312	I think it's ridiculous that you use the people in your council to pay off your debts. We are not the reason you are in \$81 million in debt and shouldn't be punished for your mistakes	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2313	Confidential	No	David	Gillett
2314	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2315	No go a rate rise	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2316	Confidential	No	Brooke	Mills
2317	I oppose the increase. The council has forced themselves into this situation. They increased head counts and spend on wasteful projects. At the end of the day service should be brought back to what a council should be providing. All the rest of the ancilliary services should be pared back. Residents already struggle with cost of living especially during this period and to increase this well above CPI just adds to the burden. Instead of balancing a budget the first thing government at all levels want to do os to raise taxes. The first thing we should we do is funding primary services and better allocating funds left over to secondary wants.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2318	No rate rise	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2319	Confidential	No	David	Gallo
2320	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2321	seize the assets of the [REDACTED] that caused this mess, i have done nothing wrong and should not be paying for this	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2322	It is grossly unfair that local residents should have to bear the cost for council mismanagement. Residents have no say in how council spends our money but we are expected to bail them out.	No	Lynne	Miller
2323	I say no to increasing rates to make up for council's mismanagement of spenditure.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2324	The rate payers shouldn't be used as cash cows for the incompetence and down right corrupt council members. I believe there should be a proper criminal investigation into bank accounts of councillors and families of councillors. I believe that I already pay enough in rates for what I receive. We haven't had a decent kids play area in Budgewoi ever, now my kids are going to be to old to need one. [REDACTED]	No	Luke	Falconer
2325	I do not support the proposal to raise our rates ☹️	No	Robert	Buckworth
2326	I DO NOT support an 8% increase to rates to cover financial mismanagement of the CCC!!!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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2327	Unable to afford a 10% increase in rates each year for the next 7 years.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2328	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2329	The residents of the Central Coast should not have to pay for their councils incompetence. We have all been paying rates assuming their were being used responsibly so it should not be up to us to get them out of debt. Money is hard enough on most people so why should we be giving extra money to an incompetent council when we need to support our families.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2330	Why should residents already doing it togh for council's inability to manage funds appropriately. Councillors involved should be made to pay. [REDACTED].	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2331	I have a choice between eating and paying rates. It's hard enough on the pension I won't get a increase in pension to help with this rise.	No	Robert	Fletcher
2332	It is not the rate payers responsibility to deal with the after-effects of Gosford Council's mismanagement of our funds.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2333	The proposed 10-15% increase in rates due to the councils mismanagement of funds is completely unacceptable and rate payers should not have to pay for this over the next 10 years.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2334	This is outrageous! That taxpayers are faced with an exhorbitant rate hike during a pandemic to offset their own financial mismanagement is disgusting!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2335	I disagree. Why should we have to pay for council's disgraceful errors... again	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2336	I strongly object to such a large increase on our rates, and further increases over the next 7 years, especially when our council are the ones that got into so much debt [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2337	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2338	The proposed increase is excessive. It is unreasonable to expect rate payers to pay for the negligence of council. I'm already difficult financial times with many suffering financial hardship it is wrong to impose an excessive rate rise causing more stress and financial hardship to property owners There are other avenues to raise money such as sale of council owned land The proposal is outrageous and should not be approved	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2339	A rate rise of this proportion is out of the question, I believe it is unfair to punish the pockets of residents for the Council's own mismanagement.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2340	I'm sorry they got us into this much debt they can get us out. Not the other way around.	No	Karen	Lynagh
2341	I am opposed to any special variation to my council rates, an increase of 10% would create a financial hardship on my finances as I am retired, living on my own finances. I am responsible for my financial budgeting, if I over spend there is no one who will pay debts. The Council must show some competency in budgeting and use the finances that they already have instead of inflicting further hardship on the Central Coast community.	No	Kevin	TIMBRELL
2342	I feel that due to the fact that a forced merger and under funding from the state government for a council that is effectively big than city metro And the fact that the councillors have out right lied about there knowledge of the impending crisis Even though they were publicly made aware of it and the fact that it is in effect there job to know the financial state of the budget It should not be beholden of the rate payers to clean up their mess Especially considering that more than half the areA doesn't have town water or sewer we should not be expected to pay rates that are far higher than Sydney rates for property's that's have a third of the land value.	No	Gavin	Cook
2343	If Council has been previously mismanaging funds after standard annual rate rises, I am not willing to support any further rate rises until a new council is elected and funds management is proven to be sound.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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	<p>To Whom It May Concern,</p> <p>I' writing to lodge my disagreement with the anticipated rate rise proposed by Central Coast council of an additional 8% over the next 7 years in addition to the 2% annual legislated rate increase making a total increase of 10% each year!</p> <p>It is my understanding that Council rates are levied based off a) land value and b) cost of services provided by council to the constituents of that council.</p> <p>As far as I'm aware, my land value has not increase to justify a 10% rate rise, nor has the cost of council supplying services to the municipal increased significantly or at all. Infact as has been widely publicised over various media, via our administrator, our wonderful council has posted a significant debt since the amalgamation of Gosford and Wyong Councils.</p> <p>From reports, this debt figure is somewhere in the vicinity of \$160,000,000.00 this debt stems from a gross mismanagement of council funds as council kept spending on big projects knowing that they did not have th money in the capital works or administration funds to pay for them.</p> <p>Ontop of the above, Central Coast has a high population of low socio-economic families, this rise would absolutely cripple a lot of families that are already struggling as it is through these uncertain times.</p>			
2344	Thank you for taking the time to read my concerns against this letter.	No	James	DeBono
2345	Why should ratepayers cop the bill for councils incompetents. This is a disgrace! What has happened here is criminal. Government should step in and bail cc council out, people struggle to pay rates as it is we do not support rate rises ! For every problem there is a solution,rate rise is the uneducated easy way out and we will not stand for it.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2346	bad management should not be fixed with a rate increase better management is the answer	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2347	I do not support a rate increase. Council members should have been held accountable for their disgraceful actions running our council into the ground, instead some of these people have been paid out generously. I as many constituents are disgusted with what has happened.	No	Nicole	Kelty
2348	<p>I do not understand why i should be paying for others mismanagement. I am responsible for managing and paying my own bills, employed fulltime but earn less than the average wage yet pay all my bills on time, an extra \$400 odd dollars a year when you only take home \$48000 a year is a huge slug to any disposable income I have.</p> <p>Where has this money gone? Certainly not in fixing roads on the Coast which are appalling.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2349	No rate rise for this Council's gross financial mismanagement	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2350	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2351	<p>Central Coast has submitted a Notice of Intention to IPART advising that it intends to prepare a Special Rate Variation on 26th November, 2020. As a rate payer of the former Wyong Council, I am writing to formally lodge my objection to any such increase. The NSW State Government forced the amalgamation of Wyong Council with Gosford Council. At the time of this forced amalgamation, Wyong Council were financially solvent and Gosford were already in a dire financial situation. We as rate payers were given no say in this forced amalgamation.</p> <p>You are now aware of the desperate financial situation of Central Coast Council and I wish to oppose any special rate variation for the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. As already stated, Wyong Council rate payers were given no choice in the forced amalgamation to create Central Coast Council. 2. As a rate payer of the former Wyong Council, I object to being forced to repay debts incurred by Gosford Council. 3. As a rate payer it appears too much money was wasted on re-branding to the new name, rather than essential services such as road maintenance. 4. The increase in rates is not a short term impost for rate payers. 5. NSW State Government forced this situation on Wyong Council and therefore need to provide the financial assistance required. The Central Coast contain many lower socio economic areas who will be badly affected by any rate increase. 	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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2352	Please don't raise the costs of rates. There are so many people now struggling to pay them. I am one of them. An extra \$7 a week will really hurt us financially. We have dirty water and have to buy in drinking water. Have spoken emailed council to get this problem solved but no solution. Now to pay more for what.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2353	I am applauded that council expects families who have their own debts to pay and are already struggling are expected to help pay the councils debts by increasing our land rates. This debt was accumulated by badly missed managed council departments and they should be held accountable for it not our community who had nothing to do with it. If this is the only way you feel the debt can be settled then you all need to be fired and someone who actually knows how to mange funds needs to be brought in to clean up this mess. The council should be ashamed of its self for even suggesting that our community should be paying for this gross misconduct! ☹	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2354	No rate increase due to incompetent management.	No	Monika	Sitkowski
2355	I object to Central Coast Council's special variation request. Rate payers should not have to pay for the councils incompetency.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2356	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2357	As a rate payer of the Central Coast Council, I strongly oppose the significant increase in rates proposed and applied for. This rate rise is to cover the previous council's mismanagement of our (the rate payers) funds.	No	Lindsay	Corbett
2358	It is illegal to demand Person A pay for Person B's financial mistake. The residents of the Central Coast are NOT going to pay for this rate rise. Why should they? They took no part in losing \$100 million. You cannot even explain where the money has gone. You are lucky there is not a class action.	No	Emma	Fuller
2359	Don't penalise us for councils inability to manage your budget. We also have limited resources and need to live within budgets!! Against rate and water hike!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2360	I strongly disagree that the ratepayers of the Central Coast have to fork out an extra 15% rate increase for the Councils incompetence in handling it's financials. How is it the ratepayers fault at all. Why should we have to foot the bill.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2361	Confidential	No	Michael	Stapylton
2362	I ardently oppose the increase to rates by Central Coast Council just to cover their mismanagement. Us residents should NOT have to pay for their misdeeds.	No	Sarah	Spence
2363	We shouldn't have to bear the cost of councils mismanagement I have a property at [REDACTED] Central Coast. Me being a single mother finds it hard enough to live now, we don't have any excess funds as it is and survive day to day. This increase will put a financial burden on this family and I want to keep my family home. We pay our dues you need to find the money other ways than through us ratepayers as we have been doing our part and the right thing, I don't understand how they get a payout figure when they mismanaged council and funds to a massive debt. This increase is so unfair to the ratepayers and theft on your part as we have done the right thing. There was already a debt and mismanagement of funds when the amalgamation took place and you guys didn't look into it them this falls back on you not us.	No	Michelle	Draper
2364	Why are residents asked to repay the whole amount when the government did not discover these errors earlier? Shouldn't there be yearly audits? Does there need to be quarterly audits? Honestly I believe the government needs to take some financial responsibility for this oversight.	No	Jasmin	Hepworth
2365	Confidential	No	Sophia	Knowles
2366	An increase in rates of the magnitude proposed would further act to price out young families moving to the area. And assist in pushing the central coast to a 'retirement zone' in which the eventual decline of the area (and future rates collectable) due to ageing/decreasing population. Councils financial mistakes, and the governments inability to step in before the situation cascaded should not be put on the rate payers to such a high level, but rather a minor rate increase and ongoing spending cuts and oversight of council activities.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2367	I am on a Pension and cannot afford to pay for your incompetence. Which is actually disgusting especially when my original council Wyong did not have any financial issues prior to the merger with Gosford.I have lived at [REDACTED] for 7 Years and the area as deteriorated by 80% - Not fsir at all.	No	Nora	Whitaker
2368	I don't agree with the 15% rate hike. Why should the working class people be sluggish with the cost of the mistakes made by a few.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2369	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2370	Not fair - Council dug themselves into this mess they can dig themselves out	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2371	The proposal by the Central Coast Council is unethical and unfair. Why should rate paying residents be held to account for the Council's gross mismanagement.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2372	Central Coast Council is guilty of mismanagement of the funds collected from the rate payers. Hence the administrators being appointed to sort it out. The rate payers are not ATM machines & cannot be expected to continually fork-out their hard earned dollars to rectify any shortcomings incurred by incompetant council management. The rate payers should not be used as a quick fix solution to a problem that was endemic to Wyong Council, Gosford Council & now Central Coast Council.	No	Sharon	Ridsdale
2373	Please have detailed investigation of where the money has gone into for Central Coast council, the rate payers are entitled to the transparency of the debt	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2374	Why should rate payers have to recoup the cost for a failed council? Have any actions been taken against the councillors that put us into debt? Maybe if the council didn't waste so much money making their vehicles look pretty or giving themselves a pay rise, constantly upgrading tools, equipment and machinery etc when they still work safely	No	Sean	Bahler

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2375	<p>Due to Central Coast Council mismanagement . I believe rate payer should not have to pay for their mistakes, my rates at the moment is \$2,840 annually and the Central Coast Council want to rise my rates by 15% which would make my rate \$3,266 annually. I am on a pension a fix income, this is unfair, There should be other ways of fixing Central Coast Council mismanagement ,</p> <p>Please don't punish the rates payer, we have done nothing to deserve this.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2376	<p>As a resident and rate payer in the Combined Central Coast Council, I reject their application to increase rates. This application is due to Gosford Councils mismanagement and misappropriation of funds - as a resident of the Wyong Shire I don't feel that we should be laboured with the task of getting the council out of financial rack and ruin. Hold the councillors and executives accountable - not the rate payers!</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2377	<p>It is unfair that the rate payers of the Central Coast should be made to pay for the gross mismanagement of funds by their council. This would be particularly stressful for Central Coast residents as we live in an low socioeconomic area which has also been impacted by the pandemic.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2378	<p>Central Coast residents to pay off the debts incurred by Council? Why? And where did the money go?</p> <p>I wholeheartedly object to the application by Central Coast Council for a higher than regulated increase in our Rates. It sounds like a tactic to ask for an excessive amount to agree on a lesser number, but it's just a tactic.</p> <p>There is no honest reason why residents should pay more for the Council services.</p> <p>State Councils are a unit of and report to the State Government - all this mismanagement happened under their watch. We the Ratepayers were oblivious to the underlying issues and certainly had no information volunteered as to the impending trouble.</p> <p>Anything more than a 2% increase is theft from Ratepayers.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2379	<p>What a joke that us as ratepayers have to pay for the mistakes of people who were incapable of doing their job.!</p>	No	Tracey	Johnson
2380	<p>Se majority of people living on the Central are on a fixed income & many struggle already to pay rates, as well as paying for other service & putting food on the table. This proposed increase is way too high & property owners should not have to take responsibility for the stuff up of this Council</p>	No	Suzanne & Robert	Miller
2381	<p>Good Afternoon,</p> <p>I'm writing a formal submission to plead for your assistance with Central Coast Council.</p> <p>As I'm sure you're aware, Council has gone into significant debt. All residents were shocked to hear the news and see the damage they've done. Residents played no role in Councils debt accumulation, yet Council wants to increase our rate to an exorbitant amount. We're all doing the best we can with what we've got. Many have been made redundant or had their hours cut with COVID-19. Wyong Shire is not considered a wealthy area by any means, we have a high unemployment rate and are one of the top areas for Domestic Violence. As a resident, I feel powerless. I count my pennies just like everyone else in the area. We've had no wage increases. Speaking with my neighbours, everyone is doing it tough. This debt is not our fault, residents shouldn't have to suffer an increase of any amount especially when we are pushing through all of the above issues in our community. Council holds a significant amount of land. Selling a portion off to developers would bring Council out of debt. This is the best solution as it saves the residents from further financial hardship. If it's in your power, a wage cap would also be welcomed for the councillors either permanently or a set number of years until Council is running smoothly again.</p> <p>I truly hope you will help us. Please.</p> <p>Thank you</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2382	<p>Confidential</p>	No	Joshua	Macdonald
2383	<p>Not in your wildest dreams do I agree with this rate increase request. It is mind boggling enough to put it mildly that this Council has happily & mindlessly gotten themselves into this serious & extraordinarily huge amount of debt, and now shamelessly & recklessly has the audacity to ask for even more money, to bail out their [REDACTED] and blatant disregard to take responsibility for their actions. Surely at least one of these people should have been able to operate a calculator, or is this a joke? We ratepayers DO NOT own money trees!., also what has ever happened to the additional \$850+ we pay annually on top of our rates to Council to do something, anything, to the storm water drains/canals on St Huberts Island, ??? there is a lot of money going Council's way and NOTHING coming back, and DON'T GET ME STARTED on the EYESORE BRIDGE. I think Council is going to have to own up to their incompetence, and be held accountable just like any other adult would be expected to do.</p>	No	Kerry	Young

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2384	Dear Dr Paterson, I wish to strongly object to Central Coast Council's application for a Special Rate Variation for an additional 8% increase in rates. The Council's current financial situation is due to their own gross mismanagement, poor governance, and overstaffing and duplication of positions in mid-level management. It is unconscionable to expect rate payers to bail out Council. There are very few capital improvements and new projects to account for such a massive debt - the dearth of basic amenities such as curb and gutter, and footpaths has changed very little in the 27 years since I moved to the Central Coast. It would appear that prior to the State Government's forced amalgamation of local councils, both Wyong Council and Gosford Council were in satisfactory financial positions, and I believe State Government policy has had a significant indirect role in this financial disaster. ☹	No	Scott	Sheldon
2385	Confidential	No	TJ	Stretton
2386	<div></div> I'm a single person paying my mortgage and rates	No	Karen	Seymour
2387	The CC Council has no idea how to run a business and increasing our rates so they can waste more is an inane idea. The CC Council councillors and upper management should be held accountable, charged and fined, made to return their Salaries and especially any Bonuses for the last 3 years, and to give more money by increasing our rates, instead of reducing all salaries and wages by 15-20% is ludicrous. Council personnel already make more than their counter-parts in the private sector. Try selling some of the swamp areas, nobody but .5% of people ever go to! We can't get our canals dredged and we've been paying into the system for 40 years	No	BRETT	Young
2388	Confidential	No	Jordyn	Stretton
2389	I strongly object to the CC Council increasing the existing 2.0% rate percentage	No	John	Greenwood
2390	Confidential	No	Catriona	Hope
2391	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2392	The overseer selected to steer this Council out of debt is in way over his head. He obviously has not used due diligence coming to the conclusion that the rates rise by 15% . The majority of that rate rise to be lumbered on Wyong residents and less for Gosford residents. In the Amalgamation it was Gosford that was broke and Wyong was in a viable position to carry on. This was forced on us by the NSW Government. Since the amalgamation I believe it would be fair to say that 75% of all rates collected have been spent in the old Gosford council area with very little in the Wyong area apart from The Entrance next to nothing in the North of Wyong Council. If whoever is making the decision for IPART I ask that you investigate expenditure in both Council areas. Please do not make us pay for: 1. The bad decision of the NSW Govt 2. Incompetent councilors Split the Councils ang give each Council their money back	No	Bruce	Wall
2393	I do not believe we as rate payers should have to wear the cost of incompetence and do not agree with the proposed rate rise. For example many roads around my house a full of holes and caused damaged to my car & all they have done for years is fill holes for the rain to was them out. I don't understand how the council was allowed to get to such a bad financial state with no personal liability by the councillors.	No	Tanya	Franklin
2394	Confidential	No	Ashley	Frazer
2395	in already difficult financial times for most people, they seriously want us to cough up more money to cover someone else's mistakes, this is not going to end well for anyone, please rethink this, you will have more and more people defaulting on rates which wont help anything	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2396	Confidential	No	Alexander	Holmes
2397	The unification of both councils was forced on the community. It cost the community a significant amount of money with little government help. The combined council was on the back foot from the start. <div></div> who poked their noses into council business to cause as much disruption as possible helped to create the situation which we as a community are expected to bail them out of through exorbitant rate hikes. Do not let them place this burden on a community which is already under financial stree	No	Trish	Donohue
2398	I oppose the suggested hike in the amount to be paid for our rates. Those responsible for the gross mismanagement of the council budget should be made accountable. ie Get them to pay !! <div></div> Everyone should know they have to live within their means and not constantly keep borrowing money. Gosford and Wyong Councils should never have amalgated. Its a disaster. Crimminal charges needed.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2399	I do not think it's fair for the council to pass on their debt to innocent residents of the central coast. People have had it hard enough this year due to covid.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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	<p>A huge increase in rates is not fair to the ratepayers of the Central Coast. We shouldn't have to pay more for the incompetence of many in Central Coast Council that had been placed in a position of power and who were suppose to make decisions for the betterment of the Coast.</p> <p>Council must have been approving unsustainable budgets, and receiving quarterly financial reports but didn't they know how to decipher the figures.</p> <p>Basic training for Councillors in interpreting financial reports is surely a must? And where was the auditors in all this, they must have seen this coming but did nothing about it. Another reason ratepayers don't need an increase. We shouldn't have to pay because people were not doing their job properly.</p> <p>Misuse of money set aside for special projects used on other projects is a disgrace. Most people know that special project money can only be used on those projects. [REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED] So why are we having to pay for council incompetence and ignorance.</p> <p>Where does that leave the NSW Auditor General's audit department? Restricted monies (and we are talking millions of dollars) were wrongly used, how could the auditors not have noticed it?</p> <p>The Coast's potential debt is an estimated \$565M due to poor governance and management within such a short period of time since the amalgamation. This is disgraceful.</p> <p>Now that this suspended Council has put us in this disastrous state with the potential of looking at a 10 to 15 percent rate increase, significant asset sales and having a debt which will take years to recover from, who exactly is responsible? Each and every one of them, should have been requesting monthly financial updates instead of constantly bickering or playing party political games during Council meetings.</p> <p>Each project should have been accurately budgeted for without continually blowing out on nearly every occasion; issues like the water fund exceeding its budget by \$12M, the sewer fund by \$2.6M and drainage by \$1.2M.</p> <p>Having total staff costs increasing after the amalgamation by 43 percent, due to an increase of 242 new employees, [REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>Now it is left to the ratepayers of the Central Coast to pay for the incompetence of many in a year that has already been difficult. Some people simply won't be able to pay the increase. Rates should not increase more than the CPI.</p>			
2400	I beg you to review the rates increase.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2401	I can't believe you want to charge me and the rest of the central coast for someone elses misconduct and negligence. I will not pay this increase in my rates. Make the council pay it back by other means and over a long period of time for example 50 years. Don't take the easy way out and make the people pay. [REDACTED]	No	Curtis	Jones
	As a rate payer who has no control over how the central coast council is run I don't see why I have to pay for it's mistakes.			
2402	Councils mismanagement should not be the responsibility of the rate payer but those who are responsible for this mess	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2403	I strongly oppose these rate increases. Residents should not be penalised for the financial misconduct of the council, particularly when we were already overpaying for our water rates.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2404	"No"! to rates rise for Central Coast residents. We are not responsible for the mess the council is in and should not have to pay for this absurd mismanagement of funds. Our rates are high enough.	No	Alina	Soiland
2405	Ridiculous to pass on the failures of the central coast council to its residents. We did nothing wrong! Take the money from the right people.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2406	I don't want to pay higher rates for the incompetence of this council. I already live pay check to pay check as I care for my 3 children without a partner to assist.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2407	I dont agree with rates going up. The council stuffed up & we shouldn't have to pay for their mistakes. Its not fair	No	Rhonda	Byrnes
2408	We as the community, whom did not select the management team that managers the day to operations of council should now not have to have a massive rate raise to cover their mismanagement.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2409	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2410	I am against a rate rise to recover debt accumulated by a mismanaged council.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2411	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2412	I am opposed to the large increase to our rates due to grossly miss management of council.	No	Ian	Gray

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	<p>I object to Central Coast Council's application to increase council rates by an additional 8% above the stipulated IPART recommendation for 7 years</p> <p>The Central Coast Council has mis-managed Council resident's funds (Council income) without obvious oversight and now expects residents to provide additional monies to remedy its mistakes</p> <p>Council instead should realise council assets and drastically reduce their management structure (personnel) to minimise their expenditure</p>			
2413	I strongly oppose this suggestion for a rate rise	No	Andrew	Doyle
2414	Confidential	No	Haley	Bracken
2415	<p>People/residents didn't overspent who you chose to manage the purse strings didn't do a very good job. Why wasn't he been monitored one should never be left to their own devices without any supervision therefore I feel the whole Central Coast Council should have to share the blame not the rate payers. Many many people have suffered badly this year whether losing their jobs, but the population of the Coast is such that there are many pensioners and they rely on interest from their superannuation and the Aged Care Pension, how can they possibility be asked to pay an extra 10pc now you are talking 15pc. Is this for a year or are they going to be slammed year after year to get out of this debt. How many people are there already behind in the rate paying, and just think how many more will fall into this category? Come on be reasonable.</p>	No	Carmel	Jackson
2416	I do not agree with the extra rate increases due to the mismanagement of funds.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2417	As a ratepayer I think it is unfair that we will be made to pay extra due to council's financial incompetence. This increase will place households under more stress with the hardships already being experienced by many due to COVID. Why isn't the administrator looking at getting rid of the [REDACTED] currently sitting in council and bring in people who know how to manage large organisations finances. Can probably guarantee that councillors won't be hit with the rate increase instead give themselves a pay rise	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2418	The ratepayers are not the ones who mishandled the money. We already paid their wages don't make us pay for their screw ups as well	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2419	I oppose the proposed 15% rate rise touted by Central Coast Council.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2420	I do not want the council rates to increase	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2421	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2422	<p>A 15% rate rise will genuinely break local families living on the Central Coast.</p> <p>We are paid less for working on the Coast, with living expenses sky-rocketing.</p> <p>The fact that we are continuously paying out money for minimal gain is ridiculous! We simply cannot afford a 15% rate rise when our roads are destroying our cars, water mains are deteriorating at a rapid pace among other unfinished projects.</p>	No	Lee-Anne	Bishop
2423	A rate increase of this size now after COVID and its implications to some of us is absolutely disgusting	No	Stephanie	Harrison
2424	<p>This is an absolute disgrace that we the rate payers should cop a rate hike.</p> <p>What did we do wrong???</p> <p>Poor management [REDACTED]</p>	No	Jen	Stringer
2425	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2426	I strongly oppose the proposed rate rise for residents of the central coast. The percentage increase that has been suggested will cause undue stress for many households who are on a low, fixed income or already struggling as a result of the pandemic. It is not right that residents are expected to foot the bill for the council's financial mistakes.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2427	I disagree with the proposed change to the rate, I can not see a justification for residents to pay this increase, the council should be responsible for poor management.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2428	The ratepayers should not have to cop such a big hike in our rates due to incompetence of counsellors. We are in a post pandemic world where so many people have lost there jobs and now we have to deal with this. Ridiculous! Unfair! UnAustralian!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2429	Confidential	No	Sam	Cool
2430	As I am sure you have already been told, the ratepayers should not be penalised for the council's thieving ways. They were caretakers of all monies received at Central Coast Council and they used a lot of it to line their pockets. Criminal charges need to be laid.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2431	Its unfair that the residents and rate payers have to stump up for the councils incompetence in financial mismangement.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2432	15% rate rise, for what? More potholes in our street, your kidding what a joke. Highest rate payers in nsw now in Australia? What a joke!!! We will not take this without a fight!!!	No	Isn	Ivers
2433	I am strongly opposed to the proposed rate increase for Central coast council. It is completely unfair and unethical and places undue pressure on the majority of Central coast residents who are in the low to middle income bracket.	No	Holly	Missio-Spiteri
2434	I do not agree to increase in rates caused by incompetence and mismanagement of funds by the council	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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2435	<p>If the 10% increase goes through, if this was compounded, a quarterly rate of \$350 would increase to \$682 over 7 years, almost doubling in that time.</p> <p>If the 15% increase goes through under the same calculations, a \$350 quarterly fee would increase to \$931. nearly THREE TIMES what we pay.</p> <p>We are a lower socio economic area and would cripple us.</p> <p>Please dont do it. We in the wyong area were screwed when we amalgamated with Gosford, and now we will suffer the consequences.</p>	No	David	Atkinson
2436	<p>NO to such an Exorbitant Rate rise for Central Coast rate payers.</p> <p>We should not have to pay above & beyond what others pay due to the MISMANAGEMENT of our Council.</p> <p>We are already suffering the consequences of their appalling lack of judgement & leadership.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2437	<p>The residents of the Central Coast have paid their rates in good faith with the understanding that their money was being managed by professionals and it was being used for the services that it was intended. We have since discovered that this has not been the case. Various people who were employed or elected to council and whose wages were paid for with our rates money have not been doing what they were either employed or elected to do. This is totally unprofessional on so many levels and now the residents of the Central Coast are expected to bail the council out. The percentage increase that has been requested is totally unacceptable especially to poorer families who are already struggling to pay their rates. A marginal increase would be more relatable however the resident's should not be expected to pay when the people who were responsible will not be held accountable for their actions and are receiving large pay outs when they have not performed in their jobs. I would request that consideration be given to the amount of rate increase that has requested by Council and that the increase should remain at 2% only.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2438	<p>I disagree on the proposed increases. You should not punish tax payers for the failure of the council.</p> <p>A full audit on the council books should be conducted by 3rd party and council should be accountable on these failures.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2439	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2440	<p>The rate payers of this shire should not have to find the financial incompetence and/or theft (to be determined) of this council. The rate payers were not at fault and should not have to pay. [REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED] Let the state government pay for the fact that they did not pick this up in their auditing procedures. How can a government body be over staffed by 200 people and no one notice?</p> <p>Not good enough!</p> <p>The people in this council (like the rest of the country) have suffered enough and a huge rate increase is unaffordable!</p>	No	Terri	Simmons
2441	Residents should not have to pay for the financial position that the Council have put us in.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2442	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2443	This request is not fair to home owners. I own two homes and this would be very annoying for me to have to pay such a large increase extra due to councils mismanagement of funds.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2444	<p>I don't understand why us rate payers should be responsible for getting the CCC out of financial trouble.</p> <p>Are the wages of the CCC being lowered or is management taking a hit with their salaries??? They are responsible not us. ☹</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2445	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2446	<p>I have just read that the central coast community are more than like going to foot the bill for the absolute incompetence of the Central Coast council. The rates on the coast are already exorbitant and families are struggling enough just meeting these costs. Why do we continually have to pay for council members not obviously qualified to handle our money. They should be held accountable like any other employee when mistakes have been made. Im over the whole protect our own make the tax payer pay. It's disgraceful.</p> <p>Sincerely</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2447	Expressing my anger at proposed rate increase. As a pensioner it's tough enough. Wyong was a good council before this debacle and someone should be held accountable. We need de-amalgamation.....the Central Coast is now too big now for only 1 council.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2448	<p>Very disappointed with the way the council has acted. It is extremely unfair that in a time of hardship like COVID the local rate payers are expected to cover councils poor decisions and investments. I strongly object to any rate increase.</p> <p>Leanne Doffay</p>	No	Leanne	Doffay
2449	<p>Extremely disappointed with the actions of council. It is unfair that rate payers are now expected to prop up council after the extreme mess they have created! The increase of rates as a quick fix to this disaster is unsatisfactory! I object to the rise in rates on the central coast</p> <p>Viv Doffay</p>	No	Viv	Doffay
2450	Confidential	No	Christine	Maher
2451	Confidential	No	Patrick	Maher
2452	I petition that the council's proposed 15% rate increase is denied.	No	Teaghan	Watton

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2453	i FEEL STRONGLY THAT THE INCOMPETENCE OF THIS COUNCIL'S SPENDING SHOULD BE PUT BACK ONTO THE CENTRAL COAST'S RATE PAYERS TO MAKE UP THE SHORTFALL.SURELY THOSE PERSONS RESPONSIBLE SHOULD BE ACCOUNTABLE, IT IS UNFAIR AND UNJUST TO EXPECT THIS LEVEL OF MISAPPROPRIATION OF COUNCIL FUNDS TO BE PASSED ON TO THE RATE PAYERS OF THE CENTRAL COAST.	No	STEVE	BUNNEY
2454	The rate increases proposed by Central Coast Council are extreme and unfair to Coast residents. Ratepayers should not be punished for the mismanagement of funds by those paid to do a better job than they did.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2455	Well as a low income worker I'm on struggle street everyday, we pay enough money for rates now. This isn't the rate payers problem so CCC management,CEO etc need to take responsibilities for their own actions & use their own money. And then theirs the elderly people who live day to day struggling to afford the essentials . This situation should never have happened. 😞	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2456	I appose the proposed rate rise for homeowners in The Central Coast Council catchment. Mistakes and inefficiencies made by Council should not be layed on the people who vote, (Australian residents).	No	Debby	McDonald
2457	Gosford rates have been increasing at a rate exceeding pay rises. In 2020 public service workers were awarded only 0.3 % wage rise. This is attributed the the financial burden of COVID-19. How is a waged person expected to keep up with paying rate increases over and above this ? There was the water fiasco whereby the water rates became charged separately, effectively increasing rates. Now a rate rise is proposed to compensate for mismanagement of finances by Gosford Council.	No	Deirdre	Galati
2458	This is wrong and should not be passed. Imagine if this were a privately owned company, due to gross negligence of its financial management and possibly corruption, it found itself in a dire financial hole. Who would bail them out, it's customers? I don't think so! This is a government issue and those responsible for the current situation are government employees not home owners. The government needs to find a solution and not pass on its gross negligence and costs of its incompetence to home owners alone. I sincerely hope all those involved in this debacle have been brought to justice, it is disgusting that this is even possible. How can anyone overspend a budget by so much over such a long period. Who signs this off and who is making these decisions that we will all have to pay for? Regards [REDACTED]	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2459	Please do not allow this ridiculous continual rise in rates for the Central Coast. It is so difficult to hear the the CC CEO is walking away with a severance pay, [REDACTED] and yet, we are supposed to foot the bill. Unfair to other staff, unfair to residents and unfair to rate payers. This is not just as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic in 2020, this has been happening for years. What auditing processes are in place to prevent this from happening again? Accountability! Responsibility!	No	Michelle	Brooks
2460	Confidential	No	Kathleen	Kovacic
2461	Confidential	No	Craig	Buchanan
2462	It is an absolute disgrace that Central Coast Council is applying to raise the rates of its residents by 15% to help bail them out of their financial disaster. After the year everyone has had due to COVID and wages growth at an all time low how do IPART or Central Coast Council expect people to afford a massive rates increase? There have obviously been some massive financial mismanagement at this council and the rate payers should not have to carry the can for the incompetence. Especially when the councilors and CEO are getting their massive payouts. IPART have a heart and think about the impact these massive increases will have on the health and well being of residents.	No	Brad	Marks
2463	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2464	Confidential	No	Daniella	Rousham
2465	Confidential	No	Melisa	Lienesch
2466	As a Central Coast Council rate payer and resident I am appalled that the Council is asking us to pay higher rates in order to help recover funds that the councillors grossly mismanaged. It should not be up to us rate payers to pay for this. Funds will need to be recovered elsewhere. I absolutely object to a higher rate above CPI being imposed.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2467	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2468	I Do not believe it should be up to the Central Coast Residents to Carry the Financial load caused by an incompetent Local Council. The State Government should step in and Fund the Initial Requirement's to prevent insolvency of the Council even if this is by way of a Loan with Zero Interest. I also believe before the Sacked CEO receives any money as way of a payout it should be fully investigated. Currently the Interim Council have stated the blame falls on him, if this was the case in General the person would be sacked with NO Payout.	No	Alan	Stevenson
2469	Objection to the implementation by Administrator of Central Coast Council to increase rates above l5% on top of the CPI ones per 7 years as well as water rates It is unbelievable and fully refused	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2470	Confidential	No	John	McGrath
2471	I disagree with the extra rate rise	No	Steve	Hunt

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2472	This special rate variation amount is well beyond what is achievable for our family and I believe a lot of others in our area. We are already struggling with the \$75 a fortnight rates we are already paying plus meeting mortgage, insurance, utility costs etc please do not increase that burden due to council mismanagement of [REDACTED]. Thank you	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2473	Regarding the unfair and unjust impost on ratepayers by the requested rate rises due to the incompetent and potential illegal mismanagement of council and its funds I oppose this strenuously and wish for this submission to be recorded Greg Owen	No	Greg	Owen
2474	No rate increase Things are tough enough	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2475	We are already paying over and above. As a rate payer we should not be having to cough up for the incompetence of the Central Coast council. Wyong waa doing fine prior to this joining of the two and now we are having to pay up even more. NOT HAPPY	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2476	Confidential	No	Ben	Falconer
2477	The misappropriation and miss management of rates collected by central coast council is not a valid reason for such an increase of future rates above the standard percentage. There has been and will not be any increase in the services these rates are meant to pay for. I urge the state to keep their voters and statesman in mind when considering a proposed increase. I am not for the unfair increase .	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2478	In a year that has been so tough, why should the community pay for Council mistakes. [REDACTED], that money should have gone towards the Council errears. Time to appoint and administrator who looks after the Community.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2479	This is an absolute outrage that the very people suffering most due to this councils incompetence (including the estimated 100's of employees who stand to lose their jobs) are now expected to bear the brunt of its spectacular failings.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2480	As a resident of the Central Coast Council and prior to the amalgamation I was under Wyong Shire Council, an amalgamation I neither asked for or wanted as I feared it would prove detrimental ending in a huge nightmare for us residents. The Central Coast Coast since amalgamation has mismanaged and misused rate payers funds and proved they are completely incompetent, due to the high debt the now appointed administrator has applied to IPART for a special variance increase of 15% for land rates and and also considering applying for a special variance increase in our water rates as well. Those of us under Wyong Shire prior to the amalgamation since 2013 and finishing next year have been paying a 6.9% special variant increase in our rates granted by IPART. I already struggle to pay this hefty increase as it is, my rates have almost doubled over this past 7 years and find it unfair that we the rate payers have to pay for the councilors misuse of funds creating this mess our council has been put in. As a pensioner I only get a rebate of \$250 a year and this amount has not changed in over 25 years and after rebate I still pay \$2000 in land rates alone. I am only one of many pensioners and many low income earners who are already stretched to the limit with one of the highest rates in the state yet we are not an affluent area (we are just charged like we are). Please take into consideration that those under the old Gosford Shire Council pay less rates than those of us from the old Wyong Shire Council along with my above mentioned concerns and reasons why a special variant increase in rates should not be granted as that is punishing us the residents and allowing those who created this mess to walk away with a huge pay packet with no no consequences. Kind regards [REDACTED]	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2481	Don't increase rates without giving benefits for the community.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2482	It is absolutely ridiculous that we the citizens should have to pay for the mismanagement and [REDACTED] of those who work at central coast council.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2483	I wish to submit my objection to the increase in land and water rates to pay for the council mismanagement of funds and incompetence.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2484	To whom it may concern, I am writing to appose the submission of a 15% rate increase put forward by Dick Parsson. 10% increase was offensive but 15%is down right insulting. This submission is due to the miss management and abused spending by our councilors. In my local area our roads are full of pot holes, we have no gutters, no stormwater system (and still pay a stormwater levy), our tap water is often discoloured, our lake system is choking with weed(and smells putrid) and often floods surrounding areas when ever we get a descent storm. We, the residents of the Central Coast should not have to pay for councilors incompetancies. I strongly disagree with any rate rise above the standard 2%.	No	Jade	Pama

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2485	<p>Families are already struggling and trying to cope with The aftermath of COVID..you misappropriated our money and now want to increase our rates by 15%?... SHAME ON YOU !!!...</p> <p>Thus will break my family and many other families im sure.</p> <p>NO RATES INCREASE !!..</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2486	<p>This application for a 15% rate hike is being made because of gross financial mismanagement by the Council Executive. It has nothing to do with community priorities or long term planning. It is about punishing a vulnerable community for managerial incompetence.</p> <p>The Council's newly appointed administrator, unelected and unaccountable, has not sacked any of the Executives for this mismanagement. These Executives are either still in post, or in "non Executive" positions on the same salary, or - in the case of say the former CEO - paid out hundreds of thousands of dollars to leave (and replaced by other Executives and an administrator on additional fat cat salaries). This means that under the current administrator, the number of individuals getting more than \$250,000, and the total cost to ratepayers of those individuals, has almost certainly increased. Yet he wants to slug ratepayers and get rid of 300 lower paid workers.</p> <p>As part of its review (under the assessment criteria of past productivity and efficiency), I am asking IPART to track, year by year over say the last ten years, the number of people earning more than \$250,000 and the total cost to ratepayers of those individuals. I think that trend, along with other excess, inefficiency and waste, will show how the financial problems have arisen. And those costs are even higher today despite attempts to hide them through smoke and mirrors announcements. What is the community getting in return other than rate hikes?</p> <p>Another IPART criteria is the capacity of ratepayers to pay. The Central Coast is one of the poorest communities in NSW. Yet the administrator is seeking to slug ratepayers with a 15% increase whilst sacking 300 mainly lower paid staff - despite not having the bottle to sack anyone from the Executive for the incompetence that has led to this.</p> <p>I also notice from IPART's website that the administrator is applying for exemptions to various deadlines in the process. He is simply playing for time because the extent of the mismanagement was only recently discovered. It beggars belief that the Executive didn't even notice the extent of their mismanagement and overspending until it suddenly hit them in the face one week that they had insufficient funds to make payroll. Now they are scrambling to put a case together from nothing for a rate hike to bail out themselves - and want more time.</p> <p>I would urge IPART to apply all its rules and criteria rigorously to this disgraceful application.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2487	<p>I do not believe there should be a rate rise for NO extra services rendered.</p> <p>The current services have not even been met, such as roads with pot holes and no guttering, unkept parklands and contaminated murky water.</p> <p>We as rate payers expect quality services and should not have to pay for incompetent management of tax payers funds.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2488	<p>Not happy having a rate rise to pay for Gosford councils mistakes! We can't afford it at all.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2489	<p>Please, I beg you, as pensioners we cannot afford this unless we find other ways to reduce our spending. We have already reduced our spending in so many various ways this year, and unfortunately health care has been our next consideration even before this disgusting Council kerfuffle! Take back the ridiculous compensation given to that fool who got us into this mess, show us other ways you are dealing with this first, and hopefully the rise to rates can be the last impact on our innocent community.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2490	<p>I don't think it's fair that the residents should be footing the bill to try and make up the money spent by cc council.</p> <p>If I'd spent all my business money my customers aren't going to pay extra to save me.</p> <p>I think a parking permit for the locals at the beach and a parking few for visitors is one way of making some no money back.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2491	<p>I strongly object to the proposed 15% rate rise and water increase solely due to the mismanagement of funds by Central Coast Council.</p> <p>I live in [REDACTED] and am required to vote in the Lake Macquarie/Swansea region.</p> <p>I DID NOT vote for Central Coast Council and am infuriated at Dick's statement -"They're the people's council."</p> <p>It is not my responsibility to bail this corrupt and inept council out of debt!</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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	<p>Central Coast council has been financially mismanaged for several years.</p> <p>There is obvious incompetence starting at the Executive level but obviously also right through the organisation.</p> <p>The answer to the financial mismanagement isn't to increase rates but to fix the people and skills issues.</p> <p>In fact a high rate increase will just reward poor financial management and ensure it continues to happen.</p> <p>The council needs to become efficient again.</p>			
2492	How have the Executive team allowed for the hiring of so many roles that are not budgeted?	No	Vinay	Chand
2493	Confidential	No	Michelle	Scascighini
2494	The rise they are seeking is outrageous. Rather than rate payers paying for their incompetence, they should all be sacked. New management are needed to cut waste and costs. These guys are a joke and should be ashamed of themselves.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2495	Please let the rate rise not be the 15% that has been talked about, thats way to high in one jump, make it affordable for everyone or else a lot of people will struggle financially. Sue Furlong	No	Sue	Furlong
2496	Confidential	No	Thomas	Syd
2497	I strongly object to any rate rise as this council has lead us down the garden path big time.	No	Vicki	Stuckey
2498	I oppose Central Coast Council's application for a rate rise. The rise is due to severe mismanagement of Council's funds and gross incompetence. I don't believe that the residents of the Central Coast should be punished and have to foot the bill for the unaccountable actions of the Council.	No	Stephanie	Willey
2499	While I understand councils need to increase rates annually, it is completely unacceptable that Central Coast residents are required to bail out clear financial mismanagement from the council. Annual rates are determined by land value and this has not increased to the proposed amount from Central Coast council.	No	Nathan	Zur
2500	<p>Dear Sir,</p> <p>I have lived on the Central Coast for many years now & it is easy to see the changes implemented over this period. While the majority are beneficial to CC residents others appear to be just a waste of money. Major alterations are advertised in the local papers & residents are invited to put in submissions but there are many lesser projects that we don't here about that just appear.</p> <p>I have read about the deep hole the council have dug for themselves but this 15% increase compounded over the next 7 years will impose a severe burden on all house-owners. It appears that council go ahead with changes without thought to the cost of the projects & this is shows that the council members have no idea how to run a business.</p> <p>Now I, as a ratepayer have to bare the burden of their reckless squandering of our rates. I don't know who interviews & selects the council members but this is where the buck stops.</p> <p>I look at my pension & see the meagre increases that I receive & I know that there is no way I can afford such huge & ongoing increases. Owning my home is the only way I can stay above the poverty line as government rental assistance falls far short of the rents now asked. The long term vision for me is to sell the modest residence that I own & become a tenant with all the insecurities that entails.</p> <p>I ask you to consider carefully all the long term ramifications of such an extremely steep increase would entail.</p> <p>Thanking you,</p> <p>Victor Vella</p>	No	Victor	Vella
2501	<p>I am a self funded retiree. I am not entitled to Rate concessions or any subsidy.</p> <p>Self funded retirees, in recent times have been hit by the lowest interest rates in history and our fund balance has also been hit by poor performance since the CV 19 crisis.</p> <p>According to the Reserve Bank we are living in times of extremely low inflation.</p> <p>A 10% and especially a 15% increase in Rates due to the poor management of Central Coast council is grossly unjust and immoral and should not be approved under any circumstances.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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	Hello,			
2502	Cannot see why we should have to pay for incompetent management who misappropriated funds.	No	Nadia	Welsh
2503	I'm writing to strongly oppose the proposed 10-15% rate rise. It's outrageous that the punishment of the residents has been considered as the solution to rectify the mess Central Coast Council left due to utter incompetence, ignorance and selfishness of the involved council members. Instead the council should take drastic measures to clean up its act and find saving within its own ranks for example.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2504	I refute the rate rise	No	Brendan	Chandler
2505	I have been a Resident Rate payer on the Central Coast since 1973. Because of Council's mismanagement with money, we should not have to pay extra rates, it's not fair! Where I live we are fortunate to have kerb and guttering which other areas of the Coast don't have. If we have a rise in our rates, it will be very hard on a lot of people. I am on a Aged Pension and get a rebate but it is still a substantial amount to pay.	No	Josephine	Johnston
2506	I don't understand why ratepayers, upon doing the right thing by paying their rates, would ever be required to help bail out an incompetent council.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2507	Confidential	No	Mel	Warburton
2508	The mismanagement of council funds should not be at the expense of the community with rate rises. Many of services have been under serviced or never upgraded.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2509	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2510	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2511	Please explain how the rate increase is justified by the incompetence of Gosford council and councillors. We the rate payers have been and will be suffering with this council the way it is. Nothing being done on matters that are important in our community instead overspending money that they never had and now we are forced to pay 15% for their mistakes and incompetence. Get rid of the the top heavy management that they should have when the two councils amalgamated. This will ruin our community, our seniors, our struggling young families. Think before you impose such a ridiculous ask from a community who will suffer in the long run.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2512	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2513	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2514	I 100% do not agree with the proposed rate rises for central coast residents. The debt is absolutely no fault of the residence of the central coast we should not be footing the bill to claw the council out of this mess, we did not create it.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2515	I strongly object to any rate rise to cover mismanagement of council funds	No	Loretta	Dimmock
2516	I do not agree to a rate rise. Find another way to recoup the losses. Cut costs, sell assets. Don't take it out on the poor rate payers, especially after such a bad year.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2517	While I understand that the Central coast Council financial ineptitude has placed them in a loss position, I cannot understand how it got to this point. Where were the auditors and financial managers? it's not hard. the income is known within close bounds. It is the expenditure side that got out of control. In my case as a pensioner living in [REDACTED] i recently was advised that my VG valuation has increased AFAIR 18% in one hit! If a 15% rate rise is added to a valuation increase my rate expenses will be onerous even considering the pension subsidy. I urge lpart to confine the rates increase to a modest amount say 5% with low or no interest loans to support the council over the next 10 years. It always amuses me when I see demands for cultural centres etc, when there is deficient/no gutters and kerbing in much of Avoca Beach. Get the council back to what they are there for.	No	Philip	Armbruster
2518	Confidential	No	Paul	Baird
2519	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2520	I'm on a disability, I can't afford increases like that.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2521	Absolutely disgusted with this council. What are you doing for us in relation to this rise? We already have over inflated rates. The people on the coast already have it tough enough we are not all earning \$100k ayear.	No	Leah	Rodger
2522	Confidential	No	Nathan	Reader
2523	No rate rise I'm at [REDACTED]	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2524	Please do not increase our rates due to incompetence from our councillors	No	Steve	Smith
2525	Rate payers should not be penalised for the gross incompetence of council. How about the administrator think outside of the box for a solution, instead of just firing people and raising prices. Cut frivolous spending first.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2526	There is no words expect this is extremely unfair to the hard working members on the central coast. This is not ok!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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2527	We cannot afford a 15% hike in rates. It was not our fault council mislead the coast and got itself into so much debt	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2528	I DO NOT SUPPORT A RATE RISE. I AM STRUGGLING ALREADY WITHOUT PAYING FOR THE MESS CENTRAL COAST COUNCIL HAS LEFT US IN!!!! DO NOT INCREASE OUR RATES.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2529	I found it disgusting that the CC council think it's ok to increase council rates to increase revenue to cover their own failure in management of council funds! The amount of people that have been financially impacted by covid on the CC is very large and this will just add further burden to these people	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2530	We already have one of the highest rates in NSW I don't see why we need to pay for anyone's incompetence	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2531	please do not raise The Rates ☹️	No	Christopher	brown
2532	why should pensioners have to pay 15% rate increase for incompetent council. central coast is a popular area for retired people who have worked hard and paid there dues and now want to live the life and not be burden with this council error . retired people have already been impacted by low to nothing bank interest, rising food prices due to covid restrictions. I hope the councilors are sacked and not being paid they should not be allowed to sit on the council again as they are incompetent, let the people elect new councilors to serve the area and publish the old incompetent councilors names so as to make sure they never serve the public again. this is a gross miss judgement of the council and why should the rate payer bail them, lets call for a class action law suite ☹️	No	Robin	Brown
2533	I reject the the increase to our rates. The council should reduce costs according to the works they are doing, committed to and are planning to do. Certainly some of our services should be reduce but I feel strongly that we should not shoulder the costs as it is the councils mismanagement and senior executive that require the cost cutting. Also to sell community assets to fund is a foolish idea unless the assets considered should have community consultation and what zoning will be placed on those spaces, I have see so many projects that have been funded at great expense for little gain.	No	Noel	Heaps
2534	Their current mismanagement of funds should not be trigger to getting more money. They need to show they can manage what they have first and then provide a clear strategy for funding for the community to endorse before going to ipart. The current administrator should not be asking for more money, instead identifying where it has all gone. Any body off the street could have walked in and asked for more. The people of the Central Coast deserve better. Fix the underlying issues before just handing out more money.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2535	Confidential	No	Maureen	Houston
2536	This mess that counsel employees have made is appalling to say the least. Rate payers had nothing to do with the financial debt incurred by the council. There will be many rate payers who will not be able to afford the 25% rise and many are pensioners. Please take this into consideration and dont approve the rise. Thank you. Joyce barclay	No	Joyce	Barclay
2537	Confidential	No	Dianne	Wigg
2538	I am alarmed at the proposed rate increase due to the incompetence of the current administration	No	Paul	Johnson
2539	As a resident & rate payer of this council I strongly disagree with proposed rate rise. We are on tank water, septic & our garbage collection is 1.5km from our residence, we can't even get council to maintain our very poor dirt road. What am I paying rates for? Rate payers should not be penalised for councils mismanagement	No	Lesley	Ward
2540	Confidential	No	Geoffrey	Winterton
2541	The council members were irresponsible and obviously not monitored. There is no reason rates should be put up to account for someone elses complete and utter incompetence and disregard for their own duties. This is an error on council and not the community rate payers therefore council should be held accountable and not the residents who had no knowledge or responsibility of the same. A complete disgrace	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2542	I live at [REDACTED] the forgotten suburb. We have tank water, septic system, our garbage collection & mail 1.5km from home as council won't maintain our very poor dirt road. Residents are forced to patch the road just to provide access to our properties. Residents should not be penalised for councils mismanagement	No	Johny	Ward
2543	The proposed rate increase is absolutely preposterous and cannot go ahead! Residents should NEVER be expected to pay for council mismanagement of monies. The matter should be under criminal investigation, nothing less.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2544	As a rate payer and pensioner in Gosford district I totally object to the proposed increase of rates on the central Coast NSW. Previous Auditors should have known all the facts of overspending by this council and acted accordingly. Total mismanagement on two govnmnt levels and disregard for all ratepayers to bare the brunt of any rate increase is ludicrous.	No	Christine	Moore
2545	I object to the proposed council rates increases. As a pensioner it is a struggle now to have a reasonable quality of life with increased cost of living affecting the staples of a dignified life. The need for an increase is due mainly to council's fiscal mismanagement, operating outside of its budget and providing for contingencies.	No	Christopher	Lunn
2546	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2547	I live in the [REDACTED] There is no kerb & guttering, most of the roads are in poor condition, many footpaths are too rough & dangerous to walk on. The footpath areas are used in many instances to park, vehicles, boats & caravans and unregistered vehicles yet Council Rangers take no action and ignore complaints. The excuse I was given... We were going to enforce the Law but when we looked at how to proceed, found it was too bigger a task so left things stand. Numerous instances of illegal access to private land via parks and beautification reserves. All ignored. I strongly object to the proposal for an exceptional rate rise because I live in the forgotten north and receive little return in services now.	No	Elizabeth	BARNES
2548	Why should the ratepayers and lowly office staff have to pay for the incompetence of upper management.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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2549	I do not want a price increase as we are pensioners trying to live comfortably with price rise we will have to cut out something to pay it.	No	Joe and Lyn	Laws
2550	I don't think that our rates should rise to cover the financial incompetence of those in the council who caused this half a billion shortfall in funds. Interest rates are very low, the money should be borrowed if necessary.	No	Glyn	Jones
2551	Rise in rates due to no fault of the people is unacceptable.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2552	Confidential	No	Pamela	Williams
2553	How dare the administrator in control of Central Coast Council debt debacle think it's ok to recoup money from Central Coast residents when WE HAD NOT A THING TO DO WITH CAUSING THIS ISSUE! I refuse to pay for someone else's mistakes, theft & down right abominable behaviour! We will get nothing for being crucified this way & being made to pay extra plus it's not in good conscious fair to do this to us residents! The former head of CC council can take my families extra rate costs out of his nice \$300k payout, [REDACTED] It's the time of a pandemic & people are struggling! This is NOT the Australian way!	No	Renee	Hickey
2554	No rate rise already too expensive!!!! and nothing done for it. Council can start charging non residents for beach and park parking like the northern beaches do, councilers should be criminally Charged not the rate payers left holding the bag	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2555	Confidential	No	Glenn	Ritchie
2556	Rate rise of 15 percent is ridiculous. Why dont the [REDACTED] at the council take a pay cut? Why should I as a rate psyrr have to pay a extra 15 percent on my rates because the central coast councilors can't be responsible for the money they already collected from the average consumer like myself. [REDACTED] It clear through mis management that the council has ended up in this position. Why has no one faced criminal charges over the mis management of the PUBLIC purse and now we are expected to suck it up.	No	Mark	Bodak
2557	I think it extremely unfair of our council to increase our land rates due to their inability to control where our already paid rate amounts have gone. Rates to my knowledge have and should be based on the property we have and it's worth, not how much our council have overspent. The trust from the community has been shattered. The council themselves have proved to be greedy and acknowledged that they're at fault, but they still seem to think the extra money should come once again from the peoples pockets. Money that would be far better spent feeding my family and getting my child to university, which he has worked extremely hard for in a very challenging year. The community rate payers did not create this problem of debt so why should our families suffer to fix it. This is such a teachable moment. Where is the real accountability?	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2558	It is unfair the people suffer for councils mismanagement of financial resources. They should be held personally responsible	No	Tracy	Hawkins
2559	The whole situation is a disgrace. We get very little done in the way of roads or kerbs. Potholes everywhere you drive. We pay rates for what? Garbage collection and water connections that's it. Now they want ratepayers to pay they should be made pay.	No	Karen	MacDonald
2560	Re: Rate Rise for the Central Coast Council area. The Ratepayers of Central Coast should not be held responsible for the mismanagement by the dismissed Councillors [REDACTED] A Rate rise of 15%, as suggested by the Administrator Mr Persson, would be economically and financially disastrous for many pensioners, people whose work has been affected by Covid 19, single parent families, and so many other groups in need. The life-blood of the Central Coast is it's aging population in the many Retirement Villages who would be hit with even higher fees that would never be reduced, even after this emergency is over. Our Council Rates are some of the highest in the country as it is, and the amount of infrastructure delivered by our councils over the years, has been appallingly negligent. Vanity projects like the "Boardwalk" at Terrigal have stripped millions of dollars out of budgets that should have been used for essential works - roads, kerbing and guttering, the Arts Centre that was never delivered, water quality - both in our taps and in our lagoons, flood mitigation around the creeks and lakes of our area - the list is long and not pretty. 2% Rate rise is probably about what most households could afford in the present financial climate - 15% would be disastrous for many of us.	No	Eleanor	Harrison
2561	I don't think I should pay more for rates because of overspending. That's ridiculous.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2562	I wish to strongly object to Central Coast Councils application to increase rates beyond the 2.0% rate peg made by lpart. I am on a defined benefit pension which is indexed to the CPI. This year the CPI was minus 1% so I am not receiving any increase in incoming monies for at least another 12 months and the 1% will be deducted from any increase next year. It is my understanding the shortfall in council monies is due to incompetence and mismanagement by the Central Coast Council. Previously monies were lost in overseas investments. Why our local Council would be investing ratepayers monies overseas I will never know. Why should I be penalised for the incompetence of this bunch of fools. Wern't we supposed to save money with the amalgamation of Gosford and Wyong Council. I for one totally object to any rate rise above lparts 2% general rate peg rise.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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2563	We should not be paying for the council's mismanagement of rate payers money. We should never amalgamated in the first place.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2564	I am against the significant rate rise due to the incompetence of the council staff in charge of the council during this period	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2565	Confidential	No	howard	smith
2566	It's not fair that we are getting such a big rate rise, it's not our fault that the council can't manage their funds properly	No	Joanne	Keane
2567	I say no to rate rise why should we have to pay for the council mismanagement	No	Lyn	Clancy
2568	Confidential	No	Rachel	Bateman
2569	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2570	i do not believe that the rates should be increased as, it is possible mismanagement by the council that has led to this crisis and i have have paid my rates in good faith and do not belive that i should pay twice for the poor service that we get	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2571	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2572	I do not believe a rate rise is justified.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2573	I am not in a financial position to pay significantly increased rates. I have diligently paid my rates as they were set down to be penalised for this due to counci error is so unfair and unaustralian . The council due to poor stewardship is responsible. Why didn't 5he auditor general pick this up when it is his job to do so	No	Ann	Ritchie
2574	No rates rise!	No	Kim	Wilshere
2575	Confidential	No	Shaun	Fewings
2576	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2577	Just a thought that I posted on another page. Has the administrator ever said over the last 5 years we haven't been paying enough. No he hasn't, he clearly stated there was a mismanagement of funds also known as over spending or spending money we don't have or however you want to put it. Mind you some of the projects could've waited they were not urgent works. So how do we find it in the best interest to raise rates, when clearly that wasn't the problem. If they don't over spend for the next 5 years surely that claws back the deficit without having to hammer rate payers, for the mistake they made. We didn't mismanage them money, they did.	No	Matt	Hunter
2578	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2579	We already pay more than northern beaches and Sydney areas in rates. We should not have to pay more for councils incompetence	No	Adriana	Landsberg
2580	I oppose the Central Coast Council's Application for a rate rise in 20/21. The whole basis for this rise is due to the severe mismanagement of Council's funds and gross incompetence with no accountability on the part of any member of Council or Senior Management who are affluent business people. We, the residents of the Central Coast, are now being penalised for this incompetence, this not being a first time occurrence in a short period of time. I therefore strongly object to having to foot this bill, which would cause extreme financial burden on us as pensioners and on the large number of residents who are senior pensioners. I am of the view that a further investigation should be carried out to pinpoint what exact ly happened to the funds.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2581	Should not be up to the rate payers to cover the mistakes of the coucil & all of the company vehicles	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2582	I strongly oppose extra increase because of local and state government incompetence	No	Corey	Evans
2583	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2584	I strongly oppose the 15% rate rise the Central Coast Council is trying to impose on its residents. The CCC has mismanaged the finances residents have already been levied. The 15% rate increase is a huge financial burden placed on the residents on top of the significant rates already levied. The CCC is trying to recoup monies it lost due to poor financial management and they are punishing the local residents for this mismanagement.	No	Bill	Brooks
2585	I'm very angry with our useless council	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2586	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2587	Confidential	No	Janice	Craven
2588	The state government forced this stupid amalgamation. Gosford council lost millions through bad investments before the amalgamation and once again they have blown it all. Wyong council was managing quite well before the amalgamation so now we are expected to bail out the mistakes made by this new council with a rate rise. The state government should be the ones forking out the cash as they enforced this mess.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2589	This is to stop the central coast rate rise. Its unacceptable we as the rate payer are being forced to these rate rises to to the incompetence of cc councillors. This will break my finances. I refuse to pay for there ridiculous pathetic miss management of our central coast rates.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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2590	There is no justification whatsoever for punishment of the residents of the Central Coast Council because of the gross mismanagement and incompetence by Council officials. A 15% increase in rates is no way to solve the problems that the Council has wrought upon itself. I am a first home buyer. I have worked tirelessly for years to scrape together enough to buy a modest home for my wife and two daughters [REDACTED] We are due to settle on the 25th of January 2021, and now we have to look forward to the financial punishment and hardship of living on the Central Coast. Approval of this rate hike is akin to sanctioned extortion of all of the Central Coast's residents. To approve such an egregious spike is criminal and indefensible.	No	Dallin	Hutchinson
2591	I do not support the proposed rate rise. My family is already struggling financially and this will be devastating.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2592	I do not accept Central Coast Council's application to increase rates due to councils incompetent money management. I have faithfully paid my land and water rates for more than 22 years and have received very little in return. We were promised kerb and guttering in 2019-2020 with all pipes etc delivered then removed when council had the administrator appointed! My road and roads leading to it are in very poor condition with potholes and drainage issues. Any additional funds should come from the incompetent council members who misused our money, not from the landholders. It is just wrong on every level and I am very angry about it!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2593	I object to Central Coast Council's request for an 8% increase, over several years, to the rates which I and all other landholders have to pay. Council have mismanaged our funds over some years and have never been open and transparent about the financial situation. We as a community (Central Coast landholders) should not be penalised for years into the future for the incompetent decisions taken by senior Council staff over recent times. Please don't allow Council to proceed with this proposal.	No	Robert	Hopping
2594	Confidential	No	Josh	Goulston
2595	I don't support rate increase residents did not spend the money the council did they are liable not us	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2596	I do not agree to accept a rate rise to pay for mismanagement	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2597	I strongly am opposed to the rate rise proposed by the central coast council. It is not fair that the rates increase due to the council's negligence. Please reject their application.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2598	I do not agree with the proposed rate rise by the central coast council and request you to reject their application.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2599	[REDACTED]	No	Clare	Cropano
2600	No Rate Rise!!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2601	Absolute joke we have to pay for council incompetence..	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2602	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2603	No council rates rise.	No	Sue	Hindmarsh
2604	Why should central coast ratepayers pay for the councils incompetence it's outrageous 15% rate rise why not charge for beach parking but allow ratepayers two free stickers to recoup some of the money and reduce general clean ups to 2 free a year instead of 6	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2605	I don't support the proposed rate rise by the Central Coast Council. I suggest rather than financially burden residents who are already struggling they investigate alternatives which may take more effort and time. Considering the local area, like all areas has been impacted by Covid and local businesses and the community are trying to recover this proposal will have a negative impact on both of those. There has been no wage or salary growth and yet someone thinks that increasing rates this will fix the council's problems. I suggest they are deeper than that and real change needs to be demonstrated rather than just slugging the poor rate payer and sending the families who live on the Central Coast backwards further.	No	Daryl	Hindmarsh
2606	Confidential	No	Ron	Belshaw
2607	I oppose the Central Coast Councils application for a rate rise The whole basis for the rise is due to the severe mismanagement of council funds and gross incompetence . I don,t believe that the residents of the central coast should be punished'. The council have also been deceitful in the use of funds	No	Ross	Jenkins
2608	This is absolutely unfair and unjust to inflict a monetary penalty on the rate payers of the Central Coast to account for the abhorrent mismanagement of funds by the previous Council leadership. [REDACTED], and now this as the citizens begin to recover for from a financially tough pandemic year, it's discrimination!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2609	I don't believe rate payers should bare the brunt of this debt - the central coast council needs to find other ways to re coup this money	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2610	Confidential	No	Jane	Lindley

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2611	Just because the council has been mismanaged and the rates have been paid to politicians , that is no justification for such a significant increase. Instead fire the incompetent people and hire someone who can manage the available funds. The council shouldn't have the right to penalise residents while collecting paychecks for such a poor job (obviously generalising in this statement as I'm sure someone on the council(s) might have been doing a good job).	No	Jared	O'Brien
2612	I say NO to any rate increase, as it is I pay in my rates \$120 a year for drainage & the is no drainage in my street at all, & most of the streets on the peninsula have no drainage what so ever. The government doesn't have a criteria for candidates that put themselves forward to be voted into these positions in council, so when this type of miss management happens it shouldn't be up to the rate payers to foot the cost of bad management. Government want to give councils the power to charge rate payers for drainage & then council don't give drainage to the property's their charging then I say the government should pay for this BAD miss management & the people that were in charge at council & responsible for this problem should be sacked & charged & NEVR be allowed to hold any position in a council or government position again, it's discussing. NO to any rate rise.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2613	I understand that the Central Coast Council is proposing to increase our rates by 15% for the next 7years. If this is correct then my rates would increase by approx. \$250 per year. I would like to object to this proposal in the strongest possible terms. I can see no reason why the the rate payers should be punished for the gross incompetence of the council. I am now retired but my wife and I have no room in our budget to accommodate rises of this size it just means that we won't be able to use as much cooling or heating as we need . We pay our rates in full each year without fail and we expect the council to manage this money correctly . Let them find another way to fix the damage .	No	Ron	Beverley
2614	We shouldn't be paying for there mistakes	No	Tracy	Evans
2615	Please don't make rate payers suffer for years ahead due to the negligence and incompetence of council management. The councillor's are responsible & should be held accountable for the mismanagement of rate payers hard earned funds. We are all just working class people that are already doing it tough. We have families to feed & keep a roof over. We can't afford a rate rise like they are suggesting, nor should we have to. Ask yourself, would you want your family to miss out on groceries, your baby to miss out on formula or nappies, your elderly parents to miss out on medication due to less funds in their account? All because the extra money from the rate rise had to be taken from those things. Its not fair! Central coast residents don't deserve to miss out on quality of life because of the mismanagement of central coast council funds. Its not the resident rate payers fault! Why should we be made to pay up? We already paid, and they mismanaged it! They have already shown incompetence in their management position, so why should we be forced to keep funding their incompetence at the expense of our families. Residents are angry! Please don't allow this special rate rise to go ahead. The impact will affect a lot of hard working families.	No	Brigette	O
2616	Why was this issue ALLOWED to build up to this point of such a rate rise? Why wasn't it acted upon earlier to avoid this? Where is accountability been shown by those who allowed this? There are many in line here over a long period of time who need to put their big persons pants on and step up and explain to us how it cane to this and be accountable for abusing their privilege of representing others!	No	Danielle	Mavin
2617	We are being asked to provide additional rates to cover badly managed resources. Where is the evidence that the additional dates will be properly managed? Once the debt is repaid, will the rates be reduced, doubt it. They're asking to increase rates at a time where people are under a lot of financial pressure already from the impacts of covid, as well as those working at Council who are losing their jobs. Also we are at risk of moving into a recession and the last thing it's fair to do to the people of NSW is put the under more financial pressure. For some people it may impact their ability to pay their loans and they could lose their homes or investment properties. For others it could mean the cost is passed on in rent rises, significantly effecting their cost of living. In addition many places have frozen or limited pay rises. The money for the Council's debt needs to come from somewhere and no doubt if not this way, it will come from somewhere else. But maybe that somewhere else should be the NSW government Minister for Local Government's budget - someone hasn't been doing a good job of overseeing the Council for a very long time.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2618	Why should we people have to pay for council,s bad management of the funds and the employment of people that by reading reports were not needed.	No	Ian	McDonald
2619	Confidential	No	Adam	Mckinlay
2620	Confidential	No	Dwayne	Whitehead
2621	Unlawful mismanagement of funds and wanting residents to pay15% increase in rates on top of annual CPI Completely utterly wrong decision by the Administrator representing the NSW government	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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2622	We have been grossly mistreated by central coast council. We have had numerous rate rises over the past 5 years and have been paying at least 500 more a year since they split our rates and water notices. We do not receive appropriate infrastructure with a lack of kerb and guttering, the roads are atrocious and the flooding issues are horrendous. “We” all did not vote in the thieves who have left our council in the state that it is in and are sick of being blamed for the blatant misappropriation of funds that has gone on. Please do not punish us.	No	Michelle	Tarr
2623	I don't think an increase above 2x the PEG rate is fair considering the time it has taken Central coast council to identify the issue and now the expectation is that we the ratepayers correct their oversight. I also do not think the council are transparent enough in their financial management to justify giving them access to more rate payer funds particularly in the current economic climate and with the socio economic make up of the region.	No	Isaac	Mason
2624	Why should the rate payer be punished by raising the amount payable because our Council are inept fools who have gotten themselves into Millions of debt yet we have little to show for it	No	Patricia	Thorntwaite
2625	I find it outrageous that there is a plan to increase council rates to make up for failing governance. While it is astonishing that voters put their trust in the people who threw this council into disarray, it is even more shocking that those who were elected felt comfortable making the council into a body that has become incapable of providing basic functions and responsibilities. Just as the Federal Government is making Australia into a failed state, this council is no longer functioning properly and it has lost credibility and the trust of the people. A rate increase will not fix this. The whole country requires an overhaul of its democratic system. Let's start with the Central Coast.	No	JAKOB	TIMMER
2626	Don't raise the rates!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2627	I'm a home owner on the northern end of the Central Coast. I have been a rate payer here for 10 yrs. And yet We still have no footpath or guttering in most of the streets in my community. And I refuse to pay for any rate increase to cover the disgracefully managed funds of an incompetent Central Coast council. Why should the innocent rate payers be penalised to cover up for a council that clearly places no value on the needs of its residents.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2628	We vehemently oppose the proposed rate increase. The council has grossly misappropriated rates paid and has done so prior to the merger making Wyong council area now facing an increase of 20% taking into account the previous increase when money was misappropriated. This is a systemic problem and should be criminalised. Residents paid in good faith and also because it is a requirement of owning property. Where are the requirements for the council? The penalties? Residents don't pay council gets to sell your house! Why would residents give them a cent more than they already do? IPART should be stopping this increase and making the council sort it out . It is a disgrace this option is even on the table	No	Kylie	Gowans
2629	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2630	We're struggling as is, this council has rorted the very people that put them in their over payed jobs, they should be criminally charged	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2631	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2632	I strongly disagree with the proposed rate increase by our disgraced local council, who have mis-managed rate payer funds to a history making degree. This rate increase should not be approved.	No	Rebecca	Bassett
2633	I don't want to be disadvantaged because of the incompetence of council executives and councillors. I feel the NSW Government should reimburse Council for the cost of amalgamation to ameliorate the debt. Why should Council (aka ratepayers) have had to pay for an amalgamation we did not want and had no say in the decision. The rate rise is unfair, exorbitant and discriminatory, with Wyong (as I believe) paying less than Gosford. Why is it that time and time again the “little” people have to fork out for the blatant incompetence and arrogance of those in power.	No	Jill	Robinson
2634	Confidential	No	Helen	Macpherson
2635	Already pay enough not our fault you have had poor staff running the council	No	Lisa	Reynolds
2636	I can not afford a rate rise especially when i am not at fault it feels like i lam being punished	No	Tony	Whitty
2637	As a Pensioner I think it is appalling that we have to pay for this outrageous failure of our Council. Why was this not picked up before it got to \$1 million dollars let alone over \$5 million. What happened to the auditors in this huge oversight? Not good enough!	No	Viv	Donovan
2638	I strongly am against any rate rise for the Central Coast residents and land owners due to the inability of the stood down councillors to manage funding especially the Mayor & Vice Mayor . I believe the councilors and Mayors involved should be held accountable for the losses rather than the rate payers. Maybe look at the millions of dollars they have wasted arguing against progress and ask them to pay that back personally before expecting land owners to make up the difference.	No	Sue	Hantzi
2639	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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2640	Confidential	No	Andrew	Conroy
2641	I do not support a rate rise. In C strap Coast council We the people are not the ones who got the council in this situation. Why do we have to pay for their mistakes and poor judgement.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2642	Why do we have to pay for a rate \$ water rise this mess is not the residence many of whom are struggling also we have paid extra money done times for lake levies surveys etc that went no were ! Stop paying your councilors & make there positions volunteer	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2643	A 15% rate rise is unreasonable and the State Government should take responsibility for the unnecessary amalgamation of Wyong and Gosford councils.	No	Yvette	McConville
2644	Confidential	No	Joanne	Ryan
2645	Confidential	No	Sean	Ryan
2646	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2647	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2648	I do not consent to the rate rises being put forward due to the Councils ill management of funds. I do not think the increase should affect the local public in this way, it is simply unaffordable and unfair.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2649	Please do not allow this rate rise. We are self funded retirees who cannot afford a 10% plus rate rise. What do we get from this? We have no curb and guttering, our streets flood at the slightest heavy, consistent downfall and tuggerah lake is in appalling condition.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2650	No rate rise due to incompetence of former councillors. Any other job would have sacked them years ago.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2651	It is unconscionable that the hard working people of the coast should have to foot the bill for the councils gross mismanagement of its budget.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2652	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2653	No 10% rate increase. The council need to fix their problems, not the residents.	No	Andrew	Kellick
2654	I disagree with this request as it would financially impact a lot of rate payers in a time when the economy & jobs are already suffering. We shouldn't have to pay for the council's mismanagement of funds	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2655	The proposal to have ratepayers bear the brunt of gross mismanagement by Central Coast Council and presumably the former Wyong and Gosford Councils as well as the NSW Government is outrageous! The Government's virtual forcing of the councils to merge with inadequate support proved to be a massive failure, the suspension of councillors who had little to do with the debacle a political move and all the instigators of the massive misappropriation of funds need to be exposed and sacked. The Government should be taking financial responsibility for mismanagement by its hopelessly merged Council, not the ratepayers, who trusted the Council and the Government to act in their best interests.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2656	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2657	Please sell off unnecessary assets such as unused land before the huge and ongoing rate rise postulated. The mismanagement was of council's doing, not the ratepayers'. Susan Hollingworth [REDACTED]	No	Susan	Hollingworth
2658	Our rates are already prohibitively expensive. Many will fall through the cracks due to us being punished unfairly for council's gross mismanagement of our money.	No	Geoff	Barnes
2659	I oppose Central Coast Council's application for an extreme rate rise. I consider the situation has occurred due Councillors incompetence, mismanagement & secrecy when allocating the vast amount of money spent. I do not understand why Council (as it stands now) wants to punish ratepayers to this extent when they were not consulted for most this major spending. As an aged pensioner I am just making ends meet as it is & any further expense will create extreme hardship for me. It seems to me Council wants to recoup this debt the easy way while continuing to operate as normal without any consequences.	No	Frederick	Murray
2660	NSW government merged 2 councils with the premise that economy of scale would generate numerous benefits to the community. It would now appear that the government has failed to provide the oversight of the merger through their numerous administration appointees to the extent that ratepayers will be expected to cover the failures/losses through exorbitant rate increases. Surely from the outset of this merger, and on an going basis, the government would have ensured their appointees were using appropriate best management practices to put in place management systems/controls to achieve the desired objectives and effective/efficient day to day management of the council operations. Instead over time we read of inability to finalise year end accounts, auditor failings, gross management incompetence from the outset to the present, lack of basic financial control information, leading to reports that the council's current financial health is perilous. Is this the end point, or will other failings be unearthed with time?? It is very easy to hit ratepayers with increased rates and walk away. The government has an accountability, ethically and morally, for their desired council merger to be achieved within the framework of the deemed benefits outlined in their feasibility study. Alas, because of incompetences at numerous levels, ratepayers will be required to meet the shortfall resultant from poor management oversight/practices and professional capability to deal with the tasks at hand. For all of which the NSW government is accountable. Such increases if applied, fail to meet the pub test.	No	Doug	McDonald

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2661	I object to the 8% increase for rates. Council overspent without transparency. Ratepayers should not bear the cost of pathetic council funds management	No	Kristian	Neville
2662	A 15 percent increase at this time when self funded retirees can only get 1 percent at bank interest where are we going to find the other 14 percent. We think it is a very unfair because of council's mismanagement of rate money in the past.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2663	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2664	Do not agree to Central Coast Council application to increase rates.	No	Lisa	Harris
2665	I don't agree with a 10% increase each year for 7 years. Find another solution please.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2666	Why should we increase rates and four the bill for the previous councillors incompetency ? I refuse to sit sn increase considering you can't even complete Davistown Road upgrade but can commit yo a boardwalk at terrigal	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2667	Confidential	No	Jennifer	Chapman
2668	I object to the special rate rise. All Other avenues should be exhausted before seeking to recover the cost from the residents of the central Coast.	No	Zack	Winslade
2669	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2670	Confidential	No	Dean	Sullivan
2671	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2672	As ratepayers we STRONGLY disagree with the proposed 10% increases per year. We STRONGLY OPPOSE any increase above 1%. We are just so sick and tired of having to carry the financial burden from decisions made at Senior Management level that seemingly have little or no consequences. We, the ratepayers MATTER!.	No	Sean	McNally
2673	Outrageous and unlawful rate hike	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2674	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2675	After speaking to a number of people (in the wyong shire) on the subject of the 15% rate rise the most common comment I get is "yes but we are going to save \$3 a week". What people don't understand and what Dick Persson failed to point out is that with rate harmonisation and no rate rise we in the wyong shire will potentially save \$10 a week or \$520 a year. Now we are talking a big saving. That's a weeks rent for some, a mortgage payment, 2-4 weeks with of groceries but also money in the pocket for pensioners and anyone else who is struggling especially in this time of uncertainty. This is why we need to fight this. We all have had the year from hell. We need to band together and stop this ridiculous and extreme rate rise. Mr Persson WE SAY NO!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2676	I strongly suppose the proposed increawe in rates for the central coast region. It is not the residents responsibility t oo make up for errors that were made . Timing is also shocking as many families are in financial hardship already during covid and job keeper payments will cease in March so some ,including myself, may not even have a job .	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2677	I don't wish to pay the increased rates More than happy to pay what I am now but don't want to pay increased rates for government problems	No	Adam	Overton
2678	I strongly oppose rate rises to cover the shortfalls caused in the recent past by cousils actions.	No	Johan	Luidens
2679	No rates rise past CPI. Councilors, CEO and any other associated parties should have their assists frozen and sold to recoup the loss.. Not a ratepayers problem!	No	Dan	Dixon
2680	Reports in the local press show that the Central Coast Council are requesting leave to increase rates by 15%. This intolerable situation has arisen, as a result of total incompetence by the members of the council and their financial controllers. It amazes me that the appointed administrator cannot, or will not, find the root cause of the problem. There has been no suggestion of "impropriety". This merely increases public opinion as to the total incompetence of the council as a whole. It appears that the solution to this problem would be to engage the services of professional accountants, and charge them with bringing the situation back into balance. Rate Payers should not have to be burdened further.	No	David	Finch

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2681	<p>We totally disagree with the huge rate increases proposed for our community. We moved here 4 years ago from Strathfield and our rates here are the same as TWO houses in Strathfield with a much higher land value.</p> <p>We receive very few services - no footpaths, no street drainage, no road repair. All we have is weekly garbage collection and community facilities (i.e. library, etc.).</p> <p>Our road (Geoffrey Road, Chittaway Point) would be a very beautiful location with the right attention to the street and proper street drainage would help prevent the road flooding - just putting up signs of 'water on the road' doesn't fix the problem or give sufficient warning as to water depth!</p> <p>Since amalgamation of councils, the new council has been dedicated to spending money especially in the Gosford area and other areas in the new council area have been very much - if not totally - neglected. We would also like to see this over-large council re-split to more manageable sizes - especially as the amalgamation has increased costs instead of reducing them.</p> <p>We very strongly object to the proposed increases to remedy the financial situation which a small group of incompetent councillors have caused. They must bear the responsibility - not the residents.</p>	No	Lorraine	Di Vito
2682	<p>We are appalled by any suggestion a rate rise above the normal increases be considered for the Central Coast ratepayers.</p> <p>This Council have mismanaged their responsibilities throughout the last 3 years. We had dealings with Council when we were addressing the boarding house issue in our area and we were confronted with a rude and obstinate mayor and several of the left wing councillors. They were on their way to public rejection then.</p> <p>We cannot be held responsible for the unprofessionalism of this Council. They were warned early on and yet they demonstrated their arrogance which they collectively have to be held responsible. Certainly a start would be to withdraw any of the obscene payments made to the GM recently. No executive should benefit from incompetence..</p> <p>The only way the public will accept any extra costs is if the perpetrators are made to pay for their arrogance and incompetence.</p> <p>Peter [REDACTED] Jones</p>	No	Peter	Jones
2683	<p>There needs to be more questions how this was allowed to happen, and why it took so long to bring it out in the open and then it was too late to fix!</p> <p>Now as a rate payer I have to pay, yet when questions are raised by Cllr Best he was ignored.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2684	<p>please don't hit us pensioners with such a high rise we know we have to share the rises but not as much</p>	No	maxwell	marshall
2685	<p>I believe there is a lot more that is being hidden behind closed doors of the Central Coast Council, and the Administrator appointed is as incompetent as the Councillor's.</p> <p>Don't sack them as that lets them off, they need to be made responsible for the debts and for the loans they're still being approved for?</p> <p>Something is very, very wrong and in my opinion unlawful and illegal.</p> <p>Don't make the Rate Payer's responsible for the Council's incompetence.</p>	No	Susan	Herdson
2686	Confidential	No	Kerry William. ----- -- Glenese Pamela	Nicholson
2687	<p>the only income i receive is the age pension if this increase is approved it will be extremely difficult to make ends meet. i live in the old Wyong Shire area, and before amalgamation we had above average rate rises and it was extremely difficult to make ends meet then</p>	No	james	crutcher
2688	Confidential	No	Margaret	Newton

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	<p>To whom it may concern</p> <p>I strongly disagree with Gosford Councils application to IPART Special Variation.</p> <p>The rate payers didn't vote for incompetence, nor did they vote for the merge, the merge was forced upon us and probably accounts for most of the debt, the area is way too big for one council anyway, and should go back to the way it was.</p> <p>Somebody needs to be accountable for what I believe borders on criminal activity.</p> <p>Approx 300 people employed with the council are going to lose jobs, and the rate payers cop the rest, double whammy for those that lose there jobs.</p> <p>The council spent ratepayers money and what now appears to be more money than they had on things that were not necessary, moving away from what they are really supposed to budget for - ROADS - WATER & WASTE -</p> <p>How can a thriving region like the Central Coast be possibly in that much debt, I have lived on the Central Coast for 50 years and this has never happened, so somebody at council or state level has done something wrong.</p> <p>The State government & Councillers got us into this mess and they should be wearing the cost , not the rate payers of the Central Coast.</p> <p>Royal Commission should also be on the table.</p>			
2689	Regards [REDACTED]	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
	<p>I should not have to pay for the schoolish behaviour of council not getting along and wasting our hard earned money.</p> <p>It is a disgrace to be a part of Australias worst council and we deserve much much better.</p> <p>We should not be the ones to pay for their mistakes. I do not support a rate or water rise</p> <p>Many thanks</p>			
2690	Renee Schembri	No	Renee	Schembri
2691	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2692	I do not agree that the rate payers of the Central Coast Council should have to pay for the miss management of funds or debt incurred due to the amalgamation of Gosford and Wyong councils at NSW Government directive.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2693	I oppose the 15% rate rise on the residents of the Central Coast. It is grossly exorbitant and an entirely unreasonable impasse on residents, particularly as the situation the council finds itself in is entirely of their own design.	No	Ian	Mooney
2694	No Rate increase	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2695	Confidential	No	Meryl	Mielczarek
2696	Confidential	No	Joedy	Danvers
2697	The residents of the central coast shouldn't have to pay for the councils bad management of finances	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2698	A lot of households are struggling as it is without the prospect of a 15 percent rate increase, it's not fair to expect rate payers to be lumped with massive debt because the CEO and ELT running council where incompetent. The government should help out after all they are responsible for creating and not properly funding this Frankenstein of a council	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2699	I am not personally responsible for the incompetence of elected politicians. Nor are the rest of the rate payers in this electorate. To expect constituents to pay for mismanagement and maladministration of the electorate's financial debacle is absolutely deplorable and disgusting. Find another way to raise the money because I have already paid my taxes.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2700	Why should we the ratepayers have to pay for someone's else's incompetence. The MISMANAGEMENT is not our fault. Make the elected Councillors put their hand in their pockets	No	Susan	Tupper
2701	Confidential	No	Michelle	Davis

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2702	I do not want to be put in a worse financial situation through a rate increase because of the poor mismanagement of funds by Central Coast Council and other politicians [REDACTED] [REDACTED] This is completely unfair especially when I am sure that services (including Kincumber Tip being closed) and infrastructure e.g. the horrendous condition of roads on the Central Coast with potholes that frequently damage vehicles- will I am sure all be put on hold due to "council financial difficulties. I also do not think that this is fair given the \$141 million of State Government grants that were distributed unfairly and the forced amalgamation of Central Coast Council which worsened their financial situation. I SHOULD NOT HAVE TO PAY FOR THIS - and also why are the residents of the Wyong area not sharing the load but rather getting a Rate decrease?!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2703	Please REDUCE rates!	No	Matthew	Squires
2704	I object to the proposed rate increases including the Special Rate Variation proposed recently by the administrator of the Central Coast Council, which has been prompted by the significant debt accrued due to financial mismanagement by Council's officers and Councillors. Central Coast residents and ratepayers have been impacted heavily by the COVID-19 pandemic, and notwithstanding the pandemic, already have higher rates of unemployment and lower income levels compared with other Council areas. We cannot afford the proposed rate increases and reject them in the strongest terms.	No	Haydn	McDonald
2705	Council mismanagement at its worst . Residence shouldn't be held financially liable for extremely poor governance .	No	Andrew	Stephen
2706	To Whom it may concern, We strongly disagree with the proposed rate rise by Central Coast Council. A 15% rate rise is simply unacceptable given the indebtness our council has placed this community under. The CEO gets a \$380k payout for failing in his duties and then his team and the team of councillors have had very financial controls in place delivering a \$500m + deficit and we the rate payers have to pay for it? What a joke.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2707	I am absolutely appalled that the central coast rate payers are being asked to pay extra in rates due to councils disregard for rate payers money !! Residents are already paying hundreds of dollars extra in insurance premiums due to councils inaction with flooding earlier this year !!	No	Michael	Sartor
2708	The requested rate increase should be denied. The current administrator has publicly condemned the council and councillors of being fully responsible for allowing this council to go into so much deficit. Some actions by councillors and senior staff were illegal. This council should be broken up and offered to neighbouring councils. In these extremely difficult times the average ratepayer can't find extra cash for a rate hike of historic proportions. If this goes ahead many will suffer landlords will increase rents to cover the extra the homeless will increase in numbers. This matter should be resolved by the state government they allowed this dysfunctional council continue operating. The rate payers should not be made to bear the cost of incompetence at the highest level.	No	Robert	Manca
2709	If you allow the 15% rate rise that the Central Coast Council is asking for, you are un-Australian. Especially in these current times. Ratepayers weren't to blame for the financial mismanagement of the local council	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2710	Forcing residents into a massive rate rise will send many people into debt as they will not be able to afford the additional costs as many are already struggling. It's also disappointing that the council members who awarded themselves a pay rise prior to the administrator being appointed will still have their jobs after this colossal failure to their local community. Why we should have to cop a 10-15% increase is beyond fair. People have lost jobs and are struggling as it is. If this is passed then ipart will also be recognised and remembered as the body that helped send people into debt.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2711	Confidential	No	Mark	Worden
2712	These [REDACTED] want to increase my rates to pay for their dishonesty and incompetence. They ought to be locked up. Very angry.	No	Scott	Meehan
2713	Confidential	No	Carmen	Jackson
2714	We already pay more than expensive suburbs in Sydney - and for that we get no gutters, no curbing, no footpaths, terrible roads, horrendous run off from the road how dare you even think about putting rates up? Clean this mess up without taking it out on the residents !	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2715	I am opposed to the proposed rate increase. 1. Council was well aware of the financial position for around 3 years. From the information publicly available at some of the meetings the Councillors chose to ignore and dismiss the warning of a financial crisis. 2. The CEO quickly departed once the crisis became public. This gross misrepresentation of the trust residents have in the elected Councillors and CEO to manage Central Coast Council is financial negligence of the highest order. Most residents would be happy to assist the rescue with a minimal rate increase but for the administrator to unload on residents and expect a full financial bail out by way of a full rate rise is extremely unpalatable.	No	Michael	Hinwood

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	<p>Hi there, I would like to put on record my notion of 'Against' for the special variation of rate rise for the central coast.</p> <p>I have lived on the coast for a long period of time and have recently entered the housing market at the age of 23 to which I am now 26.</p> <p>Over this period of time I have seen the mismanagement of the councils funds which have landed us in a poor economic and financial situation. It resolution to this is better management and transparency within the local government and the finalization of the amalgamation and rates between the former Gosford and Wyong councils.</p> <p>With harmonization of the rates and with the current appointed administrator, dealing with the mismanagement. I believe this new grounds for the correction of this local government.</p> <p>I believe the scapegoat of a rate increase with only be bailing out this council and not be spent within the councils represented community. Therefore I oppose the special rate increase as it will have no benefit on the area and not help rectify the true nature of the councils current financial woes but provide additional fund to bail them out of the position they have fond themselves in.</p>			
2716	A rate increase should only be considered if the funds were to be used in such a manner to benefit the people of the central coast, and in this case I cannot see that being the case. ☹	No	Joshua	Cain
2717	I cannot afford any rate increases & feel that council has to be a lot more smarter to save operational costs rather than just increase rates.	No	Des	Malone
2718	We will not be paying any rate rise due to an incompetent [REDACTED] Council. I as a ratepayer oppose any rate rise!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2719	I am complaining about cc council raising rates to fund overspending by councilors	No	Stephen	Marcuccio
2720	<p>hello,</p> <p>Would like to make a submission in regards to a proposed 15% rate rise. Totally unacceptable. Even 10% is unacceptable. There has been very little improvement in the 3.5 years I have been living in the council. So many things are way below standard for a modern world. And given the COVID situation we are in, so many job loses, cutting back of hours etc.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Conny Larsen [REDACTED] [REDACTED]</p>	No	Conny	Larsen
2721	It's a disgrace. Central coast council expect the ratepayers to bail them out by putting up our rates. They should be as ashamed. We didn't get them into this mess, they did it. Don't approve a rate rise. We the people deserves better council.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2722	I feel the central coast rate rise is extremely unfair to rate payer's many of us don't have curb or guttering,water that is often brown,pot holes ,frequent black outs etc. Why should we pay the extra for council money mismanagement.	No	Kathleen	Watts
2723	<p>Why should ratepayers suffer because of councils mismanagement. As residents of the central coast we have already been subjected to a 'special variation' around the time that the council was amalgamated. Now they want to do it again. We pay an exorbitant amount in rates now and we trusted council to manage the proceeds properly. If a business mismanaged its income the business owner is held responsible not the customers. Why is it different for government.</p> <p>I'm a DSP recipient with a mortgage who will be forced to sell if the rates are increased by 15%. And I'm not the only one who is living on a tight budget. Council is treating ratepayers as cash cows.</p>	No	Rhonda	Maclean
2724	<p>The proposed rate increase is unfair to the residents of the Central Coast.</p> <p>Me being a old age pensioner the increase is unaffordable the rates at present takes 6 weeks pension. This only leaves me \$273 per week to live very hard to live on that with ever increasing groceries</p>	No	Dennis	James
2725	I am angry Re the council hoping to get a rate rise. The people of the Central coast didn't cause the issue and shouldn't have to suffer and pay out extra. No rate rise for us please	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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	<p>I object to the proposed rise in council rates based upon.</p> <p>Our suburb already has no paths, gutters, storm water run off removal, pot hole free roads.</p> <p>This increase is to pay off debt not increase build or increase what are standard services in other suburbs council areas.</p> <p>The damaged roads, lack of paths make it a major hazard for the elderly, disabled, school children, parents with prams.</p>			
2726	We need improved services not higher rates to pay for legacy monuments.	No	Leanne	Burcher
2727	I am a single person on a pension and struggle to make ends meet as I have mortgage and bills like everybody else, and now you want to increase the rates to pay for YOUR BLUNDER. This is a disgrace to think that for all these years we have paid rates for very little in return and now you loose millions and millions of dollars and you want us rate payers to pay for your STUFF UP. I am completely against your intention to increase our rates so you can reap back what was misappropriated	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2728	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2729	<p>Absolute Disgrace, punish the rate payers for a masdive Goverment Blunder.</p> <p>Financial disaster bought on by government employeees</p> <p>NO WAY TO RATE RISE</p> <p>WRONG WRONG WRONG</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2730	Confidential	No	Catherine	Tisdell
2731	Confidential	No	Scott	Cook
2732	Absolutely against the central coast rate rise. It's wrong. It's unfair and I'm disgusted in what the council have caused.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2733	Confidential	No	Morgan	Dent
2734	<p>It is so cruel and heartless to Increase rates during the year 2020 the Covid 19 Global pandemic year. The Primeminister the Premiers, Ministers etc have informed the people that we are all living in unprecedented times. The economy, the mental Health of People the high Unemployment and Higher Under employment have been significant, drastic and soul destroying. People and families and the elderly everyone have suffered greatly during these times as described by the PM and nearly every politician, senior public servant as UNPRECEDENTED. 2020 Will not be the end of the tough times, people and economies will suffer for many years. Surely a Kind and considerate Government will not allow further suffering to the people / voters of the CCC. There must be a better and kinder and fairer way of fixing the mess of the CCC. THE NSW state government, lpart should require the administrator to be more professional and find a fairer way of soerting the councils mess out. A special rates rise appears as a quick and easy fix to a problem which is cruel and heartless during these terrible Unprecedented times.</p>	No	Peter	Sutton
2735	I don't think we should pay massive council rate increases for the mismanagement of the council. Why is no one accountable for them spending beyond their means? Our rates this year are already insanely high at 2518.55 which is more than 2.5 times what we paid in Blacktown council for a property of higher value. I say we make them cut back their spending instead and make people making spending decisions accountable. I feel I could do a better job than the council has done.	No	Tracey	Giffney
2736	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2737	I don't think we should pay massive council rate increases for the mismanagement of the council. Why is no one accountable for them spending beyond their means? Our rates this year are already insanely high at 2518.55 which is more than 2.5 times what we paid in Blacktown council for a property of higher value. I say we make them cut back their spending instead and make people making spending decisions accountable.	No	Tracey	Giffney
2738	If a service is not performing the answer is not to take more money from the customer, instead have a better procedure in procurement and delegation of duties to be authorised by an overseeing forgive of authority. Have consequences for mis management, kpi and budget targets to be reach on a monthly basis. If I was told I would be paying more fees for a great service then I would agree under condition, look up the chain, state government approved it all. Forced the merger. Let them pay.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2739	We pay too much already,no kerb&gutter no foot paths putrid lake,crap roads.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2740	The councils inability to manage its budget should not mean that the residents should be punished.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2741	<p>I feel that there are alternate ways to raise funds that have not yet been explored. Northern part of the council (old wyong shire) have been copping higher rates for 7 years now. Enough is enough. There is plenty of new development progressing through out the council area that will also assist in more funds coming in. I.e new homes means more rate notices brining in income.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>	No	Julia	Hingston

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2742	Speak to ratepayers. Many can tell you a story or two. Do we need to pay more money because the councillors overspent?? NO. Do we need to pay more money because the Auditors that were paid to do that job failed ?? NO Do we need to pay more because our services are dropping???? NO... do we need to pay more because the CEO had a 380,000 payout... NO... who is the criminal here? What organisation gets to get away with negligence??? Why should we pay???	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2743	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2744	It is absolutely atrocious that tax payers are being targeted to cover the debt of the council. If I have debt, does anyone come and bail me out? NO! So what is different here. We would not even see any benefits of covering this debt. The roads are shocking and don't even get me started on the terrible quality of water and not to mention the colour of it. We are basically paying some of the highest rates in the country for 3rd world country standards. I work hard for my money and pay my taxes - more than I can say about this council - so why should I bail them out???	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2745	Against an increase in rates. There has been no explanation as to why or how overspending has happened or where the money went? Somebody has to accountable & to make sure this doesn't happen. We are told only an increase is the only way & all monies are gone and we are in debt so you have to pay more !!!!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2746	Moto a rate rise until the debts are paid and responsible people are in control. Currently money is wasted on potholes that are refilled after each storm. Just one thing. There are many.	No	Elaine	Burrows
2747	My rates are meant to pay for services delivered by Council. Rates are not supposed to fund financial mismanagement. This matter should be referred to ICAC prior to any determination of rate rises to determine responsible parties.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2748	No issue with rate rise. Current rates are less than similar councils. If the central coast wants to look less like the ghetto, and more of a location of choice for decent people, then rates need to go up to be able to afford better facilities.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2749	NO to rate rises to locals. Its a disgrace that the people in charge are not being held accountable	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2750	We object go the proposed 15% rate increase. The Centra Coast is not an affluent area. The region has been adversely affected by Covid. This rate increase will make the government stimulus of tax cuts null and void.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2751	Given the gross misuse of rate payers money, to even ask to increase the levy above the peg is outrageous! Allow this dreadful request through and I simply will refuse to pay anything more than I am now (for which I am still trying to reconcile how / where it is spent!)	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2752	I Bradley Finch will refuse to pay any more rates above the standard 2% rise next year to facilitate the gross mis management of the past or current administration.	No	Bradley	Finch
2753	Do not agree. Council has wasted rate payers money.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2754	This is fraud where has the money gone? Rate payers should not be charged extra.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2755	I do not agree with the rate rise as we are already paying more than the western side of the freeway in rates for services we don't even have	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2756	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2757	Rate rises associated to a CPI increase may be valid but to cover the cost of incompetent funds management, over spending, excessive staffing levels etc should not be worn by rate payers.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2758	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2759	Confidential	No	Robyn	Simmonds
2760	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2761	The current rates are already much higher than is necessary or fair. Since the council has amalgamated with Wyong Council, we have received no street sweeping, no regular road maintenance and paying extortionately for water services regardless of our property having its own rainwater tanks. Besides these factors, I as a rate payer feel very taken advantage of and penalized for owning a property in this area. This extortion has to stop and I refuse to pay another rates increase.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2762	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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2763	<p>Central Coast Resident - postcode 2262.</p> <p>The administrator at Central Coast Council has decided to immediately put in place a rate rise. They have had very little time to consider different options and I believe the rise is a knee jerk reaction. There are multiple other options available to reduce the deficit. CCC residents are already struggling financially, the region has been hit hard by COVID with retail and tourism being such large industries in the area. Furthermore, with both jobkeeper and jobseeker reducing very soon this will again impact the region financially. People just can't afford to pay more rates.</p> <p>CCC could consider</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - cost saving measures such not spending \$40million on a library in Gosford when some towns on the coast don't even have a small library. - selling off assets that have no profit making capacity - increasing fees for council owned tourist parks - allowing locals to 'pay to play' in pools and playgrounds in local tourist parks outside of peak season - efficiency - I have had a DA on with council that is still pending for 90days. <p>CCC should be encouraged to consider all other alternatives before a rate rise is introduced.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2764	You cannot increase our rates by 15% due to the councils errors. The residents didn't make the error and in such difficult times where people are financially struggling this does not make any sense	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2765	We should not have to pay for councils mistakes. They have not done their job so they should all go without the golden handshake.	No	Chris	Stuckey
2766	<p>The proposed increase in rates by our Council due to their incomprehensible mismanagement can only be described as a abhorrent.</p> <p>It is beyond criminal for the ratepayers to have to pay for the misconduct of others.</p> <p>Please do not approve this rate increase by Central Coast Council. People are already hurting from a year that has been devastating and for many this rate increase will be the final straw.</p>	No	Lisa	Fleming
2767	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2768	<p>I am against Central Coast Council raising the rates.</p> <p>Why should our community be punished for the way council has mismanaged our finances?</p> <p>They should be held accountable for this. They should</p> <p>I am finding it very difficult to understand how the council is in so much debt, considering the amount of development that is going on and the fees they charge for that!</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2769	We deserve a council that is better and who are excellent managers of money, so that our council is never in a situation like this again.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2770	No rate rise !!! We pay enough !	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2771	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2772	Resident of the Central Coast should not have to foot the bill for councils money mismanagement especially when the administrators give the person responsible a \$380000 golden handshake sorry any other job and you would be out on your ear so no resident should not have to have a 15% rate rise if this happens they may as well come around to our houses and steal the food out of our mouths as well.	No	Matthew	Macdonald
2773	Why should we pay more money when they have basically flushed it down the drain ☹️	No	Angela	Forrest
2774	Please dont force rate hikes on hsrds working middleclads residents of the central coast. The expectation that we will pay for gross mismanagement is totally wrong. Make the administrator sell off assets of Central Coast Council first. Shed staff.	No	Jane	Mylan
2775	This situation is untenable!!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2776	In view of the current financial stress caused by Covid and its expected ongoing impact for the years ahead I believe the suggested rate rises is disproportionate. It doesn't seem fair that the NSW state government and the Federal Government would allow this after they have asked the community to accept so much Lock down disruption and loss to our lives. The Central Coast Council does not really provide much value for our rates money as it is. The roads and guttering management of parks is very poor , residents will not be able to afford to live in this area if the only solution available is rate rises, where and when will they stop ? Can the state government or federal government help out ? The residents that live in this Council region are voters in state and federal elections perhaps the governments can win favour if they show compassion to this area which has been hurting under the local Labour Council .	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2777	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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2776	Rate payers should not have to pay increased rates especially with the covid virus impact because council mismanaged funds.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2777	I think it is crazy that they spend all our money and then ask for more when our roads are the worst in the state!!! No curb guttering in the peninsula and the drainage on peninsula is terrible with floods every rain fall. The state government should settle the debt and be done with it. Corona has already crippled us and now to raise the rates along with electricity ect. How can we live?	No	Ben	Richards
2778	I strongly object to a 10% rate rise	No	Lyn	Foster
2779	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2780	No rate rise Overrated now, have been for years Money wasted by council with no benefit to ratepayers Roads resurfaced to overkill by internal management for their benefit Willoughby Rd Terrigal Empire bay drive kincumber Parks and walkways refurbishment at Terrigal redone due to disliking by mayor Huge financial loss 2008 in overseas investments no one head to account and still employed by council Holiday entertainment camps for children Publication of glossy mail outs not warranted	No	Gregory	Phillips
2781	We are not cash cows, to be bled dry every single time Council doesnt care. This amalgamated Council has managed to systemically lose and waste many millions of dollars since 2017 and now have the AUDACITY to potentially impose a 15% Rate INCREASE for 2021-2022 !!! The long suffering Central Coast rate payers do not even have kerb and guttering in most suburbs and SHOULD NOT have a substantial rate increase imposed on them to help pay for Council's incompetence . As a Central Coast rate payer I insist that IPART reject this Special Variation submission as increasing rates is NOT the solution to fixing this mess and if rates are substantionially increased now they will never be decreased in the future . Council have smarter and better ways to recover from this financial mess rather than slugging the long suffering rate payer	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2782	Given how often the Central Coast councils have gone bankrupt or under administration in the past it is the case that council has Never had a viable sustainable fiscal position. Even the specially created ARIC committee MISSED this current mess. Central Coast council did not ever amalgamate properly, and instead of looking for savings, went on a spending spree. Council has shown by its very actions that it has no positive history of well documented productivity improvements. A definitive example of lack of improvements is that fact most Central coast suburbs that fall under Council have no kerb or guttering , nor footpaths . These are basic improvements that council has failed to complete over the past decades .	No	David	Aliprandi
2783	This council has done nothing to prevent this disaster. The rate payers should not have to pay for the incompetence of council.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2784	I have only just finished paying an extra levy due to the council being broke... Now they are broke again. We cannot be used as a piggy bank to fund a council that cannot live within it's means. [REDACTED] Enough is enough. No rate rise over 2%. Force them to sell assets and cut the fat. Force them to be responsible.. rather than using me to bail them out.. again and again,... it's putting me in financial stress...	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2785	I pay close to \$3000 a year already, no water . no sewerage. no kerb and guttering, no stormwater...\$60 a week . They force me to use their garbage bin service. It is ridiculous already	No	Julir	Brady
2786	The residents of the Central Coast should not be penalised for our Councils financial failures. A large number of residents are low income earners and struggle already to pay rates, we cannot afford a significant increase. It's a joke that you think 15% rate rise is fair! It shouldnt even be legal. CCC mismanaged funds, over employed middle managers and got involved in projects they shouldn't have - with out one person held accountable for it. Yet the rate payers are supposed to pay more in a already challenging economic climate? What a complete farce.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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2787	I believe my rates are high enough for living in ground floor units. I have lived in the [REDACTED] for the past 19 years. I don't believe the council looked after the roads or the residents enough to warrant such a big hike in rate payments The debt incurred by Gosford Council is not the debt of the Central Coast residents. The mistake or other was made by the councillors and was never disclosed to the residents. Most of the Central Coast are not living on high incomes. The debt that has been incurred by the Councillors didn't go to us. Were the Councillors living on high incomes paid by us the residents? This debt is not our responsibility. Seems to me that mishandling of public monies paid by the residents of the Central Coast, which should be for the benefit of the residents, should be a crime. The councillors should be held accountable not us. The councillors keep getting pay rises and the residents suffer. I object and believe putting up our rates to cover mishandling is abominable.	No	Helen	Upton (Mckissock)
2788	Ratepayers should not have to pay for the ineptness of this Council.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2789	I am against any rate rise by a Council which is incapable of budgeting the massive amounts they have already collected from us, the pay-up-or-else ratepayers	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2790	To whom it may concern I am not happy about gosford city council asking for a rate rise. The council should be held accountable for they actions, not the residents of gosford Thank you for your time John onley	No	John	Onley
2791	I am completely disillusioned as to what this council has done! As a single mother I am not in a financial position to pay an extra 15% on current rates or a cost increase to other services. As a rate payer why am I having to help pay for mismanagement of a council! It is truly unfair and unjust! I completely object to a 15% rate rise or any substantial rate rise to help pay for a failed council!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2792	Whilst the current financial situation of the council is dire, I cannot understand the need to achieve a budget surplus by significantly increasing rates at a time when wages remain stagnant and many people are feeling the financial effects of the global pandemic. A rates rise is inevitable, but a smaller increase would still enable council to repay its debts, over a longer period of time. It's all very well for the administrator to describe the average increase as '\$7 a week', but that figure represents an average increase of \$91 per quarterly bill. For those residents facing job loss in 2021, an increase of that magnitude is hard to consider on top of worrying about how we'll management our other financial commitments while we look for alternative employment, in a region that already suffers from a lack of good employment opportunities. A rate rise of a smaller proportion would seem more appropriate.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2793	Central Coast Council have to reduce costs. Increasing rates sends the wrong financial message Council has to have an ongoing financial plan to operate within its means. All services should be reviewed..pay structure. Libraries should be look at...Council shouldn't be in Child care. Hard decisions have to be made for the future.	No	Jeff	Prendergast
2794	I object to the raise in rates on the central coast for the following reasons: 1. I live in the old Wyong council area and my rates are already higher than comparable properties in the old gosford council area 2. We ratepayers should not be paying for the mistakes of councillors. 3. Central coast council has been grossly mismanaged for some time now, this should have been picked up sooner	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2795	I strongly disagree and object to Central Coast Councils decision to raise their rates. Council has reduced their level of service to save money in addition to this rate rise. We should not be paying extra for sub-standard services.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2796	We would like make a submission regarding Central Coast Councils recent rate rise application And as a ratepayer in the shire since 1976 would like to request that any increase is spread out over time as to not impact too badly the residents who have limited incomes and some who are pensioners like myself We have lived under and supported 2 councils first Wyong Shire Council and now Central Coast Council over the years we have seen rates and water rise and all the services being provided have been fairly consistent My wife and I love the Central Coast and my children and grandchildren own homes within the area So please give all due consideration to keeping the rise if any to a manageable amount Thank you and regards Robert and Roslyn Quigg And three generations (Our Children Their Children and Their Childrens' Children)	No	robert	quigg
2797	I object to the rate rise being proposed by the Administrator o the Central Coast council I feel it is a problem of the State Government having not done due diligence in the amalgamation process that has caused this problem and that it their job to sort it out not rate payers	No	Tony	Kirby
2798	Strongly object to the raising of rates to compensate for the total mismanagement and lack of any checks and balances by the current and previous administration of the Central Coast Council.	No	Paul	Magurren
2799	Confidential	No	Melissa	Waugh

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2800	The on going cost of atrocious management should not be at the cost of the rate payer. 1- How about some personal cost by these useless councillors. 2- The joining of the councils was for the reduction of cost. Coatings need to be reduced below pre amalgamation.	No	Darren	Lobley
2801	This price hike is not justified nor is it sustainable. The community is underserviced by a council with incorrect agenda. A rate rise will not bring change. It will bring more of the same and create substantial hardship to a community hard hit by covid .	No	Katie	Smith
2802	The central coast it is an area of two opposites the well off and the poor. This rate rise will effect a lot of elderly people whom are doing it tough as it is. The councils mismanagement of its funds means that the poor suffer. The councillors wouldn't care Please reconsider the decision as it could mean the difference of an old lady buying meat instead of cat food. Why should the rates rise in a nurse I had to suck up our payrise being knocked back for Covid. Why can't the council hold the top heavy ELT team to the flame, they all need to be sacked.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2803	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2804	Council should not be increasing their rates. We didn't decide to put some state of the art cameras or internet booster in kibble park, costing an absolute bomb. Only to turn around and rip them all out. Blue haven community centre facilities management flyer in at most a few times a week and are there for minutes and fly out again. They work from home every day. Cut back on the costs. What about the solar panels they recently instead at Blue Haven community centre which hardly gets used and is filthy dirty and absolutely no changes to clean of the facility was put into place. This year since COVID-19 restrictions in March. They placed no signage to increase aware. I as a hirer placed signs in the bathroom. They finally placed a few up only a few months ago. Their staff are still all working from home and us rate payers will probably now have to find the basically empty build at Wyong. The stupid gardens and surrounds they build but don't think about upkeep of them. We paid massive contributions fees when we build over 10 years ago and they don't even maintain the overgrown gullies near out property by mowing them regularly. The list goes on..... These are just a few of the things that I am aware of. I object to the rate rise as I didn't agree to the over spending and can't see any value in this rise. I hear Gosford LGA rates are less than Wyong, if this is the cases bring them inline.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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	<p>I am of the understanding that Central Coast Council (CCC) is increasing the cost of basically every service they provide from sporting field hire, daycare fees, parking fees to Rates/Water. These increases will directly effect my own family in many ways from child care to swimming pool entries & sporting registration costs, not to miss the obvious being rates.</p> <p>The increases proposed are all due to the incompetence of the councillors and upper management at CCC, yet they think that increasing costs will fix the issues, but from what I can see they have NOT taken into account all of the disasters the Central Coast residents have been through in just the last 12 months alone and the fact so many residents in our local council area will struggle with all of these increases!</p> <p>I personally am VERY concerned that we will be charged massive increases and have nothing to show for it, by nothing to show for it I mean the overall cost of living on the Central Coast will get too costly for many, and they will not be able to continue residing here, my family being one of those families!!</p> <p>The main issue I have besides the fact our cost of living is going to balloon greatly is the fact CCC is applying for a rate increase of 15%.</p> <p>I've never objected to rate increases in the past as I do understand that the costs associated with councils also increases over time BUT this rate increase is due to incompetence, and this rate increase see's our whole community suffering due to so many adversities that have happened just within the last 12 months alone.</p> <p>I disagree with this rate increase and I am wanting to lodge my objection to this please.</p> <p>My reasons being:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Our families income has been directly effected by fires, floods & the Covid 19 Carona virus. We lost employment due to fires at the end of 2019 then we flooded and lost everything in the whole downstairs of our house and garage in early 2020 (we are still awaiting finalising these damages) and now we've again lost employment due to Corona Virus. Our income is down 40% on the same time last year and we cannot afford to add any added expenses at this time. - This massive hike of 15% will not give us the residents any new services or better amenities, it is purely to cover debts at the rate payers expense! - We the residents have done nothing wrong, yet we are being made to fix the errors of those given the responsibilities to run our local council. - The services available from CCC are not as good as most other local council areas, we are lacking many services that many other councils supply such as having the basics like water, sewer and rubbish collection missing from many suburbs, yet we will are expected to pay an extra 15% and nothing will change because this increase is to payoff debts and NOT to maintain our local areas thus helping residents to retain decent property values. 			
2805	I also want to note that I pay our water/rates in advance on a weekly basis so I am already helping our local council by giving them income, way before due dates and now we are	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2806	<p>I would like to submit a complaint about the rate rise for central coast council i have lived in the wyong area for the past 46 years have paid rates for 40 of those years and do not believe that a rate rise is the the best result since the 2 councils were amalagated by the government the wyong area has gone backwards due to the mismanagement i have lived on the same street for the 40 yrs of paying rates and seen a truckload of gravel to reseal this road twice in the 40 years i have lived here those responsible for the mismanagement of council should be prosecuted the state government also should be held responsible</p> <p>also there are many pensioners living on the central coast who cannot afford a rate rise of this proportion therefore putting them under extreme stress considering the rate of interest on unpaid rates any rate rise should not be any higher than 2 percent per year and the council should revert back to its original make up of wyong shire and gosford shire councils with local elections held a.s.a.p.then the state govt.should have to fund these areas until they are viable again ipart should not increase the rates to pull local councillors out of a hole they have created themselves the public suffers enough at the hands of governments without these sort of increases if the government increased pensions by 10 to 15 percent maybe people would be agreeable</p>	No	Max	Jones
2807	I strongly disagree with home owners having to subsidise the central coast council mis-management of money.	No	Paul	Barron
2808	<p>I strongly oppose a 15% increase in our rates.</p> <p>This is outrageous and not any fault of ratepayers.</p> <p>The blame lies with the Council totally.</p> <p>These irresponsible Councillors should never have stood to be elected as they were clearly incapable of handling ratepayers funds.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2809	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2810	I strongly object to increasing rates above the rate peg.Central Coast Council took \$25 million from government to implement amalgamation but all it did was to expand and duplicate costs and then ending up bankrupt. We the rate payers should not be made to pay for the Council's inaptitude by increasing rates	No	Norell	Lee

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	As a ratepayer Central Coast council, I oppose the increase of my rates due to the incompetency of the leadership executive and Councillors. Here on the Central Coast we suffer from lack of general infrastructure such as curb and guttering, decent roads, just to name a few.			
2811	The Central Coast would be a fabulous tourist destination if Council had better qualified staff.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2812	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2813	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2814	I can not believe that this council can do this to the rate payers of the central coast, we are currently under enough pressure at the moment with people out of work due to COVID-19 struggling to pay there mortgage and other bills along with current rates . Personally I live day to day financially and rate increase like what they are proposing would put more strain on my bottom line , My brother in laws partner works for a body recovery firm and is picking up around 10 suicides a week since covid and the shut downs a lot linked to financial issues and I don't see why rate payers with no fault of there own should pay for the failure of others .	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2815	Ccc gross mismanagement is the reason they've created this debt. Councillors knew there was trouble a long time ago and didn't address it. For the CEO to be sacked over the fiasco should be evidence enough that ratepayers DO NOT NEED TO INCREASE OUR PAYMENTS. the illegal use of restricted funds SHOULD NOT be added to the ratepayers expense. THIS IS OUTRAGEOUS!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2816	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2817	Hi, I am a very concerned and angry rate payer on the Central Coast. Angry because there may be a chance that the Central Coast Councils request for a special variation to rates Central Coast home owner pay may be accepted? I am afraid, angry, perplexed and mystified!? It has been proven that the reason for this intended increase is due to mismanagement and errors in fiscal policies and that the rate rise the Central Coast Council is seeking is a whopping 15% increase 13% above the prescribed IPART 2% P.A. another 2% to equal 15%. I put it to you that such an increase is unfair and unreasonable considering the members of the Central Coast Council mismanaged thier way into the current situation and also considering that have whats been said to be 9 billion dollars in assets? This council has had problems in the past with mismanagement and one can't simply reward their incompetence with a rise in rates which mean I and others like me are called on to bail out their inadequate management skills or the lack of. We are asking for an ICAC investigation regarding the goings on at Central Coast Council. If IPART allow this increase of 15% in rates for the Central Coast it will certainly be a travesty of justice, give these people what they deserve and reffer this suspicious matter to ICAC. Please don't reward them with more of our hard come by money, we've already been cleaned out! Say no to their neat application in the very least, it's unfair and unreasonable, thank you for your time.	No	Grahame	Smith
2818	Hi I have submitted a form previously and now want to submit another with more information firstly I now want to object to a rate rise by a council that was incompetent if not dishonest about their handling of money and the way it was spent . They not only want to raise rates , but also water rates and council charges . Couple this with the increase in land values ,the people in the central coast wont be able to pay these extra cost , more so the pensioners and low income people.Increased rates and services are not the answer ,as this has happened before with this council they must be made to operate within their present budget Tony Barrington	No	Anthony	Barrington
2819	Confidential	No	Patricia	Timmerman
2820	Confidential	No	Hayley	Shelley
2821	Regarding the latest proposal by Central Coast Council of an outrages rates increase of 15% is not only not acceptable but also I cannot afford the same. 1: There has been mismanagement of rate payers money fo too long with Central Coast Council. 2: After forty years on the Coast we still don't have kerb and gutters or footpaths in most streets. 3: Where gave the funds been spent? There is not much to show for a Council that is nearly \$600 million dollars in the red. 4. We as rate payers are never really heard. 5. Our streets are atrocious and full of potholes all over the Coast. 5. I cannot contribute to any more rate rise to cover for Council mismanagement. 6. We have had numerous administrators in the past and this Council has ignored all advices and carried on a road of disaster with finances .7. I am not in any way in control over Council how money is spent, and now they have overspent again and again Dick Persson AM just wants to rase rates again to pay for mismanagement. 8. Council needs to really look at who's tuning what and take responsibility and look at other avenues to bail itself out of the red. 9. Council has shown again and again that it cannot budget it's finances. 10. We are not receiving well the existing services as it is. Our water is constantly brown and a young child died from the quality of the water a few years ago. 11. This Council is out of touch and out of control and spending.	No	Tom	Volosimo

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2822	How can a rate increase even be considered for this incompetent council. They are already trying to raise rates by 15% to cover their mismanagement. This is corruption at it's best where the locals pay for an for a complete debacle forced on the council by the forced amalgamation. Pay for you're own stuff ups, we already pay for a council that does nothing for it's constituents.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2823	2021 will be the third year of stagnant wage growth. Then to expect the captive audience of the Central Coast resident that have no choice. To have a gun held to their heads to bailout a council yet again. Just look at all the other above IPart recommended rate rises that the Central Coast Council has secured. Sorry but enough is enough. Also I bet if a member of Joe Public had been responsible for such large scale losses. We would be looking at criminal charges of some sort.	No	Paul	Rowe
2824	NO to the proposed increase in Central Coast rates. Central coast residents have endured mismanagement of the whole of councils business for many years. It is the responsibility of the NSW Government to ensure all councils are being running to the correct standards. In fact is is the NSW governments responsibility to protect and serve all NSW residents. As such the NSW Government must take the responsibility for addressing the financial debt the Central Coast Council has created a d NOT the residents. The proposed increase in council rates is unconscionable and should not under any circumstances go ahead.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2825	The current Administrator has indicated, in his opinion, the need for a rate rise. Any consideration for a rate rise MUST be confined to the Gosford city and coastal towns, and NOT to the rural, semi-rual areas of the shire. We pay rates but receive little for our contributions, Gunderman, Spencer - once a week garbage collection and twice a month a recycle collection. Little to no money is spent on the Wisemans Ferry Rd, for example on road maintenance. This road is a weekend tourist road which currently is breaking up very badly, council will blame the wet weather, yes to an extent that has added to the problem, but the lack of real maintenance on the roadways is the major contributor. There records may show occasional road pot hole patching but the quality of the work is really not fit for purpose. Because Spencer, Gunderman are boundary rural areas for the council, they really don't care, apart from collecting their rates; nothing is done. Approximately two years ago Gosford council introduced a Stormwater drainage quarterly fee of \$26.71. To the residents this is an insult as we have only had one experience of Council working on the drainage in the 9yrs I have lived in Gunderman, and that was mid way through last year to cleanup after the fire debris washed into the drains with the wet year we have had. Therefore NO rate increases for the rural areas, city areas want the walkways, play centres, OK, they pay for them.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2826	IPART should block Central Coast Councils double digit rate increase in 2021. The Central Coast Council has been mismanaged for a decade, with money wasted on a whole range of projects that were political and served no interest to the Central Coast region. IPART should reject the application and peg the increase to 2% and tell the Central Coast Council to stick to roads, rates and rubbish. We have streets in our area without footpaths and gutters, areas that have had streets for over 70 years. Time is up for IPART to be professional and knock back this increase, right back to 2% maximum (which mind you is way over the CPI) Thank you	No	Mark	Skipper
2827	Confidential	No	Sally	Thompson
2828	I wouldn't mind if it meant the council performed the services it's supposed to, but other picking up my rubbish, the council does nothing for my local area. We don't have kerb & guttering, we don't have septic and I don't use the local parks. Our local roads are potholed and poorly maintained. I think we should pay for what we use and I think I'd pay a lot less	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2829	Being a rate payer I expect a reasonable rate to pay for my property, but this is just extortion. There are areas of criminality involved and this needs to be looked into. We have the highest return in N.S.W. For rates, this being \$143 million. And we have no money left. Where has this gone. We are running at a loss of \$100 million to date. I would like to see ICAC investigate.	No	Bronwen	Green

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2830	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2831	<p>I object to a rate increase</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - central coast council is useless. Roads are a disgrace to start with - What did we pay for for them to rack up such a big debt - during a pandemic is definitely not the right time to ask for such a huge increase. Financially time are tough enough. 	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2832	Council has obviously done the wrong thing and now ordinary family's have to pay for their mistakes.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2833	Don't want to pay extra for councils mismanaged funds it's not fair especially as my local area [REDACTED] has the worst roads and services and unfinished projects. Less council workers and more tenders to private contractors would equal more completed projects in a timely manner. I'm happy to pay for a better service but not to bail them out.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2834	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2835	It is outrageous that central coast Council have proposed such an unprecedented rate increase following recent revelations that the council have mismanaged existing rate payers money and are now in such an extreme deficit that this appears to be the solution for them. It is completely unacceptable and central coast residents do not believe we should have to pay for the gross misdoings of the council.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2836	This is a complete injustice that residents of the Central Coast are required to pay for the incompetence of most of its councillors!! Millions of dollars have seemingly disappeared and no one is accountable. Money set aside to purchase the Davistown Wetlands has disappeared. The concern is the risk of flooding will increase dramatically if the Wetlands are developed on. Also this land is environmentally sensitive and a breeding ground for the waterways. There is still the push from some councillors for "Planned Retreat". I have lived in Davistown for many years and we still don't even have curb and guttering or footpaths!!! Where has all the money gone??? Some councillors need to be held to account. I understand that an increase is inevitable but 15% is extreme!!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2837	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2838	I am totally against a rate increase that's purpose is to once again be miss spent in the wrong departments, like debt recovery!!! Central Coast Council has a spending problem not a revenue problem. , its time they were accountable for the unlawful use of rate payer's funds.	No	Justine	Fernance
2839	<p>Residents are already struggling financially with COVID-19 and now our Council is asking for a 15% raise in rates because they cannot manage the books.</p> <p>This is mind blowing and hitting the people below the belt.</p> <p>I totally disagree with the proposed % rate increase and am requesting the council take responsibility and sack all persons responsible for this fiasco from the top down, exhaust all other avenues for recovery before shitting on the people and hire someone that actually knows how to balance the finances.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2840	<p>Unreasonable and money grabbing Councillors</p> <p>Local Government Minister should step up and take control of the unjustifiable and inconsiderate rates rises caused by these hypocrite bludgions</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2841	<p>Please be aware of Central Coast Councils mismanagement of funding before you make a decision that will affect the entire community.</p> <p>We need a full investigation into what has happened, who is responsible & those responsible held accountable prior to you approving extra funding.</p> <p>If this rate rise goes through, it will only help council stay afloat temporarily. We will as a community sink again due to the incompetence and mismanagement of those in charge of approving & dispersing the rate payers funds.</p> <p>It is proven that those in charge at Central Coast Council are not capable of the job given to them & the community should not have to fork out even more money out of their families weekly budget to fuel the further spending sprees. The people responsible for this mess need to be held accountable & step aside to allow someone else to fix this issue as they have proven they are not capable of managing community funds in the correct manner.</p> <p>-Where did all the money from our rates go last time?</p> <p>-Why wasn't it spent accordingly?</p> <p>-Corruption?</p> <p>-Private spending of councils funds?</p> <p>Whatever the reason, we need to find out what happened & where Central Coast Council has gone wrong & then prevent it from happening again!</p> <p>Again, I ask you to please don't approve the application for an increased rate rise to Central coast council as this will only allow the spending sprees to continue.</p> <p>Thank you,</p>	No	Brigette	Oliveira

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2842	Central Coast Council has mismanagement our rates an destroyed our trust in them. Why should we now have to pay an increase of rates? Is it because they have done their job well? is it because they have provided great facilities and economic growth? NO! They want an increase in rates because they didn't know how to handle our funds to begin with. Absolutely disgraceful.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2843	Confidential	No	Garry	Pollock
2844	No rise for the central coast. The council administrator needs to find other ways to recover debts.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2845	I strenuously object to the rate increase. This debt has been caused by the poor management of the previous council and burdening the rate payer with the consequences of their ineptitude is almost as criminal as the conduct of the former council. Pursue the councillors personally for recovery of at least some of the funds as surely, vicarious liability doesn't apply when they are knowingly and willingly mismanaging the public purse.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2846	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2847	Rate rises for the incompetence of a council should NOT become the burden of its ratepayers. We pay enough as it is without 15% added to clean up the mess of a disillusioned council. Councils should be held accountable to justice system for fraudulent spending of public money.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2848	I strongly disagree with Central Coast Council's request to increase rates. The incompetence lies with Councillors and the Executive Leadership Team, N O T ratepayers. Why are we being asked to pay for their mismanagement. This situation started back when ██████ took over and virtually handed the Executive Leadership Team carte Blanche to run the council, increasing the number of positions which added another layer of Management who were all on \$100,000 plus cars etc. I am totally disgusted at Mr Persson's lack of empathy to ratepayers. He needs to put himself in our shoes, none of this is ratepayers doing. Quick fix, charge ratepayers....there needs to be ownership, charge those responsible. A class action against Central Coast Council by ratepayers may be the next step. How dare they!	No	Alison	Amos
2849	Confidential	No	Cameron	Baker
2850	Strongly disagree with any rate increases to cover the gross incompetence that has been allowed to fester. Unless criminal changes are laid.	No	Scott	Yates
2851	I do not agree to a rate rise of this extent to help manage debt incurred due to poor council management	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2852	There appears to be gross mismanagement of funds by this council and certainly no transparency and accountability when it comes to expenditure. Before a rate increase could even be contemplated, is there not a body that could subject the operations of this Council to a more stringent review? This Council has placed a lot of financial and psychological burden on my family. I'm happy to address IPART on this. I reject the rate increase as a means to assist paying out Council Debt.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2853	That's such a massive increase through no fault of central coast residents. Unethical and unconscionable. I agree with a small rise of a couple of percent but at the same time feel why should we be punished for the council incompetence. I also feel that the State government has to take part of the blame for creating this "Super Council" disaster in the first place.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2854	I wish to join many Central Coast Council ratepayers in vigorously rejecting any proposed rate variation as a result of financial mismanagement overseen by the previous Councillors and CEO within the amalgamated council. As a former Wyong Shire ratepayer I have been paying an increase due to a variation approved 7 years ago. I currently do not have sewer connection or town water, and as I live on a rural property of 2.5 acres, receive no green waste service. We do not have kerb and guttering and no likelihood of this in the near future, after living 8km from the town centre of Wyong for almost 20 years. Incomes have not increased for many years while the cost of living and rates increase on a yearly basis. As a nurse I have just been "rewarded" with a 0.3% wage rise and am now being threatened with a Council rate variation of 15% for the next 17yrs. Wyong Council was without any substantial debt at the time of Amalgamation and I strongly resent being forced to pay more to cover debts incurred by Gosford Council prior to amalgamation, in addition to wanton financial impropriety since. Hardly fair or sustainable for an area with high unemployment and retired people. Ratepayers cannot continually be expected to pay for the incompetence of those paid handsomely to manage their Council area.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2855	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2856	For the consideration of a rate increase to our members of the Central Coast Community to even be considered is ludicrous. The rates that home owners within the Central's Coast Council Area are paying are already significantly higher than those on the Port Stephens's Local Government Area. We find ourselves on the midst of a pandemic where families are doing their best to stay afloat and yet the greed of Government make this, what should be a simple task, that much harder. If this rate increase is to proceed it would be criminal and against everything we stand for as Australians.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2857	This is a gross mid use of public money. Public servants are there to "serve" the people by allocating "our" money correctly and efficiently. We should not only NOT be paying rate increases but the directors and accountants from CCC should be stripped of all bonuses and be served criminal charges. If CCC were a public company the board would not be asking shareholders to pay for the negligence - this is not different. THERE SHOULD BE NO LEGAL OR ETHICAL WAY TO APPROVE THIS RISE. State Government forced these amalgamations, they should be paying for it.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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2858	No rate rises for their incompetence	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2859	I object to having to pay additional rates because of Councils mismanagement of monies. Every manager responsible for overspent financial delegation must be held responsible before any rate payer!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2860	Confidential	No	Sonia	Stephenson
2861	I do not wish to personally pay for the Central Coast councils inability to control their expenditure.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2862	Confidential	No	Vivien	JOHNSON
2863	I am totally against this rate rise! Why should I as a tax payer, have to pay for this council's mistakes? As a [REDACTED] I am under a large amount of stress with covid, and am not paid nearly as much as council members! Let's them pay back out of their large wages for their mistakes!	No	Matthew	Ostle
2864	This is disgusting, why should Central Coast residents be penalised by council financial mismanagement.	No	Donna	Murphy
2865	The rate payers should not be responsible for the financial mismanagement of the employeeed officials.	No	Guy	Chapman
2866	No rate rise to cover mismanagement of LGA funds	No	Jade	Brown
2867	Confidential	No	Jason	McLean
2868	I object to the proposed rate rise, which is above the standard rise, which is proposed in order to assist council cost recover their alleged \$500m debt. There has not been \$500m in growth and development nor the proposal to assist in repairs and development to the services and community to the Central Coast to justify this rise. Hold those who have caused this debt responsible and not the continuing paying tax and rate payers for their poor and unethical decisions.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2869	Absolutely disgusted with our local government, words can not describe my fury.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2870	Completely AGAINST the CCC to raise rates.	No	Fred	Henneberry
2871	This mismanagement of rate payers revenue by the Central Coast Council since 2001, seems to have been ignored or condoned by the auditors and the State Government who seem to be complicit by their lack of action regarding this matter. No one in authority in all this time has bothered to questioned the Council regarding their mismanagement of rate payers money. I feel the State government should take responsibility for their lack of oversight in this matter and foot the bill. If they can pork barrel certain chosen electorates for favour and votes spending millions of dollars of taxpayers money with gay abandon, I don't see why the premier cannot provide the funds to fix the short fall that she and her predecessors allowed to accumulate over many years. Their must be an investigation to determine the cause of this massive deficit and the people responsible should possibly face criminal charges if found to be criminally liable or negligent. In this time of great hardship many rate payer are experiencing financial distress which will take years to recover from and now due to council mismanagement and dare I say negligence. The appointed State Government administrator wants to increase the people of the Central Coast rates by 105% over the next 7 years. With know explanation or guarantees of future strict oversight of council management and of the future financial projections.	No	Chris	Jesson
2872	I await an immediate reply. Confidential	No	Laurue	Levine
2873	I object strongly to having a rate increase as we already have higher rates than other regions. We have had to pay above the CPI rates as our council applied for increases every year and was granted the increase. We receive minimal services for the \$4000+ rates we have to pay each year. As a pensioner it is becoming harder to find the money to cover this and all our other bills. I feel it is down right rude to ask for more money when the money has been squandered.	No	Nancy	Clayton
2874	I am not happy about another rate rise for the Central Coast as we have exceptionally high rates already. We have no services! live in an area where there are no foot paths or curb & gutters no drainage and a goat track for a road that is constantly flooded. As the council has flood mitigation policies that have ever been implemented. I would like to see something substantial done to clean and tidy up our area.	No	Peter	Clayton
2875	Central Coast Council have racked up more debt than any council in history through gross mismanagement of funds and by decisions that were against the wishes of ratepayers, yet they now believe ratepayers should foot the bill for their own mistakes. Do not let them increase rates so we end up paying for their [REDACTED] decisions	No	Nicholas	Findlay
2876	Please do not allow central coast council to increase our rates because of their fraudulent and illegal use of council funds	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2877	Why should we, the ratepayers, have to pay excessive rates due to the incompetence of the CEO & councillors totally mismanaging our finances? They should be paying back their salaries, wages, bonuses or any monetary benefits they received during their time in "charge".	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2878	I support the Councils position to raise rates by 15% on the understanding that the proposed rate harmonisation will be also completed. I find it terribly misleading by current documentation and information which is being published by council to offer support of proposed rate rise where many mentions and examples are shown with an asterisk and footnote in reference to the rate harmonisation which is not yet locked in stone. I also feel that criminal charges should be launched into the responsible parties for continued use of restricted funds which set this whole problem in motion.	No	Pete	Miller

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2879	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2880	<p>I strongly disagree with the proposed rate increase of either 10% or 15%. We rate payers have had absolutely no consultation about this matter or any other matters in regards to Central Coast Councils mismanagement of funds. We are also forced to pay stormwater charges but yet there is no stormwater drainage or curb and guttering in my street. There have been signs around Tuggerah lake foreshore advising people not to enter the water as it is toxic which is due to mismanaged/ non-existent stormwater drainage systems and catchments.</p> <p>Central Coast Council have an in house issue with funds and transparency. A special variation rate rise will not fix the councils spending problems, it would just make it worse. We have had the year from hell, fires, floods, the covid pandemic, loss of jobs, income loss and now we are expected to pay for the councilors incompetence and poor decisions!?</p> <p>I urge you to knock back Dick Perssons submission for special variation rate rise as we coasties have been through enough!</p>	No	Benjamin	Pama
2881	<p>The rate rise of even 10% will force a lot of homeowners into dire straits. Especially considering the fact that there will still be yearly 2% increases across the board. Central Coast council needs to look at other options to fix the mess it got itself into, and not pass the buck onto us rate payers.</p> <p>If they increased the annual rate increase by an additional 2% over 5 years and then drop the additional 2% levee after that. SO it would end up being 10% increase but over a more gradual timeframe.</p>	No	Heath	Carruthers
2882	<p>Council are not actually allowing for a 'fair' survey of the ratepayers, the online survey they have provided only provides for two options, one being a 10% increase, and the other being a 15% increase.</p> <p>The council have failed to ask the ratepayers if they would rather have the base rate peg of 2%, over the other two options.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2883	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2884	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2885	<p>I find it inconceivable that the residents of the Central Coast are expected to bear the brunt of the mismanagement of finances by persons entrusted to act in good faith and resulting in the unlawful expenditure of funds from restricted reserves. Central Coast residents deserve better. Residents are already facing the effects of rate harmonising in addition to the usual yearly increase for 2021/2022. Adding an extra 10 - 15% on top of that is a bit rich and will definitely cause hardship to those whose incomes do not rise 10 - 15% per year and who are already doing it tough, especially in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic. What guarantee will we have that the extra revenue won't be mismanaged too!</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2886	<p>The proposed 10-15% rate rise to recoup the losses from. Councils ineptitude is unfair. I am a pensioner struggling to keep up with increased utility costs, strata fees and council and water rates. An increase of this amount would have a major impact on me. The current Councillors and management have failed miserably in their responsibilities to the rate payers and now we are expected to pay higher rates for the next several years to fix the problem they have created. This is not justified.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2887	<p>I agree with a cpi increase for the former Gosford Council area and maybe even half the harmonisation to match the former Wyong Council this year and the remainder of the harmonisation the following year. With the pandemic, many people have either lost their jobs or have reduced hours, this situation has not returned to normal. This debt was not caused by the ratepayers, it was the CEO and CFO who were hired by the State Government, the elected councillors who failed to question the financial reports and push for the correct answers, and the Audit Office of NSW (including the Auditor General) who failed to detect the inaccuracies in the financial reports from Central Coast Council.</p> <p>There are procedures and processes in place for this situation and they either failed or were not followed.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2888	<p>As a home owner I am happy to pay my rates. CCC raises the highest amount in the state but this has been completely mismanaged in the past. As such, with proper management and a rise of 2% and no more, council should be able to start to recover from the position they have put us in.</p> <p>My husband I are retired and semi retired and as such a rise of more than 2% would be very difficult to cope with. We ask that the reasonable rate rise of 2% be implemented and capped at that. We should not have to pay more for others past incompetences. Thank you</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2889	<p>Why are we left to pay for senior managements and councillors mistakes? I think it is disgusting why are they not held accountable just like if I held a position on the board at my local club and did this the whole board including myself would be held accountable and could be charged for miss-managing funds.</p> <p>NO TO A RATE RISE</p>	No	Carl	Bushnell
2890	<p>Please keep the rate rise to a affordable level, after a horrific year financially, most residents are struggling just to make ends meet, we do not need to be penalised to fix bad management by Central Coast council. If any rise is going to happen it needs to be fair, just and sustainable by the residents.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2891	<p>Dick perrson has created a survey in regards to the submission if a special rate rise and on question asks you to choose between 10% and 15%. I find this to be rude and arrogant as there should be an option of standard 2%peg. Mr Perrson is backing us rate payers into the corner and suffocating us, we deserve better!</p>	No	Benjamin	Pama

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2892	I am a recently divorced single father of 2 children with a mortgage and cannot afford a rate rise. If CCC go ahead with a rate rise, ill be forced to sell my house. I was relying on my house for retirement as my ex took half of my superannuation. CCC should be held accountable for the misappropriation of funds.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2893	Why are we being given a choice of 10% or 15% increase in rates? This incompetence was not rate payers doing but the councillors and staff are not being punished, we are. Please find alternative financial solutions, don't punish the citizens. The ratepayers of Central Coast are not being listened to over this matter. We are feeling extremely ignored. Thank you Kim Leckey, ratepayer of thirty years.	No	Kim	Leckey
2894	As a home owner in the Central Coast Council area and a pensioner I would like to make it known that should their be a rate theft applied to my property I would have to consider whether I should pay a shocking rate increase or whether to buy my medications in which case I would have to sell my home ...wonder how many of those that were steering our beloved council would be put in the same situation as many pensioners like myself would be thrown into all I can say is that I never benefitted from their spending spree but I will damned well be a victim of itI beg you to please not allow this to happen as a fear for all in the coast will suffer not only financially but also their physical and mental healths there would be blood on someones hands but will they care??	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2895	Government state,federal and local have made very poor and irrational decisions relating to spending and now expect the rate payers to fix their massive mistake by forcing us to make the payments	No	Brett	Holford
2896	I object to the exorbitant proposed rate rise that has been brought on by mismanagement. Having worked in local government for thirty five years,I am more than familiar with the workings of such. Since the amalgamation of Gosford and Wyong councils, the administration staff numbers are at a ridiculous level. Huge expenditure on high wages for positions that are not warranted given the supposed credentials of the position holders. Money has been wasted and it is unreasonable to expect the ratepayers of the shire to cover the cost of an arrogant and selfish inability to transition to a single and united Local government area. There is no reason for similar positions to be occupied by multiple managers when areas in NSW that cover similar or larger areas with higher population and more infrastructure do not require this level of over management.	No	Mick	Burns
2897	I object to a rate rise above the standard increase of what I thought was 2.5 percent but your form is 2.0 percent? I am a pensioner and cannot afford a greater rise than this for what we receive for our money. Go find your money from the the people that spent it And if this is Your man's Dicks way of sorting out the councils mess pay him up and send him packing to.	No	David	Martin
2898	Central Coast Council has been completely inept, taking \$25 million for amalgamation then proceeding to employ more staff and expend funds on unnecessary projects I live in the north of the council area [REDACTED] The council has completely ignored the northern area of CC with minimum expenditure Our rates support the southern area and we in the north do not receive our fair share of works or maintenance In fact Central Coast Council staff have admitted they thought many of its northern suburbs were in Lake Macquarie Council area. I Object to anything more than the minimum allowed increase in rates as a larger increase will place an economic burden on northern residents and have no benefit as the facilities and services in the northern suburbs could not decrease by any any more as they are minimal now. Denying a large increase in rates might make CC more investigative of where they spend our rates on unnecessary projects only available in the southern suburbs.	No	Norell	Lee
2899	Confidential	No	Janice	Craven
2900	My rates for 2019/20 were \$1,682.75 and after a land value assessment the rates for 2020/21 rose up to \$2,350.86. A rise of \$668.11. And now I am expected to submit to another increase of at least 10%. I am a self funded retiree, so I am not a burden on the community, although my investments, in this last year have dropped 8%. As a senior citizen, I will have to serious consider my position to applying to become a pensioner and obtain the benefits. I have never ever considered this option before, but with other household increases in this last year such as house insurance, I will be left with no alternative. On another issue I am simply annoyed that the survey on the Central Coast Council website has been presented in such a way to conclude a rate rise. this is disrespectful to the community as we are being taken for fools. A SHAME!! What disgusting people in the public service have the gall to do this? ?	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2901	The central coast council has mishandled it's finances for quite a long time now. There should be NO rate increase, just a mass sacking of the councillors.	No	Martin	Mobbs
2902	Hello IPART, You may/may not be aware of the survey the council has put up for everybody to do. Well, that has a few shortfalls. Firstly, there is NO option to agree to the usual PEG rate of 2% - it's 10% or 15% - you pick. The Administrator who I would think is behind the survey, is trying to bully rate payers into tick a box, and then afterwards declare we all ticked the 10%, so we go ahead and get that approved by IPART. NOOOOOO! the rate payers did not make the mess the council is in, we did not spend any of the rate money - they did. So I and everybody else strongly object to this 'so called' survey. And the survey can be filled in by anybody if you bother. You do NOT have to live within Central Coast Council. So someone in Newcastle, in Castle Hill, in Hornsby, in Chatswood etc can influence the rate rise for Central Coast rate payers! Really! Thank you. Conny, [REDACTED]	No	Conny	Larsen
2903	Confidential	No	Merelyn	Tripolone
2904	Rate payers should not have to pay for the councils lack of responsibility. Take all the previous employees assets to fund the stuff up. We do not even have footpaths or guttering or bike paths in well established areas.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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2905	<p>Protest against extreme rates of Central Coast Council.</p> <p>CCC has a survey on the CCC site which gives a choice of a rate rise of 10% or 15%.</p> <p>No other choices. Which is manipulative and unfair.</p> <p>The Administrator , Mr Dick Parsson has said, " we voted for the Councilors so we should pay". That is a generalization of the rate payers of Central Coast. He has no voting numbers to say that.</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>Rate of the Wyong area are higher than the rates of Gosford.</p> <p>With such a rate rise would there be a guarantee of street gutters, bus sheds and roads without pot holes?</p>	No	Margaret	Hannan
2906	<p>I am a ratepayer in the amalgamated Central coast council. I am strongly opposed to the suggested 10-15% rate increase to recover funds unlawfully used restricted monies and the mismanagement of the Council. The administrator has created a survey for interested parties to respond to. I only became aware of this survey through social media. As a ratepayer, shouldn't I have been kept better informed of the proposal and my opportunity to participate in the process and respond? Further, this survey provides only the ability to respond to either the 10% or the 15% increase - where is the other option available, the 2% rate peg? I am fearful that Council, when putting their proposal to IPART for the increased rate rise will state "we've surveyed the community and they are in agreeable that this rate rise is the preferred option" ... or words to that effect. This is NOT the preferred option in my opinion. I believe the Council administration has failed to properly educate the ratepayers and community of the complications of a rate rise & the pros and cons associated.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2907	CC council residents should not be expected to foot the bill via a rates increase because of councils mis-management of funds, especially when the deficit was apparent ages ago. It is state governments responsibility because CC Council is owned by the NSW government and they should have known about this funding issue and acted.	No	Glenn	Brewster
2908	Confidential	No	Kim	Morris
2909	I don't want a rate rise even if it's only 2% just like all ratepayers on the Central Coast feel that Central Coast Council have brought this on with their inept management who should be brought to justice and not make ratepayers foot the bill.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2910	Confidential	No	Karen	Taylor
2911	Don't grant them any rate variation. They will just waste the money like before.	No	Derek	Recsei
2912	Confidential	No	Brendan	Jones
2913	<p>As a concerned ratepayer and long term resident of the Central Coast I would like to express my extreme opposition to a rate rise based on mismanagement and misappropriation of money which has been proposed by an administrator..... where is the accountability and a proper investigation that should be a matter of transparency, moral and legal obligation ? I will not be paying an increase in my rates based on the current circumstances.....</p>	No	Anthony	Donohoe
2914	<p>Strongly object to rate increase of anything more than standard 2%</p> <p>Rate payers are not responsible for bad management</p>	No	Ronda	Mason
2915	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2916	<p>The timing, and announcement by Dick Persson AM advising rate increases would be used to claim back the deficit generated by the council, is quite clearly the reason for the rate increase, not the carefully constructed numbers in the councils published rationale. A general rate increase of 2% is reasonable for ongoing infrastructure and understandable operational increases.</p> <p>Furthermore, the council only giving feedback options for 10% or 15% as the only options, is unacceptable.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2917	<p>We will not accept more than a 2% rate rise. Please sue the CEO and sell of their assets to begin with. Stop overpaying staff. Stop letting people get away with what they have done.</p> <p>ICAC investigation needed.</p>	No	Lucy	Frew
2918	The Council on the Central Coast has mismanaged our payments... we should not be expected to pay an increase to cover their mistakes. The same day we all heard about money missing and workers getting the sack I know a person in management position got an increase in his wages! How is that fair? It's not.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2919	Confidential	No	Roc	Findlay
2920	<p>This is my comments to the letter rec'd today from Rik Hart - PLEASE PASS THIS TO RIK.</p> <p>Firstly, may I say the unlawfully accessed restricted funds - how much was it?</p> <p>How was it accessed and has it been stopped now and did the person or persons who did this unlawfully get reported to the police?</p> <p>Secondly, the 10% or 15% the difference is \$8.2m Rik you have not explained this in your letter you mentioned harmonised and SRV in total rate income.</p> <p>Thirdly, you mention 15% one-off permanent increase a number of times BUT your permanent to me means forever? Is it ongoing or one year only, you do not state?</p> <p>Also your telephone number in the letter you signed [REDACTED] is for [REDACTED] NOT the council are your trying to fool us?</p> <p>Graham Rowe Assessment No.</p>	No	Graham	Rowe

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2921	Why should rate payers have to pay for The Council's mismanagement and obvious corruption. What is being done to find out what happened to the money and where it went.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2922	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2923	I will not pay an increase to my rates for the unlawful access to restricted funds made by Central Coast Council. Find the person responsible and make them accountable for the reimbursement.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2924	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2925	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2926	I [REDACTED], a ratepayer do not sanction the present Central Coast Council proposal to raise our rates 10 or 15%. This is disgraceful and the consultation process woeful. Disingenuous [REDACTED] !!	No	Michael	Eastwood
2927	I am strongly against any rate increase for the Central Coast Council area. The financial management has been abhorrent in their blatant disregard to spending money they were not supposed to spend. This stems from Wyong Council's Financial officer allowing the the spending of the construction bonds held by council's. This was compounded by this same Person allowing to same to happen when Wyong and Gosford Councils amalgamated. I believe this person and the state Government are the solely responsible for this misconduct and should bare the cost. It is a disgrace that this is being pushed on the residents of the area rather than the people responsible. Please do everything thing in your power to stop any rate increase due to this mismanagement of funds. Thanks	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2928	The increase should have been done after the amalgamation, 2% each year. Not the suggestions by Dick Pearson of 10% or 15%. I understand that we need to increase the rates but I'm baffled at why this hasn't been done by small increments each year. Residents are not going to be able to afford and 8% or 13% increase in the following year after a 2% increase this year. Especially even more after the pandemic. I've known of at least 7 friends who have lost their jobs. Council has been out of touch with it's residents for many years now.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2929	We currently face the choice of either a 10 or 15% increase in our rates which, going on previous form will be subject to a special rates variation in 2022 too. This is due to a parlous financial situation caused by a number of factors including: staff (CEO & CFO) and auditor incompetence and/or fraud; failure of NSW Government to pay monies owed to Central Coast Council (CCC) to enact forced Council amalgamation; poorly informed and trained councillors; 2 separate natural disasters and invalid spending of restricted funds. None of these causes were the fault of ratepayers and as such I see no reason why we should now be bankrolling these acts of financial incompetence and or malfeasance. The monies owed by CCC are largely a result of the NSW Government and as such should be paid by them, not the long-suffering ratepayers of the CCC LGA. I humbly suggest that you reject the CCC application for a Special Rate Variation for 2021.	No	D	Williamson
2930	Do not allow the corrupt dysfunctional and [REDACTED] council to put its burden on residents. It is not our fault that the council was incompetent and couldn't manage a budget correctly, we pay enough, covid has been hard enough. We don't deserve this. Do not allow the greedy corrupt council win. they can shove their 10% you know where.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2931	It is unacceptable that the tax payers of the Central Coast should have to pick up the bill for total incompetence by the Central Coast Council. They must be held accountable and we the people demand to see where this money has gone. We all have to balance our budgets, but especially in this very difficult time being Covid, people dont have spare cash just hanging around. We should not have to bail them out and 10 or 15% increase on our rates. I am also sure that once this rate rise is added to our rates it will never go back down. I think the whole council should be looked at as absolutely every time I have had to deal with them they have been incompetent.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2932	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2933	As a self funded retiree, I have NO WAY of increasing my income by 15 or 20% to pay for councils total mismanagement of rate payer funds. I & many rate payers support a move to re separate Gosford and Wyong Councils, as Wyong Council was BETTER RUN than Gosford	No	Russell	Skaife
2934	There is no option to vote for a zero or minimal rate increase. The lack of integrity is astounding, although given the historical lack of integrity shown by the council here, not unprecedented. There is also an assumption that the local rate payers are too stupid to recognise a rigged question. I vote for either no rate rise or grudgingly would accept a 2% rise. When so very many local businesses and employers are struggling to survive and so many casual or part time employees struggling to find enough work to meet their current financial commitments it is perhaps time for council to help the rate payers instead of us helping the incompetent council. The council survey is an arrogant elitist attempt to pull the wool over rate payer's eyes. We are neither stupid nor passive. The answer is 0%.	No	Janet	Hodges
2935	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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2936	Central Coast Council is doing a " have your say" survey to decide on a 10% or15% rate rise. This is unacceptable as these were the only 2 options offered. There should have been the option of the annual 2% raise to choose from as well. The options offered means that people will obviously go for the lesser amount. This survey is a travesty!! We have already been ripped off with bad services and money wasted. I for one object and will not complete their survey	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2937	I will accept a 2% increase but not a 10 or 15%. We didnt get the council in dept why should we pay?? Its not as though all the money was spent for our benefit either. Please dont let this go ahead. So many people are struggling with covid already, we dont need this or deserve it. Thanks [REDACTED]	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2938	So we pay for the councils screw up and things that didn't need to happen have and we the people who don't even use these facilities have to pay no find another way	No	Damien	Jones
2939	Why should the rate payer pay for council incompetence and if they are not held accountable for their mismanagement why should the rate payer bail the council out. If the council members where accountable for there actions and had the appropriate people overseeing the financial side not left to councilors with no experience in financial management as it seems to be, however it looks to me that no one is taking responsibility for the dire straights Gosford council are in	No	Rob	Merrill
2940	Residents of the Central Coast should not be punished for its councils mismanagement. As a resident of the Central Coast I can attest to the fact that the services they provide do not deserve a hike to the rates.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2941	Allowing council special variation to increase rates should not be allowed until those responsible for spending restricted funds are held accountable and accessibility to those funds cut off. To do otherwise would be akin to pouring water into a leaky bucket without fixing the hole.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2942	<p>I do not agree to the Central Coast Council having a SV or MR. The council administrator and his team have demonstrated they are highly competent and are putting measures in place to address issues. The Central Coast Council should remain under administration for a longer period of time, allowing for the culture and work ethic within Council to change, appropriate governance, management strategies put in place, and appropriate policies and procedures to be developed.</p> <p>Due to COVID-19 many families have lost hours or jobs, placing them under financial stress. Such an increase could result in large numbers of families having to sell their home or become homeless. This would place further strain on government resources and families on the coast, many of whom already have to travel long distances for work due to there not being local jobs. Businesses may also have to close, because it isn't just their rates that have increased, it is the costs for registration of food premises, rents, and other Council licenses and permissions etc that also raise prices for locals.</p> <p>Speaking just for my own family, Council has neglected a large number of trees on their land behind our home for over 10 years. A number of these trees are now threatening residents homes as well as anyone using [REDACTED]. We live daily with the threat of death or injury and have approached Council and local members of parliament to try and get the trees maintained, to no avail. Why should we pay more in rates when our personal safety is being put at risk? In other parts of my suburb, the sewerage system cannot cope with rain resulting in residents homes flooding with sewerage, each time Council does not assist them. Why should they pay more rates to have their health and safety put at risk?</p> <p>Only when the Council fixes the long standing problems of our community and the government gives us a longer period of time with the administrator should we be applying for the SV and/or MR.</p> <p>At this point I do not agree to a SV or MR.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2943	Why should I have to pay for someone's mismanagement of funds??? Next time, employ someone who knows what they're doing. The council's now in this mess and expects me, a single mother working full time, to help get them out of it!!!! Are you serious??! Show some accountability!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2944	Central Coast Council are currently using a survey to ask for feedback from the community regarding a potential 10 or 15 % rate rise - but they are only giving people the option to choose whether they prefer a 10% rise, or 15% rise. There is no option to give any feedback to say that we do no want a rate rise. This could potentially skew any results from the survey as people that are against any special rate rise will be forced to tick the option for the lower of the 2 options (which is still a lot more than an ordinary rate rise. Then Central Coast Council could say that they have consulted with the community and they are happy with a 10% rise.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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2945	<p>I am totally opposed to a rate increase apart from what would be the normal annual increase.</p> <p>The Minister for Local Government knew there was mismanagement of funds last year and she appointed Dick Persson as the Administrator. He found a major problem that amounted to half a billion dollars. Councillors were suspended. He paid off the CEO and then his answer is very simple, increase the rates by 10 to 15% and borrow another \$100 million but is that the real answer? It certainly appears to be the easy fix and the State Government has covered its backside and the rate payers carry the can for at least 5 more years.</p> <p>I understand that there have been audits done regularly by the State Auditors and they knew and reported there were anomalies but the Minister took no action. Who then holds the ELT and Councillors accountable.</p> <p>The real problem that needs to be fixed before throwing rate payers money at it is the full amalgamation of all areas of Council activities.</p> <p>A competent administrator needs to be appointed, before new council elections are held, for a period long enough to ensure all departments of council are working under one central administration. Not one for the north and one for the south. If this is not possible we need to go back to two separate councils as it was before the forced amalgamation, but again administrators need to be appointed to ensure both councils have levels of administration that function efficiently.</p> <p>A question that bothers me is, "if the Auditor indicated a mismanagement of funds over a number of years and State Government did nothing, why should rate payers be forced to pay for the stuff up?"</p>	No	Terry	Logan
2946	<p>Do not be fooled by council's "community feedback" process. RE CENTRAL COAST COUNCIL's community survey re rate increase omits a "2% pegged increase only" option - an example of the Administrator's lack of genuine community consultation. The survey has been created with the aim of forcing respondents to agree with a 10% or 15% rise - NO OTHER OPTIONS GIVEN</p> <p>Further - a rate increase in this economic climate is completely insensitive to those ratepayers struggling financially. Given the demographic of the area, many would find such increases as financially stressful and simply will not have the ability to pay. The Administrator should be looking for other options, rather than just the easy way out (which we know he has a tendency to go for the easy way - see payment to ex-CEO...).</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2947	In addition - it is baffling as to how the Council satisfies the requirements/guidelines set by the OLG for rate increases!!!	No	John	Arms
2948	Confidential	No	Colin	Woods
2949	<p>We cannot let the Administrator and the acting CEO of the Central Coast Council raise the rates for the residents of the central coast. We have suffered through COVID and record breaking unemployment. The last thing everyone needs is a rate rise.</p>	No	Evan	Deas
2950	<p>It is entirely unacceptable that the illegal misuses of public funds should then be used as a justification for huge additional percentage increases to the rates of the rate payers from whom the money was misappropriated.</p> <p>The survey issued by Central Coast Council regarding the special variation used extremely threatening and leading language. Council stated that if residents do not accept a 15% rate rise they will terminate public services such as libraries. Not only is this notion disgusting, these outcomes will disproportionately affect residents who do not have the income to provide these vital services for themselves. This is in conjunction with the fire sale of \$40-\$60M of public assets that will never be returned to the public interest.</p> <p>The concept that the public should accept a significant rate rise to compensate for the illegal and inept actions of a group of Councillors who approved their own pay rises whilst simultaneously failing to hold their CEO to account for failing to meet their mandated financial reporting requirements is a disgrace.</p> <p>Illegal actions should be punished criminally. I cannot state vehemently enough how much I disagree with the requested special variation to rates. Not to mention that these additional funds will likely be managed by many of the same Councillors who understand their role, responsibilities and abilities so poorly they didn't even know how to access the financial information the CEO was hiding. Every General Meeting they fight like poorly raised children and achieve absolutely nothing of merit. The notion that these people will then be able to manage additional funds in an highly restricted setting is laughable.</p> <p>An special variation cannot be supported.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2951	Increases to rates should be based on the land zone. Zones with significant restrictions on how the land can be used such as environmental conservation should pay lower rates than land with unrestricted use. This would reflect the limitations and different ways land is used.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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2952	I do not consent to a rate rise in central coast council, my rates are already circa \$4k per year and an increase of 15% is outrageous for less service. No where else in the world public or private sector would you be expected to pay more for less service.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2953	<p>What an absolute disgrace. A CEO on a half a million dollar per year contract let this happen, we pay him \$380,000 of ratepayers money to SACK HIM, and the proposed fix is a rate increase for all residents for 15 years!!!!</p> <p>I object to having to pay any increase due to mismanagement by Council. Find another way to get the money internally, instead of putting your hand out to the ratepayers. Trim fat elsewhere, we joke about the 'Council Workers' being lazy for a reason - it's true!!!</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2954	<p>Dear lpart,</p> <p>I strongly oppose the increase to our Council rates as these current Councillors have proven their ineptitude, and I pass a complete no confidence vote in their ability to rectify again with my money this dire unprecedented situation we all find ourselves in!</p> <p>I do not consent to a rate rise for Central Coast residents whether that be to pay for the “mismanagement” of Council funds or the mismanagement of State Government in their oversight of Local government. There are far reaching considerations of what this will mean to the social costs; the ripple effect and increases in homelessness, the effect on businesses-less consumers - higher prices, increased desperation & crime and general downward spiral of this area. The majority of residents on the Central Coast are already doing it tough, as we have the highest incidences of suicide (one occurred at the recent construction site at [REDACTED] sporting oval complex additions) in the country, some of the highest unemployment rates in the state, a high percentage of aged pensioners who already choose between bills and food and people who work hard and pay high taxes for the privilege of being slaves to governments poorly run, greed driven economic gouging system. The Central Coast already has so many social (drug concerns which need strong Use, Harm & Policy Responses: https://www.aph.gov.au/About_Parliament/Parliamentary_Departments/Parliamentary_Library/Publications_Archive/archive/illicitdrugs not the selling off of our hard fought assets in fire sales, which could result in the under representation of much needed infrastructure which is required on the Peninsula and displays I allege CCC’s culpable negligence in committing this non-compliant and unregulated "mismanagement of funds") and economic issues - we don't need these issues flaring further as a cumulative outcome of rate rises. We do not consent and we do not approve of any Council rate rises or any other publicly owned amenity rises.</p> <p>I believe strongly in not rewarding these current Councillors (I allege they should be sacked as they have already proven their incompetence at this major task at hand) the ability to continue this flagrant disregard for our hard fought and earned resources, funds and infrastructure on the Peninsula and at Gosford which is touted as the capital of the Central Coast!</p>	No	Tom	Min
2955	Thank you for your consideration of this important matter that lies now in your jurisdiction to assist in rectifying this matter for all parties involved.	No	Chris	Haynes
2956	The problem councillors (all labour and all greens)should be [REDACTED]. Never to hold any official title in any public office ever again.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2957	I disagree with this	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2958	Absolutely no rate rise, sack people and sell off unwanted assets. NO	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2958	<p>The Central Coast Council survey forces a selection of 10% or 15% increase to proceed through the questions,</p> <p>There is no provision to enable questions to be asked about terminology used ie (restricted reserves),underutilised assets, pensioner rebates details not given, a letter from the acting CEO refers to All Council rating categories(water sewerage?)</p> <p>The full disclosure of services that may be lost are not available and no effort is made to indicate how this scenario will not reoccur after all ! we have had two administrators appointed in a criminally short time.</p>	No	Kenneth	Hoste

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2959	<p>Central Coast Council is applying for an SV increase based on the notion that it will 'Secure Our Future"! As a former Gosford City Council employee with over 25yrs service, when I retired in 2015, my future WAS secure. But what has since proved the critics to be correct, the amalgamation of Gosford and Wyong Councils has been a dismal failure and a costly exercise that has no doubt greatly contributed to the dire position Central Coast Council is facing. Apart from the gross mismanagement and ineptitude of senior management, another contributing factor to the current financial situation is the exorbitant wage increases granted to middle and senior management since my departure in 2015. In some positions the salaries nearly doubled while the accountability and responsibility remained the same. Perhaps these overpaid executives and managers should take a pay cut instead of asking innocent ratepayers to bail them out. Especially those that allowed the disgraceful financial position to occur in the first place.</p> <p>Central Coast Council can argue that the SV increase is only an average residential increase of \$3.20 a week, and that ratepayers are paying less than other surrounding councils, however, it's the principle of the matter that counts. Why should ratepayers have to foot the bill for other people's mistakes? The former Gosford City Council rates have been adequate for decades and based on sound fiscal management combined with experienced personnel who followed the correct policy and procedures. And now the new Central Coast Council wants to increase rates for Gosford City residents whilst giving Wyong residents a rate reduction, even with the SV increase. Now that would be a bitter pill to swallow.</p> <p>The Liberal State Government should be the one to fund the Council's deficit. After all, it's their fault for pushing local government amalgamation in the first place. And even a first day apprentice could see that the amalgamation of Gosford and Wyong Council's was never going to be successful. But in saying that, I agree that there has been other successful council amalgamations. It's just a pity that, like most political decisions, little thought went into the actual dynamics of amalgamations. And the paltry \$20m lure offered by the State Government probably only covered the new stationery bill and executive car fleet.</p> <p>So I guess you've gathered by now that I'm not in favour of any Special Variation rate increase. Happy to pay the 2% rate peg increase but not at all comfortable with any form of Special Variation given the circumstances surrounding the application. Refusal of Council's application for an SV increase would serve as a constant reminder to Senior Management and Councillors of their accountability and due diligence when it comes to managing council funds. And as far as Council's claims that there would be reduced services then so be it. All I receive from Council is a weekly garbage service (that I already pay for) and the occasional dollop of asphalt in the myriad of potholes in suburban streets. So I doubt that I would be greatly affected by any reduction in services. In fact, it could be a good opportunity for Council to return to it's core services and leave the 'fluffy' stuff to private enterprise.</p> <p>I could go on but will end my submission now and hope that it receives favourable consideration. But before I go, I would like to point out that Council's online survey has one question that I feel could be misleading in the final analysis. The question is put to ratepayers asking which SV option would be preferable i.e. 10% or 15%. There is no provision for ratepayers to select the alternative option of no SV increase. This could result in figures showing that of all ratepayers completing the online survey, ?% preferred a 10% increase and ?% preferred a 15% increase. Where is the ?% that don't prefer any increase???</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2960	<p>What a disgrace that lot at the council, spending all the money then having the audacity to put up rates to cover their mismanagement .</p> <p>As a ratepayer I say leave the increase at 2 per cent and cut services.</p>	No	John	Rowland
2961	<p>We should not be subject to a substantial rate rise</p> <p>Due to nothing more than a total rip off, State Government should subsidise anything greater than 2%</p> <p>This supposed 10% increase is just totally corrupt in itself</p>	No	Bette	Matthews
2962	What a joke..liberal party forced amalgamation..poorly managed and supervised..ratepayers voted against it and we have to pay...No.	No	Tania	Harrison

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	<p>Hi,</p> <p>As a resident of Terrigal on the Central Coast, here is my FEEDBACK about our local Central Coast Council.</p> <p>*If the local council have spent money illegally, as they have told us they have in their letter to residents today; who is being held accountable for this and how do we know even if they get more money in future- how can we trust they will not illegally overspend again?</p> <p>*They have given us a choice between a 10% increase and a 15% increase -there is no option for no increase.</p> <p>*I can only assume, by the councils letter to us today, that they are pretending to consult us and every resident I know is furious. No one wants an increase to rates due to councils previous illegal activity.</p> <p>* the same council has lost money from financial planners in the past and have been quite financially reckless previously and are still being financially reckless today. Please do not reward this behaviour and at least make them accountable.</p> <p>*I've also heard some of the past councillors will be getting their jobs back in a few months? Why? Is this true? Is this what the rate increase is really for?</p> <p>* the council are vague about exactly where previous money has gone. They have overspent and imply the money over spent all went on infrastructure- what specific infrastructure they give us no details in their letter?</p> <p>Please make public their previous financials so we can see the true state of exactly what has happened so we can have a chance to make an informed decision.</p> <p>We are being asked to make a comment with vague information and no real choices.</p>			
2963	Thank you.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2964	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2965	<p>NO TALKING WITH OUR REPRESENTATION IS ONE OF THE MOST POWERFUL SLOGANS IN HISTORY.</p> <p>Yet, here on the Central Coast, an unelected and unaccountable administrator is seeking to impose a 15% rate hike on one of the most deprived communities in NSW.</p> <p>And the only chance the Council gives the community to express a democratic opinion is a sham consultation, during a short holiday period, offering a choice between 15% and 10%! Not even an option in the survey to respond “neither of the above!” Any results from such a bogus consultation have no credibility.</p> <p>Can IPART not step in and insist on a fairer more credible consultation - and over a longer time period than just a few weeks during the holiday period? Especially as the Council has asked IPART for a deadline extension to prepare its own submission (which hardly inspires confidence it knows what it is doing with our hard earned money).</p> <p>The Council freely admits that the current crisis has been caused by its own financial mismanagement. Yet, none of the Council Executives responsible has been sacked for incompetence or otherwise held accountable. Ratepayers and low paid staff are an easier target.</p> <p>The only Executive known to have left is the former CEO who walked away with a \$380,000 pay out from the ratepayers - hardly a sacking for incompetence. You only have to walk into any Council public building and look at the photos to see none of the other Executives has been sacked.</p> <p>It beggars belief that the first time these Executives, all on fat cat salaries, noticed the extent of their mismanagement was the week they suddenly realised they had insufficient funds to make payroll.</p> <p>Yet, we are now asked to provide even more of our hard earned money for the very clowns who so spectacularly mismanaged the money we previously gave them? How can they be trusted? We’re just being asked to throw good money after bad.</p> <p>Since just before amalgamation there seems to have been a "nose in trough" culture with more and more higher and higher paid Executives, perks and consultancies.</p> <p>Rather than holding them to account, the Council now employs even more fat cats than ever before. When you consider the cost of the new appointments (administrator, interim CEO, their appointments, etc), plus the previous ones still lurking, plus the pay out to the previous CEO, ratepayers are paying more than ever for these ineffective bureaucrats.</p> <p>Executives should pay for mismanagement, not ratepayers and low paid staff.</p>	No	Kevin	Brooks

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	<p>I am against this rate raise.</p> <p>Essentially, the amalgamations were a policy of state government.</p> <p>The Office of Local Government / NSW Audit Office should have played a greater oversight role when the two Councils were merged. In particular, with regards to financial governance.</p>			
2966	Incompetence should not be funded by the ratepayer.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2967	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2968	Confidential	No	Steve	Ford
2969	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2970	<p>Please do not subject us to increased rates. Our services are poor. Our roads are in shocking condition.</p> <p>We already contribute more rates than any other council.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2971	Due to criminal mismanagement of funds by council, rate payers are to be slugged with either a 10% or 15% SV increase on top of standard 2% rate rises. This is absolutely disgraceful especially when so many people are financially stressed due to COVID-19 wage decreases. Council is over staffed and poorly run at best and SV rate increases are unreasonable and a kick in the guts to long suffering ratepayers of the central coast. The government should have stepped in earlier to dissolve this corrupt council.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2972	The Central Coast Council has put in an application to ipart requesting approval to increase rates on the Central Coast to either 10% to 15%. This is disgusting that a Council has to raise rates because of its own mismanagement of funds. Monies that were spent on projects that did not require repair. To even suggest a rate rise is a slap in rate payers faces. On top of that, the Central Coast Council has put out a survey to Council rate payers asking them what option they would prefer and giving them only two options to choose from. Either a 10% rise or a 15% rise. How about a 0% rate rise!!!!!! We are in a pandemic, people are struggling to pay their bills as it is and Council has just wasted our money and expects us to pay more, because of their disgusting mismanagement. A housewife could budget the Councils financial coffers better!!! I can't believe that no one is being held accountable for this diabolically disgusting situation. If Council's regulator allows them to raise rates, there is something seriously wrong with this Country!!!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2973	We are angered and insulted of the recent offer to accept either a 10% or 15% rate rise. We should not pay more to cover others errors and uselessness. We should not be imposed with a rate rise!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2974	Central Coast Council (CCC) have not provided sufficient information or consultation to ratepayers on their proposal for a SRV. The justification has not been communicated clearly, nor the reasons for this significant budget shortfall. CCC has not taken any accountability or enforcement action for 'illegally accessed' (by their own admission) funds, however expects it's constituents to foot the bill. CCC survey is completely substandard, skewed to their agenda and does not provide the community adequate opportunity to comment and participate in the consultation process. An example of the bias of the survey is providing respondents a multiple choice response for preference between a 10% or 15% SRV only! Why is there no response to select 'No SRV'? This is completely unreasonable, and the data would then be used to justify a 10% SRV (at minimum), when respondents were given no other response options but to select between 10% and 15%. There isn't an option to select no rate increase and maintain the standard 2% rate peg as they know this would be the option most respondents would select. Moreover, why isn't there any option for free text response, only multiple choice responses deliberately manufactured to provide skewed data to support their agenda, as demonstrated above. CCC have also selectively chosen adjacent Council areas with higher rates to benchmark their rates against. However, there are adjacent Council's with similar or cheaper rates currently, and significantly better facilities, infrastructure and services! Therefore, it is reasonable to draw the conclusion that CCC have deliberately chosen to only benchmark against other Councils whose rate base support their agenda for an increase. This is completely biased, misleading and deceptive and does not represent consultation, or any genuine attempt to engage with the communities they ae supposed to serve. Furthermore, the survey is the only mechanism Council has offered it's constituents to be heard and be part of the consultation process. This is completely unacceptable and does not represent adequate consultation under IPART's guideline for assessing SRV's. CCC promotes the option of independent financial control as a mechanism to garner support for a SRV. Clearly there should be independent financial oversight of governance as CCC have clearly demonstrated they are grossly incapable of any effective financial control and governance. Notwithstanding, independent financial control and governance has nothing to do with a SRV, this should already be enforced to ensure CCC are managing the municipality within their means and inline with constituent's expectations.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2975	Besides the fact that we had a huge rate increase last year and are a family of 4 trying to live off a single income - how can a business stuff up and then expect the customers to pay more to fix it! I thought there were qualified people employed to manage the council funds - did they get paid for not doing their job properly? I understand that there has been a HUGE stuff up within council that needs to be fixed but making the rate payers step up and pay more money when they are already struggling is not fair. The rate payers were not responsible! Surely this mismanagement of funds is a [REDACTED] and the people who committed this [REDACTED] should be held accountable and should be the ones to fix it with their own money!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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2976	<p>Please consider the following:</p> <p>1. The average impact on ratepayers does not represent the true picture. We have a house on a block of land zoned for units, and already pay more than \$4,000 a year in rates for a single dwelling. The impact of the Council's proposals will be around \$1,000 more for us, a family of five. Please consider how this increase will impact families like us, and ensure that council reviews rates across the board to ensure they are fair and equitable. How can they possibly justify charging the same amount for a single dwelling versus a block of apartments. This definitely does not represent value for money. Please impose a maximum residential rate if you allow this increase to go through.</p> <p>2. The Council's priorities are all wrong. We wouldn't mind paying a little more if they would fix the potholes in local roads (some of which are big enough to lose a car in and a major local thoroughfare - eg. Elgata Road North Avoca) but they waste so much money on non-core activities like operating a 'marine discovery centre' which costs \$1m a year to run and has virtually no visitors. Not to mention pet projects of councillors which benefit only a handful of ratepayers. How about they focus on roads and rubbish instead of so many strategies and processes that never turn into anything.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2977	<p>Before IPART considers Central Coast Council's application for a rates' Special Variation I think more needs to be done to hold Council (and its auditors) and former CEO accountable for what Council describes (in its 7/1/2021 letter to ratepayers) as "restricted funds that were unlawfully accessed". Why was this not discovered in regular audits? Council's description of the "unlawful access" suggests it is a timing issue (only) for capital expenditure which would have been incurred in the future. The termination payment to the CEO inclusive of a reported \$4m "golden handshake" also needs to be investigated. If that payment was made in accordance with his employment contract, so too there may have been performance / competency clauses. Also, as Council increased its staff post-amalgamation, its intention to now "Reduc[e] headcount back to pre-amalgamation numbers from over 2,500 to under 2000" (as stated in Council's online survey at yourvoiceourcoast.com) is likely inadequate, when expected amalgamation efficiencies are more likely to have required the post-amalgamation headcount to be reduced lower than pre-amalgamation.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2978	<p>I do not support the application for a ten to 15 percent rise in rates for the Central Coast Council. I would prefer to have a reduction in services and for the administrator to write a budget which we can afford. Council has wasted a large amount of money right outside my property a few months ago. They had a team of six men and machinery cleaning out the gutter over a period of six days. It was totally unnecessary and despite protests from my neighbours the work was done. All I need from council is for them to remove my rubbish each week (why did we get new bins last year) and to fix the occasional pothole in the road. Water and sewerage is paid for by our levies.</p> <p>I am not a pensioner and get no discount. Charge pensioners a bit more if you like. I do not see why I should subsidise them anyway. It is my rates which pay for subsidies. I have never been asked if I want to do this. We need to appoint an administrator who can look after our interests and not just increase rates. Cut costs to fit our income.</p> <p>The merging of the two councils has failed. Find the persons who forced this on us and fire them and set about demerging as soon as possible. I hope that we will not take the easy option of increasing rates as this only reinforces the bumbling activities of a failed organisation</p>	No	Robert	Foskett
2979	<p>An area where Council can reduce cost is definitely in extra curb side pickup just give us the option to take the our extra waste to the local tips for no charge quoting our rate notice number until we reach the quota . This will reduce contract costs and make curbside look a lot more tidy.</p> <p>Appointing an independent financial controller appears to be an easy fix at obviously a further expense. Are the auditors and accountants supposed to keep checks on the accounting every year is this what they are supposed to be paid for .</p> <p>Should Council senior staff and councillors be checked to make sure they have the qualifications to handle the job they are appointed to .</p> <p>We now have to live with there negligence.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2980	<p>I very strongly object to any rate increase above 2 percent. Our council should have been more responsible handling our monies not investing in dodgy companies, trim the excess employees and be more responsible in public projects. As a pensioner and long term resident of Central Coast, I find it abhorrent that these practices have gone on for so long and why the auditors have not picked up on these before now. They should be able to trim all fat and trade out without making us pay for their ineptitude. [REDACTED]</p>	No	Judi	Eaton
2981	<p>Due to the gross incompetence of the Central Coast Council (Councillors CEO and financial officers) , rate payers have lost all confidence in any form of local council. Due to political point scoring , incompetence and lack of local government procedure ,this council has failed and their services should be terminated. Rate payers will not agree to any rate hike. An Administrator needs to be appointed for four years with the view to putting the cleaners through the Council's organisation ,sell off surplus land and introduce greater efficiencies so Council can operate within its means. [REDACTED] comments in the Pelican Post dated 14/1 21 page 4 covers all rate payers feelings.</p>	No	Kerry	Nicholson
2982	<p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Central Coast Council Special Variation request. I have reviewed the Central Coast Council's - Securing Your Future with a Rate Rise, community consultation package and have submitted feedback to Central Coast Council via this method also. I am writing to IPART as a resident and ratepayer living in the Wyong area for more than 20 years, to raise serious concerns regarding the proposed rate increase, particularly for Wyong ratepayers.</p> <p>Why are Wyong residential ratepayers currently paying 18% more on average than Gosford residential ratepayers. Wyong is a lower socio-economic area than Gosford, and why has this at least not reached parity across the whole LGA during amalgamation, if we are truly being serious about managing Wyong and Gosford under one local Council.</p> <p>Additionally, prior to the amalgamation Wyong Shire Council was in a good financial position, with Wyong ratepayers subject to significant special rate increases across a four year period to ensure the future sustainability of Council services for the Wyong LGA. At the same time, Gosford City Council were in financial deficit, so why are Wyong ratepayers being penalised for the failed management of Gosford City Council and a failed amalgamation?</p> <p>Wyong ratepayers do not support a rate rise!</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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2983	<p>This is my second submission</p> <p>As Local Government is a product of the State Local Government Act 1993;</p> <p>c.</p> <p>2008</p> <p>(1) A council is a body politic of the State with perpetual succession and the legal capacity and powers of an individual, both in and outside the State.</p> <p>(2) A council is not a body corporate (including a corporation).</p> <p>(3) A council does not have the status, privileges and immunities of the Crown (including the State and the Government of the State).</p> <p>(4) A law of the State applies to and in respect of a council in the same way as it applies to and in respect of a body corporate (including a corporation</p> <p>THEREFORE, Local Council is a body politic or political body of the State. and NOT the Ratepayer as the Administrator is applying. To put in bluntly, it is the State Government that is responsible. On this basis ratepayers should not be held accountable and that is clearly a state government problem. Ratepayers are already paying for Council Services that are not functioning.</p>	No	Nick	Jacomas
2984	<p>I am unable to complete the survey the Central Coast Council have advertised for the community to complete, due to the only options they listed being a 10% increase or a 15% increase. Unjustly, no other options were listed.</p> <p>I find it incomprehensible as to how the Central Coast Council can think that this community should be financially penalized due to its own incompetence and fraud, and to expect us to pay, yet again, to not receive any services! Our roads have not been maintained, our parks are a disgrace, and I, for one, can not afford a 10% increase to my rates, let alone a 15% one! They only changed our water/sewer bills 2 years ago to literally double the annual cost to each property! I imagine there would be a large portion of this lower socio economic area that would be unable to absorb another increase. And the knock on effect it has to renters.</p> <p>I am not naive enough to not understand something has to happen, however, perhaps the cost cutting needs to come from within the council expenditure itself... perhaps in the governance and administrative annual charges for starters... that seems to be of an exorbitant amount spent by CC Council compared to every other council in the state....</p> <p>The CC Council is going to ignore all comments on their 'survey' and state that a certain 'percentage of the community selected 10%' and another 'percentage selected 15%, so we have sought and obtained community feedback' and push ahead with the application of increase. When in actual fact, they have manipulated their 'survey' to their own ends, falsifying, yet again, community desires by writing an extremely biased and misleading 'survey' to begin with.</p> <p>I hope you take these comments as a very firm 'AGAINST' in the decision and as community feedback that is actually true.</p>	No	Karen	Mitchell
2985	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2986	Confidential	No	Ellen	McEwan
2987	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2988	<p>It is significant here on the Coast with more than 27 per cent of the Coast's population aged over 60 years – well above the NSW State average of 22 per cent. Their pension increased by 0.2% in 2020. How are they going to pay a 10% rate increase for the next 7 years? Especially when the significant majority of companies (including public sector) had frozen wages due to covid!</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2989	<p>Against s a rate rise. Cost of living already too high & with no investigations into wrong doings would be an injustice to ratepayers/ shareholders. I live in Umina Beach with one of the highest ratepayer areas. There is no road improvements, only fixing potholes and areas where new dwelling business are being built. Council released a deceptive survey with a choice of a 10% or 15% rate rise option only, not allowing for a choice of other. This survey should be ignored as it is totally tricking people into submitting the lower option only</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2990	<p>Sincerely object to the application by Central Coast Council for this excessive increase in rates. Ratepayers have been provided with a 'forced choice' option survey to choose between two options provided by council: 10% or 15% increase. Council will then submit these 'results' to IPART to show 'ratepayers support' for one of these options. Ratepayers have not been provided with an option to state support for 'no increase' or 'increase as per rate peg'. To be truly independent and to gather genuine views of ratepayers, IPART should proactively seek the views of ratepayers by contacting them directly, rather than relying on the biased opinion of Central Coast Council.</p> <p>In Central Coast Council's only letter to ratepayers, council admit they have 'illegally used funds'. It is deplorable that they are seeking additional funds from ratepayers to support this illegal use of funds. As far as ratepayers are aware there have been no criminal charges laid for this illegal use of funds, nor attempts to seek compensation from those responsible for the illegal use of ratepayers' monies. It is totally unreasonable to expect financially strained families and pensioners to fund this criminal behaviour, beyond what is a reasonable 'pegged' rate rise. The majority of ratepayers would agree, if given a fair opportunity to have their say.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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2991	<p>I have read through and voted in favour of council applying to raise rates by 15% to maintain services.</p> <p>However, by thoroughly reading the information provided I note that one of the financial problems was caused by Restricted funds being UNLAWFULLY ACCESSED.</p> <p>Firstly, I ask what are these funds restricted in place for ?</p> <p>Secondly, who is responsible for the action to use the funds?</p> <p>Lastly, surely an unlawful action shoould be addressed.</p> <p>Has this been done?</p>	No	Susan	Sullivan
2992	<p>I am surprised and dismayed that council has not given a flat contribution as a choice. This contribution is not being sought with regard to normal council works but to pay off a debt that council incurred due to incompetent investment decisions made by councillors. In a more perfect world, these councillors would be personally liable for this debt. If we are forced to accept this burden it should be equally shared by we ratepayers, not pro rata on property values.</p>	No	William	Vallack
2993	<p>Why should the rate payers foot the bill for the total mismanagement of this council? Why did they pay the incompetent CEO his termination package (approximately 300k) for the stuff up he created when he was managing the council? His package should have been held and used to offset against the nightmare he & other council staff created. If he was working in the private sector he would have been dealt with differently. I am a pensioner and these rises do not help my financial status, what ever rebate I was getting will be wiped by this increase I can not afford to pay more than I am already paying & nor should I have to.</p> <p>I strongly object to the rate rise and I would suggest to have the relevant council staff pay for it after all they created the debt. I am disgusted that they think they have the right to ask for further money from the rate payers.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2994	<p>I am concerned that the [REDACTED] negligence demonstrated by the huge debt the Central Council has accrued by the Chief Financial Office and associated departments through their mismanagement and misuse and manipulation of funds will be addressed and these people charged and when proven guilty, sent to [REDACTED]</p> <p>I am a retired person and happy to pay my FAIR share for Council Services but I do not appreciate having to use my personal funds to make up for their incompetence and dishonesty.</p> <p>I receive no financial discount as a pensioner but pay more for the reduces services we all now have to endure. Foxes in charge of the Chicken coop is an apt description of Central Coast Council and has been so for many years when there were 2 councils and little seems to have changed except for the size of the debt.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2995	<p>I object to the survey CCC have set up as it is clearly designed to manipulate to what is the quickest and easiest solution, we give the council more money.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2996	<p>I believe a rate rise of this size would be a completely unfair demand on ratepayers. A rate rise for the purpose of issuing a service would be a fair suggestion but a rate rise to pay off debt amassed by a group of highly paid so called professionals is beyond reasonable. The administrator has been insulting the residents of the central coast by referring to them as shareholders and blaming them for their votes. A well paid administrator with the appropriate training and talent should surely be able to come up with other suggestions. An oversized rate rise was his first suggestion. It is the easiest, laziest and quickest solution possible. He compares our rates to the most expensive in the state and yet most councils charge much less.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2997	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2998	<p>Dear lpart,</p> <p>I strongly oppose the increase to our Council rates as these current Councillors have proven their ineptitude, and I pass a complete no confidence vote in their ability to rectify again with my money this dire unprecedented situation we all find ourselves in!</p> <p>I do not consent to a rate rise for Central Coast residents whether that be to pay for the “mismanagement” of Council funds or the mismanagement of State Government in their oversight of Local government.</p> <p>We do not consent and we do not approve of any Council rate rises or any other publicly owned amenity rises.</p> <p>I believe strongly in not rewarding these current Councillors and allow them the ability to continue this flagrant disregard for our hard fought and earned resources, funds and infrastructure on the Central Coast</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration of this important matter that lies now in your jurisdiction to assist in rectifying this matter for all parties involved.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
2999	<p>rate increase is not equitable to the services provided</p> <p>rate increase is not sustainable to the people in central coast where unemployment rates is one of the highest in the state</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3000	<p>I am not in support of the 10-15% rate rise...As I would like to see the people who have mismanaged the funds be prosecuted... Like many families around the coast due to covid, families are hurting and adding more to an already stretched family we will see more families at financial ruin... I don't see why the central coast rate payers should have to take the brunt of central coast councils mismanaging...</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3001	<p>We shouldnt pay the price for others dishonest actions.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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3002	Online survey only gives two options eg. 10 or 15% rate increase, however despite completing survey, neither option is acceptable as the problem was created by unlawful activity and failed council amalgamation scheme. We the residents should not bear the financial brunt of these poor decisions.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3003	i am against the central coast council rate rise of a 10 percent for the next 7 years due to their incompetence in being able to control their spending . we the rate payers of the central coast should not be held accountable for their mistake . they were all put into their position in good faith by the central coast community to look after our best interest to which they have not done . i am also against the way they are consulting the community with their web site only giving two options of a 10 percent rate rise for 7 years or a 15 percent rate rise for ever. this is wrong as there should be way more option for the community and only leads to a win win for council and we the people of the central coast are no happy this council should be reported to icca	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3004	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3005	Central coast council have no rights to raise our rate because of their incompetence, greed and thievery. We should be punished. [REDACTED]	No	Elizabeth	Gibbons
3006	Dr Paul Paterson, iPART Chairman. Dear Sir, With greatest respect to yourself and The Ministers, I can only support the increase of 15% if: 1. The Minister for Local Government, The Hon. Shelley Hancock MP, undertakes an independent inquiry into the events leading to the Minister appointing the Administrator. This includes, but is not limited to the misappropriation of restricted funds and a review of all donations or contributions to non-Council organisations, with the results being made available publicly; and 2. The Minister for iPART, the Honorable Gladys Berejiklian MP, Premier of NSW, facilitating an inquiry as outlined above. And subject to the outcome of that inquiry, makes referrals to ICAC or the NSW Police as may be appropriate. I look forward ro your considered response.	No	Anthony	Oliver
3007	Rate payers should not have to pay more due to mismanagement of Council. I struggle to pay my \$2k+ rate bill as it is	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3008	While it was the State governments push to amalgamate the Wyong and Gosford councils into one and form the Central Coast Council, it was their responsibility for the financial mismanagement and not the rate payers,. Clearly this lack of funds should come out of the state budget and not the pockets of the hardworking central coast home owners. My husband and I both work and look after two children and struggle to make ends meet let alone have to pay for somebody else's lack of planning and mismanagement. Grow some decency and take responsibility rather than hand balling it to somebody else to pay for your mistakes. Kind regards FED UP	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3009	WE ABSOLUTELY WILL NOT PAY A 15% INCREASE IN OUR RATES DUE TO GOSFORD COUNCIL'S INCOMPETENCE	No	Cheryl	Green
3010	I do not support Central Coast Council's request for a special variation in order to increase rates. This mess was created by an incompetent Council's misuse of funds and it should not fall upon struggling ratepayers to bail them out. With the way things look on the Coast at the moment with poorly maintained public spaces, overgrown weeds on median strips and graffiti everywhere you look, the Central Coast has become an absolute embarrassment. Council are in this financial mess by their own hand. Ratepayers are already not getting what we should be getting out of our annual rates, to ask for more would be an absolute disgrace. They need to find another way to fix this mess.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3011	CCC are trying to charge us 10 or 15% increase in rates because of gross snd possibly [REDACTED]. I cannot afford this as a self funded retiree who gets NO discounts on my payments. The arrogance of putting out a survey that does not provide any chpice but 10 or 15% is dissapointing. I can afford 2 or 3 % rise. If push came to shove I would reduce my food bill and pay 5%. Not happy.	No	Alex	Smith
3012	The application by Central Coast Council to apply a 10% or 15% increase to rates due to the council's inappropriate use of funds over many years should not be allowed to move forward. Councilors and senior council officials have failed in their duty to residents to appropriately manage council funds and services. Residents should not be those that bear the impact of their inappropriate actions. Residents within the Central Coast have been directly and individually effected by the same reasons noted from council, especially COVID-19. Those responsible need to be held accountable for this failing not those end user. My property in the local council area has no footpaths, no curb sides, roads that have not been maintained for 10+ years, issue with flooding during high tide and wet weather that council continue to fail to address. The services provided currently are not sufficient and the focus needs to be back to basics and stop spending on non-essential activities and not gouge residents for councils incompetence.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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3013	<p>The Central Coast Council is applying for a special rate variation. I support that the greater population of the central coast does not have the means to absorb an additional special annual rate increase. Existing routine annual rate increases together with the existing additional rate increases stemming from land value reviews already present financial challenges to the greater central coast population. Additional increases will push the central coast closer to poverty.</p> <p>Whilst we must be grateful for Mr Perrson's active focus on a financial solution for the central coast council I fear that [REDACTED] and therefore objective of delivering a more immediate and definite solution. A special rate increase will easily achieve those personal objectives. He is applauded for his experience and in his experience a special rate increase may have been effective in the past, however that does not translate that it is the best solution for the central coast.</p> <p>The Central Coast Community requires a solution that acknowledges Council's own past inadequacies and reflects the Council's acceptance of responsibility and accountability for the damage done. The solution also requires Council to demonstrate innovation. Simply increasing Rates does not force changed behaviour to make Council better, stronger, better equipped to avoid exacerbating and repeating this situation.</p> <p>I fear that the while the community is distracted by current covid impact, the pressures of the past year and other new challenges that the application and approval process for the special rate increase will pass without the required community focus, deliberation and debating of the merits and potential impact of a special rate increase.</p> <p>The Central Coast Council has offered two options. In overview, a 10% increase over 7 years or a permanent 15% increase. It is with reluctance that I would accept Option 1, the lesser of two evils. So if No Special Rate Variation isn't an option then Option 1 will help Council improve the situation and also allow Council the opportunity to contribute to the recovery through seeking efficiency and reducing waste (e.g. removing the culture that accepts regular dine in "coffee" during work time as acceptable – seriously??, the nurses around the corner aren't “doing” coffee!!), take responsibility, ownership and find innovative solutions. Option 2 does not strike this combined approach to recovery.</p> <p>The Community is yet to be provided with detailed information which clearly describes how and why the Council is in this poor financial situation and who is being held accountable both from within (not just one or two individuals - seriously!) and outside (e.g. auditors). Is financial compensation for negligence being pursued? Until all this is resolved and provided I request IPART not to support a Special Rate Variation.</p> <p>I would also like to propose an alternate possible action that may assist the council improve its financial position. I must state that my knowledge of the legal financial framework that council operates is very minimal! However please take a moment to hear me out as sometimes the unconventional, if not immediately dismissed but given due consideration and action, may be achievable and highly effective. The media is communicating that the central coast council has significant reserve funds and has been successful in obtaining significant loan facilities, and is seeking more, for operating purposes. Rather than draw on these loans immediately I propose that the council explore legal avenues, even seeking special permissions, for utilising already held reserve funds (rather than loan funds) but only to the extent that they (the reserve funds utilised) are covered by the available loan facility. This means that the reserve funds are always available if required (by drawing on the loan facility) and the council will also save on interest charges (or part interest charges - depending on the structure of the arrangement) otherwise payable on loan facility. This saving may offset, or partly offset the need for a rate increase! Further this proposal allows the council to contribute to the rectification of the financial problem it has created. I urge you to consider that the Local Government Act is a very old Act and that modern financial Markets present opportunities not available at the drafting of the Local government Act.</p> <p>The community deserves to be spared from this burden. After all, the community doesn't have the option to shop at another council if charges increase to unattainable levels.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3014	<p>I wish to strongly oppose the special rate increases proposed by Central Coast Council.</p> <p>Council has admitted its own wrong doing in unlawfully using reserved funds. The person responsible for this decision has been sacked with a huge payment for thanks. Now the Council expects ordinary and innocent families to cough up the shortfall, This is an absolute travesty and it is completely unacceptable. It is even more unacceptable to suggest such an unfair increase during a year like this, when so many families have been out of pocket due to Covid.</p> <p>The Council says that the average rates in Gosford is \$1015. My rates on a small block (600sqm) in Gosford, with a old fibro banger that needs bulldosing, situated between a rail line and a main road, is \$1296. Lets also remember that just a few years ago, Council removed the water charges from the rates and put them on the water account, yet, the cost of my rates are nearly the same now as they were before that charge was separated.</p> <p>This is a stuff up made by Council and Council needs to take responsibility for rectifying it.. by making changes ... for example, making their own staff more accountable. I have heard countless stories about how council workmen spend hours sitting in their trucks in beach parking lots.. I have even seen it with my own eyes. Yet, instead of improving its work practices and making better investment decisions, and instigating any number of other strategies to save money, they are asking families to pay for their mistakes! We will not accept it. I will not be paying anymore than my fair 2% yearly increase.</p>	No	Loretta	Karazinov-Roylance

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3015	<p>CCC has requested ratepayers to complete a survey with the only options available being a 10% or 15% rate rise. This can only be described as a CON so they can use the results to support their submission for a rates "Special Variation" of 10 or 15%, with no other options being offered to ratepayers in the survey.</p> <p>An Administrator and Acting CEO have been appointed following the dismissal of Council and the resignation of the previous CEO, all of whom must be responsible for the financial fiasco which the ratepayers now have to deal with.</p> <p>The only solutions being offered seem to be based around unprecedented rate rises which cannot be sustained by households for the next ten years (survey option 1 : 10% increase) or in perpetuity (survey option 2 : 15% increase).</p> <p>Please carefully consider how unfair and biased the survey results are when assessing the CCC proposal for the huge and ongoing rates burden CCC is seeking.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3016	Confidential	No	Kylie	Monaghan
3017	<p>Any increase outside the base 2% is NOT ACCEPTABLE</p> <p>Not one resident deserves to be punished for the gross mismanagement and alleged illegal use of funds by CCC administration or the decision making of an administrator of which this won't impact</p> <p>NOT FAIR</p> <p>Don't punish us</p>	No	Greg	Owen
3018	<p>I strongly oppose the increase to our Council rates as these current Councillors have proven their ineptitude, and I pass a complete no confidence vote in their ability to rectify again with my money this dire unprecedented situation we all find ourselves in!</p> <p>I do not consent to a rate rise for Central Coast residents to pay for the "mismanagement" of Council funds. This mismanagement has been continuing for several years, evident from the deterioration of our current infrastructure on the 'mountain', There are far reaching considerations of what this will mean to the social costs; the ripple effect and increases in homelessness, the effect on businesses-less consumers - higher prices, increased desperation & crime and general downward spiral of this area. The majority of residents on the Central Coast are already doing it tough, as we have the highest incidences of suicide in the country, some of the highest unemployment rates in the state, a high percentage of aged pensioners who already choose between bills and food and people who work hard and pay high taxes for no benefit from current Council services. I do not support the selling off of our hard fought assets in fire sales, which could result in the under representation of much needed infrastructure which is required throughout the LGA, particularly the 'mountain' area where I'm located. Council has advised they will be reducing services; we currently have poorly maintained roads that are a safety concern. We do not consent and we do not approve of any Council rate rises or any other publicly owned amenity rises.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration of this important matter that lies now in your jurisdiction to assist in rectifying this matter for all parties involved.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3019	I object to raising council rates by anymore than the IPART agreed 2%. I DO NOT agree to 10% nor 15%. I also object to the fact the CCC survey only provides for one of those two options and not a 3rd for the agreed 2%. This is outrageous. I urge IPART to step in and refuse the 10% and 15% increases and ONLY agree to the accepted 2%.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3020	I object to raising council rates by anymore than the IPART agreed 2%. I DO NOT agree to 10% nor 15%. I also object to the fact the CCC survey only provides for one of those two options and not a 3rd for the agreed 2%. This is outrageous. I urge IPART to step in and refuse the 10% and 15% increases and ONLY agree to the accepted 2%.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3021	I am making my objections to this governing body in that the Central Council is being very underhanded about the way they are handling this increase. The Central Coast Council in their survey they are only giving you a 10 or 15% increase no other options and no arrangements of how they will be spending this increase. I have lived in this are for 30 years and sometimes lately been struggling to pay the amount that they are charging and on top of this their water and waste has gone up way above. There is lot of unemployment on the Central Coast. The administrator that has been put in to oversee this debt is going totally way out of line in coming up with these figures with no consultation with the ratepayers of that live on the Central Coast. As a ratepayer I object to such a steep increase.	No	Marianna	Mayes
3022	<p>Central Coast Council is proposing a substantial rate increase said to be required as a result of mismanagement of funds during recent years. They have claimed to be fully transparent and have invited ratepayers to participate in a survey to express their views on the proposal. I commenced the process of filling out the survey but am dismayed at the devious way the survey is being conducted. Only two options are being offered as a solution to the financial woes : namely a "one off" 10% rate increase to remain for 7 years or a "one off" 15% rate increase to remain permanently. How can the proposed increases be described as "one off" when they will remain for 7 years or permanently respectively? If survey participants are not prepared to nominate either 10% or 15% increase, they cannot participate in the survey. The obvious intention is for the Administrator and Acting CEO to use the survey results agreeing to either a 10 or 15% increase in support of their submission to IPART for a Special Variation.</p> <p>This deception cannot go unchallenged and I urge IPART to be wary of the survey results which will obviously be included in Council's submission to IPART.</p> <p>Rate increases of this magnitude cannot be sustained by ratepayers and must be resisted, even if it means reducing expenditure on "bells and whistles" items which Council seem to think ratepayers require. Council should concentrate on the basic services such as water, sewer, roads and garbage which are the core issues ratepayers expect to fund with their rate levies.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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3023	As a home owner, business owner and rate payer as both I don't believe that we should be liable for huge rate hikes to cover the mismanagement of council funds. If it was private enterprise the CEO and councillors would be held personally responsible. They honestly believe that they have done nothing wrong but the issues clearly show that they do not know how to manage a council of this size. There should be no political parties in council, councils should be there purely to do what is right for the local community. We have now been under administration twice so it now raises the question do we actually need councillors? Answer probably not. It needs to be run more like a privatised business that is concerned with the bottom line and getting the most out of each \$\$. I don't agree with either rate rise option. There has been no demonstration that other than 'I chose the wrong bank account' has been addressed to identify the mess they have created. Spending money on replacing perfectly good street signs is ridiculous - I don't care which bucket that was paid from, it was unnecessary. Spending \$26M on replacing a building that doesn't meet the requirements of the sporting codes that need it is RIDICULOUS. This was because you had an arrogant council person telling 'the ladies' that he knew better and what did they know! Just a couple of big examples of why no more money should be given to Council until they stop worrying about covering their pay cheques and demonstrate they can be trusted with the money. If they are going to do the same thing - case the same people are there - then [REDACTED] too for giving them the tool to charge us even more money for absolutely nothing.	No	Linda	Beasley
3024	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3025	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3026	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3027	The whole CCC situation should be brought before ICAC. The loss of money is very suspicious. I don't see why we the ratepayers have to foot incompetent councillors' financial decisions they should be made to pay it back 100%. It is a business and should be run like one. That means be accountable for every cent you spend. This is our money they have spent and we have a right to know where when and on what they spent it on instead of being given a 15% rate rise to cover the council's incompetently which I strongly object to.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3028	I do not agree with the proposed 10 or 15% rate rise. We are not "shareholders" we did not cause the debt. This entity needs to be thoroughly investigated. CCC has been going backwards for years and this cannot be swept under the rug with citizens forced to cover the debt. We have already paid adequate rates, we don't need to pay more. Council have approved developments over the past 3 years that are illegal and don't meet SEPP requirements and have even gone as far as approving to pay for walk-in and our bin services to try to make the approvals more appealing. They are still illegal and additionally have cost ratepayers more for others' bin services when this is a cost we don't need and it is illegal. Enough is enough.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3029	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3030	I understand that a minimum rate increase each year will assist with increased costs and charges. When a Council is grossly negligent in the management of its finances over 3 years plus, why should the ratepayer have to bail them out. Surely the Council Management are answerable to the Local Government minister who should be held responsible for any excess debts incurred by the Central Coast Council (her constituents). To ask ratepayers to accept excessive rate increases for a problem that they were not responsible for is completely unfair. I live at Umina and to say the state of the roads is appalling is an understatement yet the council still prioritises other projects to be of more importance. Regards [REDACTED]	No	Gary	Jones
3031	Increasing this Council's Rates is unfair. The majority of people on The Coast are seniors and pensioners. The amount this Council wants to raise the Rates to is obscene. These are Rates - NOT income tax. I believe the Council has misappropriated the funds they were given to benefit the Ratepayers - NOT to be used for the cash cow benefit of the staff. I for one cannot afford this hike as I and my husband are pensioners and the pension rebate is very small compared to the considered hike. Please consider this because many people up here I know, are extremely concerned about their future - as I am. I can see that all the years we have worked - 50 in my case - will amount to nothing if we were to lose our home. Your favourable consideration not to allow this hike to go ahead would be greatly appreciated by myself and all the elderly ratepayers up here on the Central Coast.	No	ANNA	KASTANEAS
3032	I am one of many thousand ratepayers that maybe prepared to pay a substantial rate increase if we were advised who is going to take responsibility for the financial crisis we find ourselves in at present. Is it the elected representatives, staff or total mismanagement that has taken place. It appears that no person or persons are prepared to be responsible. All we ratepayers seem to get is passing the buck. Why have we not been told of all the results of investigation and who is responsible. If we had this information and appropriate action was taken you would find a more acceptable response from the majority of ratepayers. I have been in company business for many years and I can assure you that this type of financial mess would not be tolerated, persons responsible would be named and shamed. A reply to my comments would be appreciated by myself and all ratepayers.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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3033	<p>please REFUSE Central Coast Council application for rate increase over 2% rate increase you set. Im in Wyong shire which was in the black before the merge with Gosford. Gosford was in the red. Now if feel Wyong shire is unfairly being asked to pay a burden because of the merge and taking on Gosfords debt. Also Council is in this position due to bad management and unnecessary spending on things of unimportance such as the millions they spend on tracking their council workers.</p> <p>Meanwhile while Management cut 'boots on the ground' the actual people out there doing all the physical work if you look into it bet you find there is little to no trimming of management. They look after themselves, dont care about the coal face workers and dont care about the monetary hardship they are putting on the rate payers. Refuse their request and tell them to improve their management; including letting go some of management themselves.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3034	<p>I think it is appalling that Gosford Council residents are paying \$200 a year less in rates than Wyong residents. Funds have been mismanaged, mostly by the former Gosford Council, yet Wyong is made to suffer. I don't discount the need to replace money that was wrongly used, but how about equalising the rates before raising the rates in Wyong Shire. I have watched the Gosford/Wyong amalgamation be a shambles and all to the detriment of the northern end of the central coast. Raise Gosford rates, leave Wyong rates as they are!</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3035	<p>Please do not increase our rates to fund the repayment of council's mismanagement of finances. This problem has nothing to do with your rate payers and should not be transferred to them to pick up the bill. Government needs to come in and sort out this blunder. Rate payers should not have to suffer anymore from the inadequacies of our local council financial department.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3036	<p>Central coast residents should not have to compensate for the gross inadequacies of the current council. Aside from the huge debt they have now found themselves in, we have personally found them to be incompetent in regards to new development submissions, taking months (up to 7 months) to approve/not approve development applications. This situation requires an ICAC investigation.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3037	<p>It's wrong!! Rate payers should not clean up the mess of councils..</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3038	<p>Confidential</p>	No	Elizabeth	Allan
3039	<p>Hi,</p> <p>I am against the rate rise for Central Coast. I am on the Wyong side so I have had mixed reports whether ours is going up or going down, however I have heard numerous reports saying 7% for a number of years.</p> <p>Given the current economic climate, and families struggling with the COVID changes, I do not think it is in fine form to be raising this currently.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3040	<p>As a 63 yr old retired teacher with limited Superannuation benefits which I must now stretch for 4 more years than expected, after the government twice raised the age for pension eligably from 60, to 64 and now 67 in the last years of my employment, it will place an onerous and undue burden on my ability to afford to continue to live in my home in Saratoga if the council follows through with plans to raise our Rates by 10-15% per annum.</p> <p>It was the Auditors job to identify Council's unreasonable expenditures leading to our region's \$300m deficit in the 3 yrs leading up to this crisis. They failed in their duty and now expecting ordinary pensioners to cough up huge amounts more in rates payments to bail them out is utterly unjustifiable and unsustainable. They have assets they can sell to recoup much of the money such as large parcels of land earmarked for development; they can trim a lot of waste in council management processes and they can lobby the State Government for loans that can be paid off over time. Slamming residents of a region already plagued with high unemployment and social disadvantages is unconscionable and must not proceed.</p>	No	Moira	Mackay
3041	<p>Bad and disgraceful financial management should NOT/NEVER, result in higher Council rates for the Central Coast residents!!! We are all disgusted and extremely disappointed with this GROSS mismanagement and lack of care for our precious community!!!🙄😞😡😡😡</p>	No	Wendy	Guest
3042	<p>Confidential</p>	No	Gary	Jackson
3043	<p>I believe that a special variation of 10% or 15% is an unfair method of raising funds to compensate for the incompetent management of this council. The councils of Gosford and Wyong should not have been forced into what has become another failed merge. The NSW State Government should provide a large portion of the costs. If the local ratepayers are required to contribute, then a flat levee is the only fair way to apply the burden. We pay well above the average rate applied. A percentage increase will see us forced to pay more than those with smaller rate contributions and bear an imbalanced burden. Paying around \$3,000.00 a year in rate does not mean we can afford to pay more than others, in fact we struggle meeting the current level.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3044	<p>I find it very disturbing that council has been poorly run, so much that an administrator had to be appointed!!! If I ran a private business like this, I would be in jail!!! It should be considered as criminal misuse of our funds!!! How much is the administrator costing??? Once again the average tax payer has to pay for the protected government jobs!!! How many of the councillors have lost their super entitlements, long service, or had their pay reduced, due to their shockingly disgraceful mismanagement!!! It is like a protected society, that can do what they want and with way to much power!!! The answer is to cut back the fat cats at the top and then, to work within your means!!! The central Coast and then the Gosford, Wyong and Sommersby areas have gone through a major commercial and residential boom in the last twenty years!!! WHERE has all the MONEY gone??? Something doesn't add up!!! Don't cover the filthy mud with more mud!!! Forensic accountants should have been looking into this fiasco for ages now!!</p>	No	John	Guest
3045	<p>With regard to central coast council's application for a special variation I vehemently oppose this due to this council's absolute incompetence of its financial obligations to the residents and rate payers and the financial burden it will put on many people. Thank You.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3046	<p>Confidential</p>	No	Harry	Andrews

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3047	VERY UNHAPPY THE RATEPAYERS OF THIS COUNCIL HAVE TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE WRONG DOINGS OS SENIOR COUNCIL STAFF AND COUNCILLORS .A LOT OF DISCUSSIONS WERE IN CLOSED MEETINGS.	No	william	tweedie
3048	<p>I am supportive of the 15% rate increase applied for by Central Coast Council. I have a significant concern though that the future situation may return if a drastic culture shift doesn't occur within the organisation. Stories emerging of the operations within council are alarming and would not be tolerated in a commercial enterprise. Who can we be certain, as ratepayers, that councillors and council employees are accountable for their services to the community?</p> <p>Once the administrator completes their engagement, what will protect the community from returning to the same situation in 5-10 years time?</p> <p>I would expect to see a clear and detailed plan outlining both the fiscal and operational actions to be undertaken to make Central Coast Council a higher performing organisation.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3049	Confidential	No	Karen	Rowe
3050	<p>I do not think that the rate rise of 10-15% is fair or even achievable for Central Coast residence. Especially as the attempt to merge both Wyong & Gosford Council's together has clearly not worked.</p> <p>As a young person who has lived most of my life on the Central Coast and know that the demographic is mostly those who are commuters who have to travel 90minutes to the City for work and with the Covid-19 situation not helping as trains are now practically empty! People are out of work, how are we going to afford to pay off the council's miss-management of funds?</p> <p>There is no point in blaming, this system failed and it does not seem right or even fair to just issue more of our hard earned money to our council that does not know how to mange it. Until the issues within are managed & correctly budgeted, I personally do not feel comfortable in being forced to pay higher fees.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3051	<p>How [REDACTED] can a Council achieve an outcome of minus \$560 odd million dollars, without alarm bells ringing? They are Audited annually. They need to report financial progress against budget monthly! How did this happen? I certainly do not support any increase above the CPI. Further, the Water and Sewerage business needs to be combined with Hunter Water as soon as possible. There are major capital works required to ensure a sustainable water supply system. It cannot be left under the control of local Government.</p> <p>Senior staff have been sent packing over the previous 5 years or so, and their actions need to be investigated as a contribution to this calamity. We can't condone shuffling off [REDACTED] [REDACTED] without recourse.</p> <p>The new regime added something like 300 extra staff, building unsustainable empires. Why should we, the ratepayers, be held responsible to fund this totally non-functionable organisation? Major change needed. The amalgamation was a total failure. ☹️</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3052	The suggestion that the central coast ratepayers have their rates increased by any percentage let alone 15% to compensate for the criminal conduct of the council in sending the council into administration is simply wrong. The State Government collect several billion dollars each year in Land Tax and I believe the State Government should paying to prop up the Central Coast Council. The administrator wants the rate payers to prop up the council. Other council fees and charges will also get an increase and it will be interesting to see what you IPART will allow the council to add to their water - sewer charges this new year. Where is the accountability and why have the members of council that allowed this to unravel not been hauled up to court. This is so bad.	No	John	Ryan

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3053	<p>Subject to any financial hike in Council rates for the following reasons :</p> <p>that :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. NSW Government FORCED an unviable amalgamation between Gosford and Wyong Council. These areas (despite population statistics) are far too widespread to have successfully achieved any positive outcome, & now we face the consequence of poor decisions. The government authorities of such a decision MUST be held accountable. 2. This is the second time Council, in recent times, has gone into administration (in a very short period). Being subjected to this, it is likely we will again, with yet another substantial rate rise in another two/three years. 3. RATES OUTRAGEOUS already. <p>The rates where I live on Central Coast are already outrageously priced. I have close relatives living all over the North Shore paying annually only 1/4 of what I am paying, & they receive far more for the pittance they pay, i.e. verges mown, kerb and guttering, etc. etc. etc.</p> <p>Note: If Government goes against general public with no rate rise, and supports a Council rate rise, Wyong and Gosford (due to the forced amalgamation), we need to all endure the rate rise, as Government made us 'a unified Council'. If we are separated into two different regional sections, we should NEVER have had the amalgamation in the first place. NSW Government cannot say one thing and blatantly do the other. Enough's enough! Have a very close look at the area spread and population growth of the Central Coast & carefully analyse against the same area in Sydney and tell the Central Coast ratepayers how many Sydney Council's management the same LGA/ the same area. Remember, we are constantly considered and spoon-fed such information that we are a part of Greater Sydney (when we are not legally classified as such).</p> <p>4. NO CONFIDENCE</p> <p>Daily Telegraph/Central Coast Council September 7, 2017 Headline: "Central Coast Council Administrator [REDACTED] packing his bags after 'building solid foundation' Seems there was 'no solid foundation', and one must look at the expenses of the former Administrator in living at the 'luxurious Magenta -at ratepayers' expense - over14 months'. Seriously, that was exuberant given a large majority of people commute (Train/car) to Sydney on the Central Coast....and [REDACTED] lived at Castle Hill. What did the ratepayers pay for [REDACTED] at the same time. Parting words from [REDACTED], "The community can have confidence council's finances are sound and strong." While it can be argued [REDACTED] was entitled to 'adequate' and 'reasonable' accommodation expenses, and car, (He lived an easy car drive commute at Castle Hill, in which, he could have used his all expenses paid 'government car'), it is equally fair to say that Central Coast ratepayers are 'entitled' to not be lumbered with a monetary blow out of Council mismanagement.</p> <p>While I understand, [REDACTED] was not the last CEO, [REDACTED], which exacerbated, and was in part, largely responsible for this current diabolical financial crisis, this demonstrates the huge disparity in financial mitigation and community expectations. It is not okay that the Government flicks the failure of an amalgamation onto the ratepayer, i.e "Don't worry, the Central Coast Ratepayers can pay for internal mismanagement!! Hence, Central Coast Ratepayers well and truly have NO confidence, whatsoever, in the Government, either local or NSW, in doing the right, noble and fair thing by the ratepayers of the Central Coast.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3054	<p>We, the rate paying residents of the Central Coast are being asked to bail out our incompetent council with a rate rise. This is after there has been no real accountability for the abhorrent mismanagement of our funds and no tangible results for the Central Coast. I strongly disagree with this rate rise and request a full audit of their mismanagement to be made available for public inspection.</p>	No	Juan	Gutierrez
3055	<p>It would be unfair for IPART to increase our rates by 10%-15% and put pressure on pensioners and the lowly paid to a please a council who have mismanaged our rates for years and will continue to do so unless they are sacked.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3056	<p>Hello,</p> <p>There is a massive rate rise contemplated by council. Pls reject, a large number on the Coast are pensioners, who can definitely not afford neither a 10% or a 15% rise. COVID has also meant many people have lost their job/reduced hours. We are of course happy to have the usual 2% rise as happens every year.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>	No	Conny	Larsen
3057	<p>The council are trying to force us to pay for their illegal over spending. The right people should be held responsible, instead the rate payers are being persecuted. Do not raise rates on the central coast.</p>	No	Tegan	Turner

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3058	<p>The proposed Wyong Council rate rise is an absolute joke, and a slap in the face to residents and rate payers, and they should be embarrassed.</p> <p>The local people shouldn't be responsible for paying monies back for substandard financial management of funds by council employees, who are paid well to maintain a budget that benefits residents and the community as a whole. They spend useless money on a boat ramp, and probably other useless projects, instead of fixing our roads and curbside drainage. Go figure.</p> <p>Since living on the coast, and more importantly in San Remo, the council has little presence in maintaining the roads, curbs, guttering, grafitti, and aesthetics of the suburb. I still don't have a curbside or cement gutter, and I have an ugly storm water drain right out the front of my property.</p> <p>Last year I asked if the council would kindly maintain a native tree on the council strip which was hanging over my back fence, and dropping many leaves into my spa. I was told that they arent responsible for this, and I wasn't allowed to trim it either, not that it should be my responsibility too.</p> <p>I curenly live on a corner block, and have to maintain a large council strip which I also shouldn't be responsible for, as this is why I pay rates. Council don't even maintain their own council strips, and expect rate payers to do this for them, as well as hitting them with land rates. It's highway theft.</p> <p>Besides collecting my kerb side garbage weekly/fortnighly there isn't anything else that council does for me which is worth the current rates I am paying, let alone paying extra. i'm more than happy to take my own garbage to the tip, it would be a lot cheaper annually.</p> <p>I am disgusted that as a resident and rate payer, I should be asked to fork out further money, because the council is unable to manage it's current funding due to it's dishonest, inefficient, and unqualified staffing choices and decisions.</p> <p>I'm not responsible for this, and feel like the people responsible for the financial loss of our money (because yes, some of that money has come out of my hard earned wages) should be held accountable. The government taxes every which way but when we are dead, and they can sort out the mess they have gotten themselves into, not the residents.</p> <p>I'm sick of hearing about the divide of local, state and federal governments and their power to oversee local government. Something needs to change, as it's just another way to forgo responsibility.</p> <p>Council is responsible for hiring people with appropriate credentials and track record of managing fincances, and should have degrees and proven experience before choosing to employ somebody in such a pivotal role.</p> <p>Please stop local government from taking more money out of our pockets than they already do. Direct them to get rid of unneccessay employees, and take wage cuts, as they clearly shouldn't be getting paid well to do such an atrocious job at managing our communities finances.</p> <p>I am not okay with this.</p>	No	Karyn	O"Hara
3059	<p>Dear recipient, I appose the increase of rates. It would be good if someone could investigate payments to Stabilised pavements for roads they completed poorly then requested to redo the roads at our expense. Yes paying twice to redo roads in 12 months. When approached in writing about this council offered no response. The letter sent says have your say from the 8th of January but the letter is dated 13th of Jan 2021 then arrives on the 20th of Jan 2021. They say have your say but offer no links or advice of where to go to do it. This is going to destroy the financial well being of residents whom have trusted these humans to be lawful and correct but now and with no right we are asked to foot the bill. Council has shown no remorse, they have shown that at best they cannot conduct business correctly or with quality job execution. This being said they allowed Tuggerah lakes to cause damage to residents lives/ property without remorse and even went as far as to threaten locals THAT TRIED TO SAVE THERE HOME. There constant wasting of money on needless projects and the threat that they will remove infrastructure to compensate for there mistakes is another example of tactical play. How is this legal and how can this be allowed to continue. Why doesnt someone sell the homes of the persons that unlawfully accessed the money and why cant an independent body respond to peoples letters and emails regarding use of community funds. If you don't fix the underlying problem then in what way is this an acceptable avenue. People have gone through so much and will band together to help there community but to force the hand of poverty onto everyone due to councils mistakes and ask that we continue to fund there ill attempt at running council is in itself a fail. I will at every turn reject this rise as will all my neighbours and hopefully the community. The letter that council sent is grossly misleading saying it is a one off but permanent increase, the award for best creative writing should go to the acting CEO Rik Hart. Please do not disregard the people we are all trying to make ends meet and this will be too much for the majority to pallet. We are relying on your ability to see through this and stop what will surely be an ongoing feud with residents and council. The residents are the ones that pick up rubbish, provide funds and care for the land. if the good will of the people is crossed then the fall out will be far greater than financial debt. A solution needs to be agreed upon perhaps involving the community would unveil a better and more affective option. If we are given the opportunity. Thank you to all and please know this is written with full respect.</p>	No	Tony	Palmer
3060	<p>The Central Coast community are already paying the highest rates in the state. We should not have to pay more for the council's errors. There must be other options like the repayments over an extended period. I should not lose more of my family's income for another persons work mistake. If I make a mistake at my place of employment the whole community doesn't suffer financial/mental consequences.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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3061	<p>I do not support the rate rise for central coast residents. Councils do not maintain any projects or infrastructure as is, why should we be made to pay more for things we don't receive. It is extremely unfair to put such financial pressure on the residents because the council is incompetent. You are leaving numerous people who are already struggling financially due to COVID at a higher risk of losing what they own.</p> <p>Council were the incompetent ones, they say they used the money on infrastructure that benefitted the community, this is a lie, I see nothing that has benefitted us. Roads are still in poor condition. I have paid alot of money on tires and to fix my car due to these inadequately maintained roads.</p> <p>We should not pay for their incompetence when we get nothing in return as it is.</p> <p>I'll gladly move to a different council and take my business earnings with me if this rate rise goes ahead.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3062	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3063	<p>The council has submitted a survey to the community I to complete, not providing the community with an option other than a 10 or 15 percent rise in our rates. We have no say in this created mess.</p> <p>So much was wasted and we should not have to pay to clean up the mess.</p> <p>Someone other than the council should be in charge of finances, a plan should be put in place to make up the loss without putting up rates that much. People cannot afford this. It's grossly unfair</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3064	<p>This is outrageous that Rate Payers could be forced into paying a residential increase of \$3.20 per week to cover extensive losses made by Central Coast Council. Over the past years this Council is renown for the heavy losses due to poor Council administration, a check of their past history speaks for itself in this regard. The suggested amount would add an extra \$100 per quarter to our existing rate fees bringing our quarterly fees to \$316.75 and then on top of this we still have pay for our water and sewerage which is billed separately.</p> <p>As a senior on a pension living in Woy Woy I ask IPART consider the needs of the residents that this would have an adverse affect on. This problem was created by poor Council administration therefore it is up to them to find a more suitable solution then making its residents pay for their mistakes.</p>	No	Diane	Brentnall
3065	Central Coast Council submitted a survey to ratepayers saying they are consulting the Comm unity to support their submission to IPART to raise the cost of rates. You were given 2 options e.g. if u agreed for rates to be increased by 10 or 15%. The survey only gave these two options!! I did complete the survey, however, I added a note saying I did not approve of a 10 or 15% rate rise. However, I had to select 1 option. If I had not the survey would remain incomplete. The reason for this comment I request IPART not to accept the result of this survey (supposed community consultation) as it is not legit, in my opinion. Thank you.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3066	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3067	Confidential	No	Gary	McCarthy
3068	The council has no right to inflict a rate increase on its rates payers due to there grossly over spending. Each member of council should be charged by the police and be forced to repay the money. I WOULD LOVE TO SEE A CLEAR LIST OF WHAT AND WHERE THEY SPENT MONEY ON and it made available to every rate payer. And all these so called council workers sitting at home with a council car parked in the gutter, these car should be sold off. As to nearly every park on the coast with these new kids play area in grossly a another waste of money. As to all the council workers sitting up at North Entrance beach in a work truck why what are you lot doing Nothing but waiting time, and being paid a GOOD LIFE FOR SOME.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3069	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3070	Live in bateau Bay Area and I work as a conveyancer so I see what other areas inc Sydney are paying for there rates, we are already paying higher rates than people living in properties worth millions of dollars. It is disgusting that Council thinks they can increase our rates to pay for there illegal spending of money that was not there's in the first place.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3071	As a rate payer I strongly object to a rate rise by Central Coast Council who are in financial difficulty due to mismanagement and I object to having to pay higher rates to help resolve that issue.	No	Karina	Ryan
3072	I object to the 10 - 15% rate increase as restricted funds were "unlawfully accessed" and no effort on behalf of Central Coast Council's Administrator is being made to bring the perpetrators to justice - instead the ratepayers are to pay the penalty. terms should be imposed on those responsible.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3073	<p>The ratepayers of the former Gosford Council area have paid less in rates than the former Wyong Council area.</p> <p>My submission would be that the Gosford ratepayers bear the rate increase because they contributed less in rates than Wyong ratepayers over the time period that the loss was incurred.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3074	The administrator wants a 10 to 15% rate increase because of the council's inability to manage it's money. Many residents like myself are pensioners who will find it stuff to carry this extra burden. This council should find other ways to trade themselves out of trouble. We have massive development on the coast so their income will naturally increase very quickly	No	Thomas Steven	McKenna
3075	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3076	Why should ratepayers of wyong and gosford have to pay for what the council has done. It is so unfair, and will totally effect everyone with the increase of 15% that they are asking.	No	lynne	patterson

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3077	<p>Dear Sir/Madame,</p> <p>I wish to oppose/reject the proposed rate rises by Central Coast Council. Having lived in the former Wyong Shire Council before it was merged I have been paying excess rates already that were for a set period only to get their mismanagement & risks on the share market back in the black. After the merger of the two Councils I have seen a dramatic lose of services in the former Wyong Shire. Obvious things essential services like no weed management on main roads and round abouts & a complete lack of grafiiti removal. However I continued to see this maintenance done in the former Gosford Shire. There is no sign that funds and services are distributed fairly across the merged Council. Mayfair Street at Long Jetty is a dangerous mess of potholes & no kerb & guttering. It was advertised they had resurfaced the road in 2016. It wasn't! At the end of 2016 still nothing had been done. When questioned I was told in writing it would be done as a Priority in 2017-2018. It's now 2021 and after 6 emails & numerous photos of the dangerous road surface I finally received a reply that said it was in the planning department and they didn't know how long it would be there! 5 years after they advertised it had been completed (it hadn't) it was still in planning! It's laughable! How much money and resources were used to publish that in a newsletter & send a team of people out to survey the road then 5 years later...still nothing!</p> <p>If I spend money I don't have no one is expected to pay my debts! I can't just expect someone else to pay - yet Council thinks this is acceptable! I was sent a survey that didn't even give me the choice to refuse a rate rise! I could only choose 10% or 15% it's insulting! The administrator works for the government that forced the failed merger so he is never going to recommend it's the governments fault it failed! We aren't getting a fair review! I believe all Councillors should be permanently stood down. They acted in the interest of their political views not the good of the ratepayers they represent! For goodness sake , they knew the financial disaster they were facing and voted for a pay rise for themselves! Worse still at a time when Covid has forced so many into unemployment. They have proven they are incapable of managing fiscal decisions. If they were working for a private company they would be fired and facing jail time for there part in this debacle. The current Council has given no indication they can manage funds or put safe guards in place to appropriately use funds or to stop it happening again. They will just do the same thing again because there are no consequences for the actions of those responsible. The Central Coast Council is a low socio economic area where do they think the extra funds are going to come from? I'm stretched to my limit now, but I budget, I don't spend what I don't have! And if you approve this rate rise you will be affecting the quality of my life! Please do the right thing and refuse this insulting rise in rates. Thank you for your consideration.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3078	<p>I object to the survey CCC have set up as it is clearly designed to manipulate to what is the quickest and easiest solution, we give the council more money.</p> <p>I would accept 5% as my part of the solution and would expect some of the highly paid problem solvers to come up with another part of the solution.</p> <p>I would also want it very clear that anyone who has broken any laws in this, be held to account.</p> <p>Also that anyone going into or holding a current senior role in our financial management have it clearly stated that they will not get a rate payer funded hand out if they fail. Good pay to do the job of course, but not a gold laced parachute if they fail.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3079	<p>I am a rate payer and I say no to the increase. This council should be held to account for the misuse and misappropriation of the ratepayers monies. They should all be sacked and sued for their actions. What a disgrace I will not give them any more of my hard earned money to waste.</p>	No	Trish	Northover
3080	<p>There should be no increase in rates as currently proposed. Instead the people responsible for unlawfully accessing the funds year after year should be sacked and charged appropriately. The state government should be forced to help with the debt for merging the councils against the will of the community. Merging on the basis of councillor votes only is a sham, particularly as incentives were offered. It should have been a vote for the people to decide. If the responsible people don't go to prison then many ratepayers will be seriously upset. We are living in an age where government people seem to be just about unaccountable for their actions. This is so unfair when most of the rest of us who work for private can be sacked or let go for one incident or a business restructure.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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3081	<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>Let me begin by addressing the fact that I have already completed council's "yourvoiceourcouncil" survey, as it was the only available portal for my concerns, only to realise their deliberate absence of any option to disagree. I now find that the data that will be collected and used in their submission to be unfairly biased and should not be relied upon for community consent.</p> <p>With regard to Central Coast Council demanding residents to accept a rate increase to cover their gross and culpable misuse of funds, and subsequent voluntary administration, I find the whole situation abhorrent. As a ratepayer of two properties, I vehemently refuse to allow this rate rise to happen. [REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]. The onus should NOT be on the ratepayer to repay lost funds. We have always paid our rates, already grossly inflated for the services provided and locality, so to financially cripple the community whilst those with our funds in their pockets walk away is an absolute gross miscarriage of justice and serves as another level of theft from the community.</p> <p>It would be appreciated if you could consider the community, with little or no available voice to date, and deny their request. Further, finding that the statistical data gathered in their submission to be coercive and deliberately designed to produce a response bias by only allowing for a council agreeable outcome in their survey; nor did this website validate that the respondents were in fact authenticated rate paying residents.</p> <p>Thank you for you time.</p> <p>Kind regards,</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3082	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3083	<p>The fact that the council has mismanaged funds and projects should not be on the taxpayer. The fact that restricted funds were accessed and now needs to be paid back should be on the council who authorised this. May I suggest some reflection time in a nice [REDACTED] cell for spending our money unlawfully? Heads need to roll for this. The ones responsible for this financial mess should be barred from ever sitting in public office, ever again. Offenders should be publicly named and shamed, the whole works. It is unbelievable that a motion to make the taxpayer foot the bill for this [REDACTED] is even being considered. When did it become okay to get the taxpayer to pay for [REDACTED]</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3084	<p>CCC are applying to increase our rates to make up for their incompetence, what guarantee do we have that they wont get us into further financial mess and ask for even more money in years to come? Why should be pay for their failure? I am a home owner on a small income, who budgets wisely and carefully in order to meet all my expenses, I cannot afford to pay for others inability to do their respective jobs. The State government needs to take over this Council and sort out the mess, ratepayers are the innocent parties here. I cant even get Council to look at trees on Council land that are causing damage to my home and property, this is not acceptable.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3085	<p>We are saying NO to any rate rise. That is disgraceful that you treat the community of the Central Coast, (high percent pensioners and retirees) in this unconscionable way. The rise you are trying to impose of \$100 over the year, is totally improper and unconscionable. There is a law against improper business dealings when, older, retired residents don't understand your accounting and how to slip in a rise.</p> <p>As we all know the past bad management of finances within the Central Coast Council.</p> <p>You need to find funding from somewhere, however not from my rates.</p> <p>We will not be paying any rate rise and likewise as many other Central Coast residents.</p> <p>Kind regards</p>	No	Janet	Roberts
3086	<p>Upping the rates tax by 10-15% because council can't control its spending is ridiculous. We are penalized when we don't meet repayments, they should be penalized when they make errors too.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3087	<p>Granting a rate rise would condone the illegal use of restricted funds from our council. We are not prepared to pay increased rates when there appears to be no accountability or legal recourse for those that have put the LGA in the situation that we are in. The administrator is trying to take the path of least resistance with a rate rise, alternate solutions need to be found.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3088	<p>I object to any rate rise for this council! Why should we, as ratepayers, have to foot the bill for mismanagement of funds and the spiraling debt that this council board has left.</p> <p>We are not able to complain directly to council - the letters we have received basically say that the rates will rise to pay for their illegal activities.</p> <p>Thanks.</p>	No	Karen	Wallwork
3089	<p>As a pensioner I cannot afford to pay an extra 10% or 15% rate rise to pay for the incompetence of the majority the councillors.</p> <p>I will not complete their survey on the rate rise as they do not give the third option of the 2%</p>	No	Lynn	Dobie

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	<p>Dear Ipart,</p> <p>I strongly oppose the increase to our Council rates as these current Councillors have proven their ineptitude, and I pass a complete no confidence vote in their ability to rectify again with my money this dire unprecedented situation we all find ourselves in!</p> <p>I do not consent to a rate rise for Central Coast residents whether that be to pay for the “mismanagement” of Council funds or the mismanagement of State Government in their oversight of Local government. There are far reaching considerations of what this will mean to the social costs; the ripple effect and increases in homelessness, the effect on businesses- less consumers - higher prices, increased desperation & crime and general downward spiral of this area. The majority of residents on the Central Coast are already doing it tough, as we have the highest incidences of suicide (one occurred at the recent construction site at [REDACTED] sporting oval complex additions) in the country, some of the highest unemployment rates in the state, a high percentage of aged pensioners who already choose between bills and food and people who work hard and pay high taxes for the privilege of being slaves to governments poorly run, greed driven economic gouging system. The Central Coast already has so many social (drug concerns which need strong Use, Harm & Policy Responses: https://www.aph.gov.au/About_Parliament/Parliamentary_Departments/Parliamentary_Library/Publications_Archive/archive/illicitdrugs not the selling off of our hard fought assets in fire sales, which could result in the under representation of much needed infrastructure which is required on the Peninsula and displays I allege CCC’s culpable negligence in committing this non-compliant and unregulated "mismanagement of funds") and economic issues - we don't need these issues flaring further as a cumulative outcome of rate rises. We do not consent and we do not approve of any Council rate rises or any other publicly owned amenity rises.</p> <p>I believe strongly in not rewarding these current Councillors (I allege they should be sacked as they have already proven their incompetence at this major task at hand) the ability to continue this flagrant disregard for our hard fought and earned resources, funds and infrastructure on the Peninsula and at Gosford which is touted as the capital of the Central Coast!</p>			
3090	Thank you for your consideration of this important matter that lies now in your jurisdiction to assist in rectifying this matter for all parties involved.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3091	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3092	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3093	<p>The council merged and then wasted away their money when wyong council was never in deficit. They are wanting rate payers to pay for their incompetence yet they can’t deliver. In my area parks aren’t mowed regularly so overgrown when snakes are around, constant potholes, garbage bins took 3 weeks to be emptied after Xmas from local parks. This is an exorbitant rate rise in an area where the residents are</p> <p>Already financially struggling.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3094	<p>The council has a survey asking us to choose from only 2 options to fix the mess that was not caused by us the rate payers. The coast is full of potholes and most of it has no curb and guttering but now we are being asked to choose if we would like to pay either 10% extra for 7 years or 15% extra permanently. When there’s only these options of course either people will choose the 10 over 15 or do as I’m doing and not complete the survey. This is so wrong.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3095	<p>I oppose any rate increase above CPI, the Administrator states that unlawful conduct occurred which leaves council in a position that requires excessive rates increases yet no individual or group has been held responsible, instead ratepayer funds have been spent on Golden handshakes.</p> <p>A full investigation in to Central Coast Council’s financial disaster is required with charges against those responsible pursued.</p> <p>The demographics of the LGA are such that rates increases will cause undue hardship.</p>	No	Craig	Hillman
3096	This request for increase in rates is a big slap on the face for the rates payers . Get those responsible for the MESS in Central coast council to pay back the money	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3097	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3098	<p>CC council has mis managed funds since it was forced on the poor residents of central coast. There was no vote on the force amalgamation wyong was always managed well and gosford bad. There is poor budgeting from the CEO they spent money the coast didn’t have. They are trying to trick residents into a 15% increase or have no services. I would think ICAC would love to go over the cooked books at CC council. They need to cut wages cut staff and cut programs we can’t afford. Until the budget is better and wyong leaves gosford. The residents on Lake Macquarie need to joint Lake Macquarie council for a better future for them.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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3099	<p>This is outrageous that Rate Payers could be forced into paying a residential increase of \$3.20 per week to cover extensive losses made by Central Coast Council. Over the past years this Council is renown for the heavy losses due to poor Council administration, a check of their past history speaks for itself in this regard. The suggested amount would add an extra \$100 per quarter to our existing rate fees bringing our quarterly fees to \$316.75 and then on top of this we still have pay for our water and sewerage which is billed separately. As a senior on a pension living in Woy Woy I ask IPART consider the needs of the residents that this would have an adverse affect on. This problem was created by poor Council administration therefore it is up to them to find a more suitable solution then making its residents pay for their mistakes.</p> <p>Kind regards [REDACTED]</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3100	<p>I am the resident of [REDACTED] and I feel that the proposal to increase rates by more than the CPI is unwarranted, unjustified and unfair. I strongly believe that we rate payers that have done the right thing should not be penalised for the unlawful actions of the council and their inability to remain in the legal constraints required. Those responsible for the unlawful activities should be dealt with by the legal system and should feel the full brunt of the law. None of the councillors involved should be allowed to undertake any activities within this region until all legal proceedings have concluded.</p> <p>Respectfully [REDACTED]</p>	No	Scott	Wasley
3101	<p>As a home owner on the Central Coast I strongly object to central coast councils intention to seek an increased rate rise above the 2% normal increase. There has been a gross mismanagement of funds since the amalgamation and I have no confidence that the situation will improve until there is an investigation into the unlawful actions of some of the councillors. The ratepayers should not be held responsible!</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3102	<p>The current financial situation of the Council is not the fault of ratepayers. The fault lies with the previous Council members and the existing management of the Council.</p> <p>The Central Coast has some appalling road conditions and issues with the Tuggerah lakes, yet the Council has seen fit to waste funds (which they evidently did not have) on increasing staff numbers and on other expenditure which the residents are not aware of.</p> <p>The Council must repay its liabilities without causing financial difficulties for ratepayers, many of whom are young families, pensioners and self funded retirees.</p> <p>This will cause short term loss of resources and amenities for the Council but so be it</p>	No	Dan	Matthews
3103	Confidential	No	David	Sturgiss
3104	<p>We are residents of [REDACTED], and we feel for the amount of rates that we pay we are against being sluggish any more for the services that we get. We have not had the verges mowed for months if not over a year, it is a very narrow road and if you want to go for a walk, you have no footpath to walk on only the verge or the road. Very dangerous to say the least. No street lights as well. there are potholes in Foots and Ourimbah Creek Road also that have not been filled. Pretty poor deal for the amount of rates that we pay. There is a lot of traffic, horse floats, motor bikes and cars.</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>	No	Kay	Hurst
3105	<p>i do not agree with the rates increase being applied for by the Central Coast Council. i do not understand why the constituents of the council area are being required to pay additional funds to the council when they have already proven they do not know how to spend appropriately. they have admitted to unlawful spending of restricted funds and now we are being asked to refund the money despite the fact that we have had no input on this spending.</p> <p>the council merger should have been completed properly, with a proper merger resulting in reduced numbers of high level executives just like every other council. As rate payers we are currently paying more than Sydney City Council and recieving far less for our money.</p> <p>i do not consent to being given only 2 options by the council in their survey of 10% and 15%, if they were to be more frugal with their spending then this would not be an issue.</p>	No	Glyn	Bickford
3106	<p>Why should the debt fall to rate payers when it was the councils fault! They should find other ways to re coop the funds instead of pushing it onto hardworking rate payers when times are already so tough and the cost of living is just going up with little to no recognition.</p> <p>Get your act together central coast council!</p>	No	Lindsay	Woodhouse

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3107	I am disgusted and furious that this council has been able to mismanage our local area to the extent that has now been uncovered. Councillors, Auditors, Local Government Ministers should all be held to account and prosecuted where they are found to be culpable. Central Coast Council needs to be totally overhauled and proven capable honest people need to be at the helm. We live in one of the most beautiful places in Australia and we are constantly let down by mismanagement and ineptitude and downright laziness by our Council. Only after charges are laid and some recompense sought from those responsible should ratepayers be forced to right this wrong. I object to a rate rise strongly unless there are major changes.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3108	I believe the Central Coast Council have seriously mishandled and misused the money they recieve, and are now trying to pass the results of this incompetence on to the rate-payers of the Council LGA. The fact that Sydney City Council has cheaper rates than us is an absolute outrage. And now they want to pass the deficit from their own mishandling of funds on to the people who make up their Local Government Area. Central Coast Council have already admitted that "We have a legal obligation to reimburse the restricted funds that were unlawfully accessed to bring forward projects and infrastructure that has undoubtedly benefitted the community." What more proof do you need that Central Coast Council are incapable of managing finances appropriately? I very much liken it to a teenager approaching their parents, saying "I spent all my inheritance on things I shouldnt've bought, but now you need to give me more money than I originally had because I need to pay a bunch of people back because I did the wrong thing, but I'm not taking responsibility for it because I totally did the wrong thing for other people."	No	Sarah	Bickford
3109	Confidential	No	Samantha	Swansbra
3110	I strongly object to the proposed rate rise: this oversized Council was created for party political purposes by an expansionist State Govt for their own purposes, when they (by misinformation and active propaganda) forced amalgamation and landed ratepayers with the bill for the Administrator IT system and massive restructuring(including skills) and vast changes to IT and other systems. State government promised savings and we got costs (and an unwieldy area in terms if COVID safety shutdowns!!) State Government created this mess and they should pick up the bill!	No	Patricia	Williams
3111	Disgusting to know how corrupt and irresponsible our local council has been, the state of our unfinished roads and neglected townships are testament to the misconduct and wasteful management of our hard working money! Take a look at The Entrance which has so much potential and always been a Holliday destination. You would be scared to go there now, hotels filled with emergency accomodation and a Main Street you would never walk down alone at night. Now a seedy haven for the dangerous and drug addicted. Way to go Central Coast Council! Now you have the gall to ask us to pay for your gross and fraudulent misconduct and waste!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3112	Before any rate increase is applied, I need to be reassured that changes will be made to ensure this horrendous situation can never occur again. I am so angry at the total incompetence and unlawful use of funds. We need to have a Charter similar to other Council areas, and it must be regularly reviewed to ensure it has been adhered to.	No	Joan	De Celis
3113	Confidential	No	keith	wright
3114	I am against the rate rise as it means an additional \$250 per year for residential properties when we have already been affected by COVID. I fail to see any fairness in ratepayers footing the bill for the incompetence of council and their misappropriation of funds that we, the ratepayers, have already paid. This was our money that council misappropriated and those responsible for this should be repaying OUR money ... not us !!!	No	Vivienne	Green
3115	Confidential	No	Whitney	Ignatiadis
3116	Central coast Council rates increase proposal is consistent with dictatorial and undemocratic style of governance ! They only give option 1 and option 2 to choose from in their submission without other alternatives. Just like option 1 : [REDACTED] or option 2 : [REDACTED] The analogy explain the Council vision. Regards from a ratepayer	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3117	I strongly disagree on having a rate rise for the incompetence of central coast council.	No	Kellie	Roberts

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3118	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3119	<p>I received the "Securing Your Future" letter four times in four separate envelopes. If this is an example of CCC taking steps to improve financial management then I am greatly concerned about their ability to do so.</p> <p>Who is being called to account, brought before the courts and punished publicly for "unlawfully accessing" restricted funds?</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3120	<p>The Central Coast Council already charges some of the highest rates in the state with the lowest return of infrastructure/benefit for the rate payers. It has been confirmed that the council has unlawfully and unethically utilised said funds and has since gone into administration, through no fault of the rate paying community. Why is this the rate payers responsibility to fix?</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3121	<p>The Central Coast Council proposed increase in rates above the scheduled 2% is absolutely unacceptable. If I ran my business with significant losses then asked my customers to pay more for my products I would lose my business. Particularly in this time of financial stresses from COVID, asking for the rate payers to cover the unlawful use of our funds is not fair. I expect the Central Coast Council to cut their overhead costs and increase costs per individual service so a user pays scenario is achieved to increase their funds.</p> <p>CENTRAL COAST COUNCIL - YOU HAVE ALREADY UNLAWFULLY USED MY MONEY PAID AS RATES FOR THE LAST 15+YEARS AND NOW ARE ASKING ME TO PAY MORE TO REPLENISH THOSE FUNDS! I EXPECT THE PEOPLE RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS UNLAWFUL ACT TO BE REPRIMANDED TO THE FULL EXTENT OF THE LAW.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3122	<p>Further to my earlier submission, your reference :W21/227.</p> <p>We have just received correspondence from Central Coast Council (CCC) seeking to explain the need to apply for a rate rise above the rate peg. This letter is signed off by the Acting Chief Executive Office , Mr. Rik Hart.</p> <p>At the time of writing, and yet to be confirmed that the original run of letters has had to be pulped due to an the wrong contact number included in the letter. If correct, this mistake gives further merit to my opinion expressed in my previous submission that the task ahead my be beyond the experience and expertise of Mr Person and his appointee, Mr Hart. There is little evidence and therefore confidence that there will not be further waste of ratepayers funds and additional funds used appropriately. The IPART has no control as to how ratepayer funds are to be used.</p> <p>The letter from CCC admits that restricted funds were unlawfully accessed and revenue from the rate rise is to be immediately directed to reinstate these money to the restricted funds. Consequently, any rate rise is to underwrite mismanagement of council and "correct the ledger" at the cost of ratepayers. The CCC passed financial position since amalgamation has been signed off by the auditors. With the revelation that that funds have been unlawfully used, there has been no suggestion or proposal by CCC or the interim administrator to lodge a claim against the auditors Professional Indemnity Policy. Rather, impose on the ratepayer instead.</p> <p>Councils letter acknowledges that a rate rise will cause financial difficulties for the community and pensioners made particular mention. However, I am unaware that council has done anything to actually canvass the impact of a rate rise on the community. It has been said that pensioner rebates will apply, however there are for example a large number of self funded retirees wo have suffered substantial losses from their superannuation and many others forced in to retirement but not eligible for the pension. This is just one example, however the impact on these ratepayers has not been analysed, and it is doubtful rebates would be considered.</p> <p>The letter could be considered threatening by foreshadowing that if a rate rise is not forthcoming then the standard and range of services will be reduced or eliminated, assets will deteriorate, the gap will widen in maintaining infrastructure, fees and charges increase and further staff reductions. However, as previously mentioned, Council's priority is to use increased rates to fix the illegality Council itself has caused. It also needs to be considered that the ratepayers also needs the maintain their assets with ever reducing incomes. It also needs to be highlighted that for the financial period 2018 to 2019 the Central Coast Council generated the highest income from residential rates in NSW of 142.9 million dollars according to figures published by the Office of Local Government.</p> <p>In conclusion, CCC consultation process included a survey which is loaded in its question to give support for either a 10% or 15% rate rise. It provides no option at all to object to any rate rise above the peg.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3123	<p>You cannot expect ratepayers to foot the damage bill for what is best negligent handling of finances,</p> <p>but in reality is more like [REDACTED].</p> <p>Best hold those responsible to account.</p> <p>Long term financing is viable at probably less than 2% so the debt can be paid off gradually without massive increases in rates</p> <p>Thank you</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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3124	<p>I am concerned that the Central Coast Council is requesting such a large increase in our rates.</p> <p>The rate increased requested has an unacceptable compounding effect. If accepted, rates paid by residents in the future will start with a much higher base and consequences will be felt for years to come.</p> <p>Also, it is disturbing that the amalgamation of Gosford and Wyong councils, which was heavily pushed by the state government has, from some reports, been overly expensive to achieve. Additionally, an increase in staff has reportedly happened when the assumption would be that lower staff numbers would occur. Has the state government no responsibility in this regard ? I think the state government should be offering meaningful grants to offset costs that have occurred as a result of the amalgamation.</p>	No	Ron	Stevens
3125	<p>I don't feel that we are responsible for the debt the merger has caused and I feel that the rates money at present is not going to the improvements that should be done. Selling off assets that are sitting idle in our town centre is a better approach. But not to overseas interests</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3126	<p>I understand that the Central Coast Council are applying for a 15% permanent increase to rates.</p> <p>As a pensioner this will make it impossible to keep pace with my income. Central Coast Council are under administration and I would add this is not the fault of the rate payer and yet they want to penalise us for their mismanagement. The councilors will still be the same as will the staff so how will any increase help the situation and I'm sure wages will increase so the extra funds will just help to pay wages not the deficit.</p> <p>The productivity of the council is a disgrace and they have far too many staff. I would rather see a staff cut and more productivity than a rate rise.</p> <p>They say they have reduced their work force but I understand that when the councils merged they increased staff by about 500 so all they have done is taken it back to the original levels of both councils.</p> <p>There has to be a doubling up of positions and I'm sure another 500 will not make any difference to services. The domestic waste charge is already above most council areas.</p> <p>I can see that an increased rate charge is inevitable just to pay off debt but a 15% permanent increase is ridiculous and I appeal to your better judgement to decline their request.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3127	<p>As a rate payer and full time resident of Patonga I was flabbergasted when the extent of financial mismanagement by Council was revealed.</p> <p>Following the appointment of an Administrator it appears the innocent are to be punished with a 'fine' in the form of a rate rise and the guilty rewarded with funds raised from the innocents.</p> <p>Could I suggest that a little more effort was put into raising revenue than spending borrowed money. From a locals (Patonga) point of view Council could double the site fees during peak at the Camping Ground without reducing occupancy. This would generate an additional approx</p> <p>\$250,000 pa. A \$10 entry fee to the Brisbane Water National Park could be introduced on Weekends only. If traffic count was reduced by 50%</p> <p>\$750,000 pa would be raised. If a \$7 launching fee was introduced at the Patonga Boat Ramp approx \$20,000 pa would be generated.</p> <p>The residents of Patonga have been hit hard by Council decisions. The fact that the Hotel was approved without car parking has meant the consequences are borne by the residents. The Manager at the Camping Area has done a fantastic job improving the profile and behaviour of the campers but is given no executive support. Parking on weekends is a joke, a single Ranger could generate \$000's per day in parking penalties.</p> <p>Finally I note with interest that I am paying more than 4 times the average rates for my Patonga property so I presume that I will receive an increase of 4 times the typical increase.</p> <p>It makes a whole lot more sense to propose a 15% reduction in Council rates instead of the 15 % increase being sought.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3128	<p>This proposed rate rise will cause severe hardship and impact on the well being of many ratepayers. As the council receives the highest rates of any council in NSW I believe that others means must be investigated and applied as an interim measure before expecting ratepayers to undertake severe hardship. If the council can prove that it doesn't have means after selling off assets and reducing their workforce significantly then application for a special variation rate rise would be reasonable for a short term .</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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3129	<p>I am in disbelief that due to unacceptable practices by both our councillors and the previous CEO that we are being asked to agree on a 15% rate increase to get us out of the financial mess our council has put us in. We are being blackmailed with threats of significantly reduced council services, less work force and less to no community funding.</p> <p>This threat, from a Council who currently does not provide adequate curb and guttering on the Peninsula, has allowed the overcrowding of the Peninsula with its acceptance of development proposals and then tries to compare how much our rates are to those of Newcastle where there are beautiful family friendly foreshores, curb and guttering and many beautification projects.</p> <p>I have lived on the Central Coast for over 30 years and am at the point that I have considered moving from the area due to the total lack of thought and planning done by our council, and now due to blatant disregard for our rate payers, want us to pay for the indiscretions of obviously over paid bureaucrats who walk away scott free with a rather hefty payout.</p> <p>I will reluctantly accept Councils proposal of a temporary 10% fee increase that would stop after 7 years, however, a 15% permanent rate raise, in my opinion would be totally unacceptable and even more so when we are threatened as ratepayers with less services if we don't accept it.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3130	I don't believe Central Coast Council should be asking ratepayers to be paying above the normal 2% because is maladministration. Also government auditors should have found these anomalies during their routine audits preventing this financial catastrophe.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3131	<p>As a ratepayer I do not think that it is just that I should be penalized by a rate increase due to the incompetence and mismanagement of Council funds by the ELT and the Councillors.</p> <p>Why are they not held accountable for their mismanagement?</p> <p>Why is the State Government not held accountable for the forced amalgamation of the two Councils in question?</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3132	The CCC survey is not informative and is loaded in favour of increased rates. Are the current councillors still drawing costs? Are the other council employees responsible for this situation still employed? A return to the basic services required: waste, drainage, water roads, would be a sensible course at this stage. As usual with this type of mis-management it is the ratepayers who pick up the bill and the incompetent employees and managers still draw wages and bear no responsibility. No more rate increases until the council administrator shows that the council can operate within the current income. Just as the ratepayers have to exist with their incomes. Rewrite the council survey to reflect the real situation and provide a level of honesty and transparency.	No	John	Haymes
3133	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3134	The proposed increase by council is totally wrong. This council has mismanaged funds and unlawfully accessed funds. The auditors knew this was happening years ago and yet nothing was done to intervene. There has been no transparency at all. Many people will struggle to pay the proposed increase and it is not the fault of ratepayers. It is said we may lose services if we do not increase rates, where I reside about the only service I get is bin collection. Roads are a disgrace and when funds are spent they are not spent evenly across the central coast. This is an enormous LGA and amalgamation should never have occurred. Ratepayers were not consulted on this (amalgamation) either. How can ratepayers have confidence in a council that cannot manage finances. I am opposed to rate increase and feel that more investigation is required into the actions of Central Coast Council who are responsible for putting us in this position.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3135	Rates payers should not be liable for mismanagement of council funds the councilors and or officers responsible for the overspend and use of restricted funds should be personally liable as a director of a company is if the company goes bankrupt.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3136	<p>I do NOT agree to paying an additional 10-15% increase for Central Coast Council's incompetence.</p> <p>The response form they provided gives NO opportunity to choose anything but a 10 or 15% increase.</p>	No	Colin	Moore
3137	<p>I do not support Central Coast Council's plans to apply for a special variation for a rate increase for ratepayers. Not only are we as residents struggling financially, we should not be held responsible to fix this council's financial troubles due to their mismanagement of funds.</p> <p>I have no trust in Central Coast Council. Not only did they create this mess by their own incompetence, they are still trying to pull the wool over residents eyes with dogily worded surveys, which do not give ratepayers the option to preference 'no special variation at all', but only to select whether we prefer a 10% or 15% increase. No doubt they will skew the results to say the large majority of ratepayers are happy with a 10% increase. In a recent letter addressed to ratepayers they used misleading language such as 'A one-off 10% increase that would last for 7 years' and 'a 15% one-off permanent increase'. Still up to their old tricks. The merging of Wyong and Gosford councils had disaster written all over it right from the start and this has just topped it off.</p> <p>To reiterate my position I can not afford nor do I wish to support this rate increase.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3138	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3139	<p>I find it very difficult to accept that Central Coast Council can apply for a Special variation due to their complete lack of competence and failing their local community in so many ways.</p> <p>I would like it held at 2% and the Administrator continue to help direct this inept body out of trouble without punishing all residents/ratepayers for their many errors.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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3140	<p>I reject the rate rise of both 10 or 15% as the alternative fiscal approaches have not been fairly considered and communicated with the rate payers</p> <p>There is great anger in the community and a quick fix rate rise will be detrimental and not solve the problem. The community needs guarantees, council culture overhaul, people responsible to bear responsibility, compassion, and to be heard.</p> <p>Please do not allow the rate rise.</p> <p>I am a qualified accountant and have read the administrators report and have read pages of comments from residents. There are far better ways to approach and resolve this problem.</p> <p>If COVID has taught us something, let it at the very least be that we can pull through things and be creative and come up with solutions that we had not on first glance considered. Let COVID life experience give YOU the courage to voice on our behalf please.</p>	No	Liz	Fitzsimons
3141	Confidential	No	Ashley	Knight
3142	<p>It appears that the survey council wants us to take, has a pre-determined answer to a question: do you want 10 or 15% rate rise? What about just having the CPI? It really isn't my fault that council squandered my money so that I have to pick an increase which will go on for the next 10 or so years. My understanding is that even at 10% increase in year 1, bringing the rates to 110%, year 2 will have a 10% increase, bringing the rates to 121% and so on. At this rate, my rates will be worth more than my house! How about we take these incompetent councillors and administrators to court and find out where all our money has gone?</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3143	<p>Central Coast Council are proposing a special variation to increase our rates. I object to this. I don't see why residents/ratepayers should be held to account for elected officials failing in their governance of council business as well as employed staff with qualifications failing in their responsibilities. Now the Administrator is proposing a huge increase in rates - one proposal even being that the increase be permanent! Central Coast ratepayers cannot afford this. Perhaps Council should be permanently replaced by an administrator with qualifications and expertise who will be held accountable for his/her actions. I am also absolutely horrified to read in our local print media that the suspended councilors will be reinstated at the end of the current administration period. Surely it is totally unacceptable that these incompetent people be allowed to return!</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3144	<p>I think council should be made to fix their own problems first - mainly overstaffing after the decision to combine Wyong and Gosford councils - e.g. why two fully staffed offices still? - no doubt an increase is needed but not 10 or 15%</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3145	<p>Why are rate payers paying for CCCouncil 'unlawful' debt! Our community will suffer, the small business will cease, families and pensioners can't afford to be the bearers. The cc council needs to be accountable. As a homeowner, I object to the rates increase...only our community will suffer. The central coast is continuing to face employment hardship, social isolation with the reduction of council funded programs expected to cease. The central coast is already identified by our CC Council to have high pockets of socio economic disadvantage. No to rate payers copping the bill.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3146	<p>I oppose to either proffered rate rise. I seems to me, the decision to force a rate rise was made prior to the administrator being able to determine any other course of action and has become the definitive solution. We have been told we accept a 10% temporary rate rise over 7 years with the loss of "some services" or a permanent 15% increase to the base rate. Some of the investments the council hold, mainly in land holdings have been put on sale. The issue I have is the services being reduced are undisclosed and we as rate payers cannot form an opinion as to the viability of the reductions, Though it's hard to fathom council services being other than necessary. I fail to understand why the investments are for if not to give security to the council, and, why these investments cannot be realised to soften the blow to the ratepayers.</p> <p>Whilst I appreciate action must be taken, to be told the ratepayers are solely responsible for the current situation, because "we voted for them". The ratepayers have been excluded from financial discourse due to the confidential nature of the discussions, therefore our responsibility has been very much abated.</p> <p>The survey is incredibly skewed, given the only options of 10% or 15%, this is locked in, there is no way to continue nor submit the survey without ticking 1 box or the other, so the obvious outcome will be for the lesser figure to show preferred status. The survey is also open to any person regardless of their association with the area, meaning people from without the Central Coast can be instrumental in forming rate decisions, These may not even be domicile citizens.</p> <p>There has been no substantial discussion as to options, all we have been told is "the under performing investments in the form of land holdings will be sold off".</p> <p>I don't doubt rate rises may form an integral part of the solution, however we need to know which services are at risk and whether reduction can offer better value. This has not been discussed.</p>	No	Russell	Parsons
3147	NO No No no more rate raising to justify the incompetence or the greediness for them selves. Lett them pay back the debt not all of us	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3148	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3149	NSW government incompetence to merge Wyong and Gosford councils 4 years ago caused the 650 million dollar present debt. We as ratepayers should not be expected to pay this debt.	No	Glenn	Brewster
3150	<p>I don't believe we should have a rate increase to in order to repay funds that were misappropriated by the current council. I object to a rate increase of 15% that's ridiculous. The council messes it up and asks us to pay for it, I don't think so.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3151	<p>Central Coast residents should not have to pay for the [REDACTED] that our oh so lovely council have brought upon us all. If they can put themselves in debt, they sure [REDACTED] can get out of it themselves. This is what we get having [REDACTED] politicians who can't do their jobs properly</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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3152	<p>Please do not make ratepayers pay for the incompetence of the Central Coast Council. Those responsible for unlawfully accessing fund should be punished and brought to task.</p> <p>The raising of rates will place further unnecessary pressure on the residents of the central coast.</p> <p>This situation needs to be investigated properly and decision makers brought to task.</p>	No	Laura	Roberts
3153	<p>Hi, [REDACTED] I have lived on the Central Coast since 1972 and have paid rates for the majority. I am disgusted with the (old) Gosford Council and do not believe that the Central Coast residents should pay for their failed management.</p> <p>If I were to defraud my clients to this tune I would be in jail (just sayin). [REDACTED]</p>	No	Mark	Delves
3154	Confidential	No	Ronald	Giacomelli
3155	Confidential	No	Cheryl	Burke
3156	<p>We are a community of people who live without curb and guttering in our area as well as intermittent brown tap water, and no street collection of stormwater.. It just runs into our properties due to poor past planning on the councils part.</p> <p>Council have mis spent our council rate money in the past without fixing pressing issues so why should we pay more when we are not getting basic service.</p> <p>I am against the future excessive increase in Central Coast Council application to excessive increase our rates.</p> <p>I am on a budget to pay my bills, why isn't the people who collect my hard earned money being more careful with it, I am utterly disgusted and disappointed.</p> <p>Please do not punish the rate payers for council mis management and make The council more accountable</p>	No	Therese	Preston
3157	Our streets have no kerb or guttering. No storm water collection. We often suffer with brown tap water. I am against the proposed rate increase as our basic needs of clean water and water collection aren't even being met. I do not agree with this rate increase.	No	Alicia	Anderson
3158	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3159	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3160	<p>I wish to comment on the Central Coast Council's submission for an increase in rates.</p> <p>I am aware that customer consultation is part of lpart's process. The consultation undertaken by Council is lip service, in my opinion. We were given two options to choose from with no opportunity to provide overall comment. I am therefore of the view that this was a tick a box process to meet lpart's requirements rather than true consultation. How will Council learn from its customers if their true opinions aren't sought? I am certain there are many retirees with substantial business experience who could give meaningful feedback in addition to those currently employed. I, for one, would be more than happy to sit in a room and discuss this with Council.</p> <p>Secondly, Council's intention is to increase Gosford customer rates while reducing Wyong customer rates. I do not think that is fair. Why not a set percentage increase overall? Wyong customers are already paying those rates so why are Gosford customers bearing the pain? Has this been considered? That was not apparent in the letter we received from Council. I am certain that the Wyong customers will be happy to support the submission given the positive impact on them. Do the sums - if, for instance, a 5 % increase is applied across the board, what would the outcome be? Could the same be achieved?</p> <p>As a self funded retiree we are affected by income fluctuations but are not eligible to receive any financial assistance from all Government departments. Council's reference to financial assistance is therefore only applicable to some. I would be interested in knowing how many self funded retirees are affected by this proposal to increase our rates. I am expecting that we will have an increase in water rates as well so our overall standard of living will be affected. Not receiving a pension is seen as a privilege by some and all the hard work put into securing our retirement income is ignored. We are told that we will be eligible for the aged pension if our income reduces but we didn't work hard to be subject to a reduced standard of living through no fault of our own. Consideration should be given to how retirees can be treated to reduce any financial impact.</p> <p>I trust that my feedback will be taken into consideration when reviewing Council's application for rate increases.</p> <p>Thanks</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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3161	Rate rise of 15% for something not our fault	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3162	I do not support in the strongest terms any rate rise to be used to recoup restricted funds illegally spent as notified to ratepayers by the administrator. Those responsible must be held accountable. It's outrageous to expect rate payers to pay for the misdemeanors of public servants, elected councillors or private or public auditors/accountants. In addition that state government is accountable for the debacle of council amalgamations including our own. Adequate funding for the amalgamation of Wyong & Gosford councils was not forthcoming. All of this will be remembered and be part of the next state and local elections this year.	No	Ruth	Herman
3163	Central Coast Council should not be allowed to expect the residents to pay for their unlawful use of council funds. Someone is responsible for this and should be held accountable.	No	Simon	Pickering
3164	The letter states a 'one off permanent' increase of 15%. That's a contradiction. I feel the councillors should pay back what they can from their own resources, it was their foolishness, dishonesty and unprofessional conduct that caused this financial blowout. If i was to agree with 15% increase, It would depend on a fixed period after which rates would revert back to Standard rate peg increase. ☹️	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3165	It's an unfair increase. What happened to the money we already paid?	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3166	I feel the council rate increase is far too high, not equitable and very unfair to the less wealthy sector of people and I strongly oppose it.	No	Myfanwy	Webb
3167	Why should I have to cop a rate rise purely & directly because of the incompetent and illegal doings of the Council. As it is we don't get what we pay for. Parks not mown often enough, paths not cleared of debris to ensure safety, potholes in roads left for months/years and not fixed properly even when they are eventually tended to, to name a few. Abhorrent behaviour from Central Coast Council that should have been stopped well before it got to this!! And could have been, the signs were there. I'm totally against a rate rise of any amount in this instance, let those that caused this mess find the funds in their pockets - not mine !!!!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3168	Unacceptable to be expected to pay for incompetence of a council we the people didn't even put in place	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3169	We pay the highest rates in NSW. CCC have just announced another rate Rise by 15%. With the merger of Wyong council and Gosford council into Central Coast Council, Gosford keep spending all the money on there end of the coast and North End has nothing to show for it we just keep getting further and further in debt for them to live the high life. Lake Munmorah hasn't changed in the last 30 years we still have the same two swings and we are not seeing where this money is going. Central Coast Council needs to be audited and rates be relevant to land price. Wyong shire is a lower demographic and lower land value but pays higher rates and still has nothing going on.	No	Shannen	Rixon
3170	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3171	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3172	Cut waste and [REDACTED] services instead of putting up rates please.	No	Jeremy	Cooper
3173	Increasing the rates will make no difference if we have the same people mismanaging the funds again. Why do we need that many staff, vehicles, resources. Merging 2 councils into 1 doesn't necessarily mean 2 jobs!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3174	Council has written to me asking I support their application for an extraordinary rate rise of 15%. Their reasoned explanation was that 2020 was an exceptional year coupled with the reality of their dire financial situation brought on by the unlawful spending of 'restricted funds' which are now required to be repaid. I strongly object to this outrageous request and implore IPart to cap any rate rise to no more than double the intended cap of 2% for 2021/22. My family was significantly impacted by Covid over 2020 and this impact continues to this day. We run a small business which was completely shutdown for 3 months with absolutely NO INCOME except for 4 out of our 10 casual employees being eligible for JobKeeper. The continuing Covid restrictions have reduced our capacity to return to full trading. Despite these challenges our landlord has demanded a 20% rental increase and families that are relying on our service have had their NDIS funding reduced thereby further impacting our income. Unlike Council we don't have the luxury of arguing that a 15% rise in the cost of our service is justified. Small business have to continue to make the sacrifices, adjust and get on with it. Council has access to a multitude of resources to manage their operations including financial officers, internal auditors, external auditors, financial reports to the community etc. Responsibility for this financial mess goes beyond the General Manager and although Councillors were sacked many of those same Councillors will be re-elected because of party politics. So if IPart grants a 15% rate rise, my family and I are in fact the ones penalised for the incompetence of CC Council and the circus will continue.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3175	I do not agree with proposed rate increases of 10 or 15%. I already pay \$1810 per year. The council needs to learn to manage with what they have. If as reported suggest the existing funds have been unlawfully allocated then where are the criminal charges and recovery?	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3176	This inept and inadequate council on the central coast expect us to pay for their [REDACTED], unlawful behaviour, gross mismanagement and misconduct and we are supposed to lie over and take it? Where is the accountability for the councillors? Where is the criminal prosecution? Where is the investigation into this travesty? As a rate payment of the old Wyong shire we we're screwed over by this merger forced to merge with a council full of debt. My street has no curb and guttering. My town has no council parks. I drive down roads filled with pot holes every day. I have a DA application in with the council that I have paid for yet it's been there for three months! What are the council doing day to day? Apart from the garbage collectors sack the lot of them.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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3177	Due to no fault of our residents the Central Coast Council is putting up rates in an effort to partly rectify it's appalling inadequacies' to manage funds and budgets. It is disgusting considering we don't even have proper roads or curbs. What happens if we can't pay the steep rise? I'm a widow with a child and it is a struggle. The council should be ashamed and why weren't procedures put in place by the government to pick up on this gross mismanagement of funds sooner.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3178	I am an Aged Pensioner. I have lived and paid Rates to Gosford and Wyong Councils since moving here from Sydney in November 1973. Rates have increased so much during that time. This Central Coast Council has wasted so much of our Rates payments, now they want us to pay more! This is so unfair, on everybody. They should be made accountable for the mistakes they have made, NOT US CENTRAL COAST RATEPAYERS,	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3179	Do not allow an excessive rate increase to just pay for incompetence and bad management. Reduce and cancel community services and reduce high cost expenditure like wages and waste by chaning staff to PT and waste to fortnightly for all waste. IPART are terrible at helping we all know, they allowed special increases at Ashfield several years back for a pool that was agreed to be \$9mil and now has been spent at \$45mil. [REDACTED] is a tool and made this happen. Do yor job and keep council accountable. No rate rise for Central Coast as we are the 4th worst socio-economic profile in NSW. It will ruin lives	No	Mikey	Cullan
3180	I am an owner of a residential property on the central coast at Long Jetty. I do not support either of the options proposed to increase rates by 10% or by 15%. Central Coast Council should only be allowed to increase rates by the statutory 2% increase. Central Coast Council needs to make further asset sales and more staff cuts to bring the budget back to a balanced budget over the next 5-7 years.Incompetent management by the elected Council and previous senior management should not be rectified by ratepayers who have had no say in the running of the Council.I have to manage my expendiures based on my income . So should the Council.	No	Steven	Bax
3181	It's very sad that CCC have mismanaged funds. This in itself is terrible and "heads should roll". As rates will rise for hard-working rate payer's, I can only hope that we see more streets cleaned, trees trimmed regularly, and street lawns mowed. There are so many things that local council could do. I have a massive, messy tree that is partly on council land and part on mine. I asked to have it removed twice (at my own cost). They said No. I have paid many times to have this tree cut in places where limbs are unstable. I also clean the troughs and drains out every week to stop some of the flooding caused from the debris from this tree.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3182	I do not support any increase in rates by rate payers. Council financial mismanagement is not the burden for ratepayers. If a business cannot repay debts they are forced into liquidation, the same rule should be applied to Central Coast Council. Council officers should be held to account for this financial disaster. Ratepayers have been let down by Central Coast Council and the NSW Government who suggested that an amalgamation would bring expenses down and a good financial decision. Only a couple years later and Central Coast Council is in financial ruin and for some crazy reason it is expected that ratepayers should fork the bill. This notion is outrageous and Acting CEO Rik Hart should survey the ratepayers with 1 question: Do you support a rate rise? This response will direct the coarse of action that she be taken in accordance with ratepayers wishes.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3183	I am be a rate payer on the Central Coast, I have not had any information from CCCouncil on any proposed rate increase until today. I have not seen any plans to sell if assets or reduce over staffing levels just a plan to increase already exorbitant rates. I strongly object to any increase considering the illegal activity the council has been undertaking with our rate money. Very little has been done in the Central Coast for the last couple of years. Our public walkways are overgrown our roads are in terrible shape full of pot holes with medians and roundabouts so overgrown they are safety hazards. Our water infrastructure is in dire need of maintenance. Our community areas (parks) are full of rubbish and in appalling condition they are rarely cleaned or maintained. The Council purchased a former shopping centre in Gosford to use as a car park but this car park is rarely used and the prime land could be sold to minimise the Councils maintenance overheads. The Council have doubled down on certain administrative positions wasting money on wages, they are massively over paying high level staff in positions they are not qualified or competent in. Our region has gone from beautiful to not inviting at all for tourist or the general public and considering a large part of the Central Coast relies on tourism this is unacceptable. We as rate payers should not be held responsible for the gross mismanagement and negligence of the CCCouncil. We as a community are struggling to keep our heads above water and this proposed rate increase will sink many of us. It is extremely hard mentally to cope with the idea of being held financially responsible for problems we had no part in creating. I urge you to not approve the rate increase, our communities mental health and welfare depend on you to reject the rate increase proposal. The criteria for a special increase have NOT been met!	No	Danielle	Copeland
3184	Acting CEO Rik Hart should conduct a survey by ratepayers seeking their views on a rate increase. I am not supportive of a rate increase above the normal CPI increase. The idea that ratepayers are somewhat responsible for Central Coast Council debts is ludicrous. Appropriate legal action should be taken by those Council officers that were involved in this decision making and expenditure approval. If i cant pay my debts creditors will push for bankruptcy, shouldn't the Council be pushed into liquidation?	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3185	This is totally wrong. Why should ratepayers be responsible for incompetence by the Central Coast Council. How do we afford to pay this increase, and why should we...We the people have not spent this money, only incompetent councillors have. PLEASE HOLD THEM RESPONSIBLE...NOT US.	No	Patricia	Kennedy

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3186	<p>We are opposed to any rate rise above 2%. We are a small community who already pay way too much for the limited services we receive. The numbers quoted on the submission letter seem to bear no resemblance to our actual costs. To penalise us any more is wrong. We already got sold out by Council with the household cost of getting our sewer connected (\$17000 approx). when our water/sewer comes from Brooklyn. Brooklyn residents got their fees levied across the whole council area totalling a few hundred dollars at the most and we got sluggish over our small community only. Why wasn't the cost shared amongst all Gosford rate payers like the drainage levy fee we get hit for, but have no drainage to speak of in our streets ??</p> <p>Please take this into consideration when making your decisions.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3187	<p>The corruption and unethical dealings of the central coast council has left ratepayers to foot the bill. This should not happen. Council should be made to carve out savings and run in an accountable way, like any other business. If they can afford a golden handshake to a failed CEO, they do not get a cent more from me.</p> <p>The council must be run in a transparent and financially responsible manner. The wasted millions on consultant fees, the eye watering emergency costs for the Wamberal erosion, the high amount of administrative inefficiencies need to be sorted out.</p> <p>The letter to advise ratepayers on cost increases was mailed twice! What kind of operation are you running that this kind of waste is standard practice? We say no to bailing the council out. Run yourselves like a business, the rest of us have to. You don't get a blank cheque just because we are a collective audience. We are people, all with our own financial burdens and the council must look within to face the dire consequences of their incompetence.</p>	No	Sarah	Bishop
3188	<p>This is a huge increase to an already high council rate. Our suburb (Cheero Point) sees very little community services provided by our council at the current rate, therefore we should not be paying in addition to these already over the top rates.</p> <p>Our waste management system is a joke, we don't have a green waste option, the suburb is managed by the local community, needed local planting and management has been paid for and undertaken by locals, and my neighbour does the mowing of local council areas and our park yet we are expected to pay more - What are we paying for in the first place? The council has a lot of answering to do.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3189	<p>If funds have been unlawfully accessed why should the rate payers get the bill and be made responsible for this mismanagement. Our rates are not councils private petty cash.</p> <p>I SAY NO TO THIS RATE INCREASE. I would also like to see all involved removed from council with NO golden handshake. ☹️</p>	No	Vicki	Stuckey
3190	<p>Disgusted and appalled that CCC want to raise or rates by 15% when it was their incompetence that got them into the trouble they're in. Are they going to deduct the interest they would have gotten by me prepaying both my rates and water rates during the last 4 years! I think not. Amalgamation by the state government was never going to work and should not have been forced upon them. We are an area with many pensioners who will not be able to afford the increase not to mention those who have lost their jobs during COVID and are scratching up every cent to keep a roof over their heads.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3191	I'll pay what's necessary, when the right people have been prosecuted	No	Deborah	Seiler
3192	<p>I totally object to the above Council's submission to have ratepayers pay a higher rate. The reason the Council requires this increase, as per their letter sent to ratepayers, is to "reimburse the restricted funds that were unlawfully accessed to bring forward projects and infrastructure that has undoubtedly benefited the community".</p> <p>As a single aged pensioner I am battling to pay my rates now and have to pay every fortnight and already behind. This is due to the fact I lost my husband to Glioblastoma Multiforme 5 1/2 years ago - the worst brain cancer you can get as there is no cure, and when diagnosed he had retired but was working part time as a Community Carer, so we could do alterations to our home.</p> <p>I believe whoever was responsible for accessing unlawfully, the money referred to, should be charged and responsible for paying it back, not the ratepayers. There are many people in this community, who like me are pensioners or on low incomes, or unemployed and already struggling and shouldn't be held responsible to paying back money that some people in the Central Coast council [REDACTED] from a fund they lawfully didn't have access to.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3193	Confidential	No	Trish	Griffiths

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	<p>REPLY, REGARDING THE FUTURE - undated letter received today from Central Coast Council.</p> <p>We object to any rate increase over and above inflation. The justification for a 10-15% rate increase by Central Coast Council is not supported by any evidence. There has always been dam level, bush-fires, floods and Coast Erosion matters to address. Council needs to provide the expenditure associated with 2020 compared to previous years in support, if this is the case and has not done so. Also services provided by Council over the last twenty years have declined in regularity however rate increases have continued, why?</p> <p>Before any rate increase is considered, a full audit needs to be completed not only on the financial management issues but also on the strategic planning surrounding all services provided by Council over the last 10 years and the decision making associated with such services including KPIs for each area. For example; where was/is the survey information to understand the needs of the community now and into the future to define a mission for the Council? Where was/is the subsequent 20 year strategic plan supporting such needs and mission? Where was the supervision from bodies such as IPART or the NSW Government on the management of the Council to ensure they manage, budget, forecast and assess effectively and efficiently to ensure these situations do not occur? How did the "unlawful access" to "restricted funds" come about if correct procedures were in place according to what the ratepayer were funding? Who is being held accountable for this unlawful act and why are the ratepayers being penalised as a result of someone else's/Council's unlawfulness? Furthermore, where is the forecast to support the suggested 10-15% rate increase? The letter mentions a plan and swift action...why has the plan not been released? What cost savings have been identified across the value chain of the organisation not just in HR/people. Savings can be found in technology introduction, improved operational equipment, infrastructure, asset sales, improved contract terms etc as well as HR/people. Where is the audit outlining the mistakes that were made and what remedies were put into place along the way including KPIs?</p> <p>There is no justification whatsoever for a rate increases by the Central Coast Council under the current circumstances and information available to the Community. Inflation is .7%, interest rates are at record lows and the areas mentioned by Council to justify such an increase are not the direct responsibility of Council. Bush-fires are rural fire service (who were donated millions of dollars through donation by ratepayers early in 2020), dam levels are rain related, no major flooding in the last 5 years to note. If Coastal Erosion in particular Wamberal Beach was the issue, then this is not the responsibility of Council but the NSW Government.</p> <p>Unless a complete audit is undertaken and a strategic plan prepared that considers all aspects of the value chain of the Council nothing will change. Throwing money at a problem without first identifying why through comprehensive audit, ensuring people/systems, procedures are all held accountable, decisions understood, full disclosure on all matters is provided to the community, then this is the wrong way to proceed and a professional manager would not proceed as such. And then once the audit completed only then should Council recommend a detailed short, medium and long term plan based on all elements of the organisation and ask the community to support these plans and then regularly update the Community on progress associated with such plans. This then defines accountability.</p>			
3194	Sending such a letter without the above information is unprofessional and disrespectful to the community and the ratepayer.	No	Anthony	Hercok
3195	Confidential	No	Gregory	Kennedy

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	<p>Dear Ipart,</p> <p>I strongly oppose the increase to our Council rates as these current Councillors have proven their ineptitude, and I pass a complete no confidence vote in their ability to rectify again with my money this dire unprecedented situation we all find ourselves in!</p> <p>I do not consent to a rate rise for Central Coast residents whether that be to pay for the “mismanagement” of Council funds or the mismanagement of State Government in their oversight of Local government. There are far reaching considerations of what this will mean to the social costs; the ripple effect and increases in homelessness, the effect on businesses- less consumers - higher prices, increased desperation & crime and general downward spiral of this area. The majority of residents on the Central Coast are already doing it tough, as we have the highest incidences of suicide (one occurred at the recent construction site at [REDACTED] sporting oval complex additions) in the country, some of the highest unemployment rates in the state, a high percentage of aged pensioners who already choose between bills and food and people who work hard and pay high taxes for the privilege of being slaves to governments poorly run, greed driven economic gouging system. The Central Coast already has so many social (drug concerns which need strong Use, Harm & Policy Responses: https://www.aph.gov.au/About_Parliament/Parliamentary_Departments/Parliamentary_Library/Publications_Archive/archive/illicitdrugs not the selling off of our hard fought assets in fire sales, which could result in the under representation of much needed infrastructure which is required on the Peninsula and displays I allege CCC’s culpable negligence in committing this non-compliant and unregulated "mismanagement of funds") and economic issues - we don't need these issues flaring further as a cumulative outcome of rate rises. We do not consent and we do not approve of any Council rate rises or any other publicly owned amenity rises.</p> <p>I believe strongly in not rewarding these current Councillors (I allege they should be sacked as they have already proven their incompetence at this major task at hand) the ability to continue this flagrant disregard for our hard fought and earned resources, funds and infrastructure on the Peninsula and at Gosford which is touted as the capital of the Central Coast!</p>			
3196	Thank you for your consideration of this important matter that lies now in your jurisdiction to assist in rectifying this matter for all parties involved.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3197	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3198	Confidential	No	Hayden	Tonnet
3199	I object to both rate increases (10% or 15%) proposed by the Administrator and Acting CEO in their letter dated 13 Jan 2021. One of the reasons given in this letter for a rate increase states that we have a legal obligation to reimburse the restricted funds that were unlawfully accessed to bring forward projects and infrastructure that have undoubtedly benefitted the community. The NSW Auditor General's report dated Aug 2020 (P17) states that the former Gosford Council had accessed restricted funds since 2001 and Central Coast Council made an adjustment of \$13.2 million in 2018-19 to reimburse the LIC fund. It appears that Council's legal obligation may have been met. I believe Council's current financial crisis is due to very poor financial management by the former GM and the Executive Lead Team. The lack of accountability by this management group has not been explained to ratepayers. Instead a quick fix from ratepayers is being proposed when they have not been the problem. Fundamental cash flow management was the root cause for the non payment of wages last October. Loans and restructuring are the long term solutions.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3200	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3201	I 'am a local residing on the central coast for the past 32 years. I 'am not happy with our present Council representatives over spending of rate payers money. Only to find out that That they say they have been open to everyone about the overspent monies. Why are the rate payers held accountable for spent RESTRICTED reserves! I would be happy to see the peg rate plus a 2% increase on our rates for a couple of years only. As i can see we have too many fat cats in high management feeding with a no care attitude with over budget projects. If Councils has a yearly operational plan surely this fits the annual rates that the council applies to land owners, the amalgamation between councils North & South only bandaged a bigger issue seen on the horizon & kept from the public. Poor council management & now it appears no one is to be held accountable!	No	craig	black
3202	I strongly object object to the 15% rate rise requested by the Central Coast Council. They are attempting to fund their mismanagement and illegal activity by putting the burden back onto the rate payer. The management team at the Council has been shown to be inept at managing the funds they are provided by us the rate payer and are trying to justify what they have done. There has been enormous waste and monies spent on activities that were simply not needed. Approving this increase will set a terrible precedence for future years and holds no one accountable. The Central Coast should take its punishment, cut costs and recover debt through the reasonable rate peg of 2%. If this means temporarily cutting back on certain budget items and staff, that's what they need to do, just like any normal business or organisation. By doing this successfully they can gain the trust back they have lost with their constituents. Simply preparing a reasonable budget within the rate peg and then meeting it would be a start.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3203	Confidential	No	Jodi	Carroll
3204	I object to any rate increase over and above the usual on the grounds that ratepayers have paid for services in good faith and this has been squandered by an arm of government therefore government should pay.	No	David	Henderson

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3205	<p>Until the senior management team that were responsible for the huge losses incurred are removed from council employment what is the use of making available more funds to be used in a similar manner.</p> <p>To be able to complete the council survey in regards to the rate rise we have been forced to make a choice in Q7 between two options neither with which we agree with.</p> <p>Until we as the ratepayers of this council see structural management changes, where the proposed 500 staff cuts will be made and what council assets will be sold, i see no benefit to the ratepayers of a special variation of 10 or 15 %</p>	No	James	Elcoate
3206	<p>I live in Umina where there is basically no curb and guttering, intermittent brown tap water, and no street collection of stormwater.. It just runs into our properties due to poor past planning on the council's part.</p> <p>Council has misspent our council rate money in the past without fixing pressing issues.</p> <p>There is currently a massive amount of building construction in previously quiet suburban streets, with very little regard for the local community.</p> <p>I am against the application of Central Coast Council to excessively increase our rates since the present crisis has resulted from gross mismanagement by previous key council personnel.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3207	<p>I object to the recent proposal letter received this January re a rate rise. I am not able to complete the Administrator's survey as it forced me to vote on either option and, at this stage, I object to both.</p> <p>None of the Council executives responsible has been sacked for incompetence or otherwise held accountable. How can they be trusted given their spectacular mismanagement of our money in the past.</p> <p>The only executive known to have left walked away with \$380,000 pay out, hardly a sacking for incompetence.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3208	<p>I [REDACTED] being a ratepayer of Central Coast Council formally submit my objection to the proposed rate increase of either 10% or 15% on grounds of current rates being the highest of all NSW councils and adequate to service the requirements of local council.</p> <p>I strongly object the increase due to unlawful use and mismanagement of ratepayers funds by Central Coast Council senior management.</p> <p>I strongly object to the current council survey that will be presented to IPART due to it being constructed in a way to restrict the ratepayer to reply to options only sought by the council, misleading the person completing.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3209	<p>I believe CENTRAL COAST COUNCIL has not only harmed the rate payers of the central coast they have also unlawfully put the residence under undue stress due to malpractice.</p> <p>Clearly the council ceo cfo and elected officials took it upon themselves to undertake these [REDACTED] action at the cost of the c.onstituents. maybe ipart can suggest CCCOUNCIL activate thier profession indemnity and public liability insurance.</p>	No	Bryan	Smith
3210	Confidential	No	Alison	Curtis
3211	<p>I will not be paying an extra in rates due to the Central Coast Council unlawfully accessing funds!</p> <p>This is not up for debate! IT IS FACT!</p> <p>I demand that all council people responsible for unlawfully accessing funds and or requesting residents to pay for it are removed from their positions and legal proceedings started against them.</p>	No	Jeff	Hill
3212	<p>I am strongly against Council's 2 Special variation options, which I have also advised Council through there online survey. Ratepayers should not be penalised for Council's mismanagements.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3213	<p>The Central Coast Council needs to be disbanded and an independent governing body set up. The council has always been littered with corruption and wrong doing. This is the last straw - they admit they have unlawfully accessed funds. I request all of them to be sacked and held accountable for what they have done. Legal proceedings should be commenced against everybody involved who unlawfully accessed funds.</p>	No	Jeff	Hill

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	<p>Dear Acting Chief Executive Officer Rik Hart</p> <p>I have read several times the letter dated 13Jan21 re Securing your future. In my opinion it is one of the most appalling written letters I have seen.</p> <p>Let me take apart the letter piece by piece. The first sentence says we have had an exceptional year with reduced dam levels (wrong), bushfires, floods etc. Wrong 2020 has been NO different to many previous years since record keeping. This is a fact. Yes Covid 19 made 2020 exceptional and that is a fact. However to conflate these points to say these events required constant redirection of resources to meet the needs of the community is rubbish. Where are the facts to support such an assertion. Your financial situation was not caused by me or any ratepayers/taxpsayers. Go after those who created the problem.</p> <p>So you have a legal obligation to reimburse funds then go after those who created the problem. I could not care one iota whether it benefitted the community. We,the community where never asked. Had we been given all the facts a reasonable person would have said NO.</p> <p>Reading this letter it seems to me you do not have a plan and I do not believe we should reward poor decision and behaviour.</p> <p>Clearly you DO NOT understand the concern of increasing rates otherwise you would have come up with an alternative.</p> <p>I am perfectly fine with significantly reduced or eliminated services. Providing you have funds to do garbage delivery and repair roads then that is OK with me. If that is ALL you did then that would be perfectly fine with me. Your appeal to "our community:" falls on deaf ears to me. You say the condition of your assets "could" detoriate" but you fail to explain how.</p> <p>No council fees and charges WILL NOT need to increase -you have not made a coherent and cogent case for such a proposal.</p> <p>I could not care less about council not providing support to organisations - that is not core business of any council and it is fine when finances allow but when they are as bad as you suggest then such support MUST cease.</p> <p>Council consideration about finances seem to be all about increase not serious cost cutting. Why not send me a detailed line by line budget and I'll tell you where to cut. I did this when I worked and my first degree is finance. Of course my instincts are private sector not public sector.</p>			
3214	Central coast and Wyong shire pay the highest rates in NSW. We are a low socioeconomic area and now due to our incompetent council we are expected to pay hundreds more	No	John	Jones
3215	This council has presided over the most incompetent wasteful careless period of the last 3 years There blatant disregard for the value of rate payers money has see them declare climate emergencies, blatantly discourage investment in the local area, too lazy to act on nearly anything!!! Please don't allow them to increase our rates we cannot afford too have our money waisted !!!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3216	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3217	100% opposed to a rates increase. If council have squandered their money its not up to the home owners to replace it. We're all doing it tough enough.	No	Cassie	Kennedy
3218	Why should we pay for someone else mistake, how can we pay for this extra expensive when we are not getting anything for it. We are all struggling to pay rates as it.	No	Pamela	Hutchison
3219	This is my local council and we already pay over the top rates which they have managed to waste whilst local services e.g. roads, reserve mantainence etc has been sidelined. They have lined their own pockets leaving the council in debt to the tune of multi millions, and want us ratepayers to get them out of debt. They are a disgrace and I will not pay them 1 extra cent to get them out of the hole they dug. They should be investigated and charged!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3220	<p>Regards [REDACTED] (One of many angry ratepayers!)</p>	No	Maxine	Gold
3221	Please do not increase rates just as people are struggling with the effects of losing jobs and isolation from Covid effects	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3222	<p>Very concerned about the proposed huge rate increase! Council have wasted millions, now expect residents to pay for their mismanagement!</p> <p>The survey now on line is useless, asking people to choose between 10% or 15% increase, when both are shocking!</p> <p>Despite the money council had to squander the disgraceful condition of roads, the verges, the lack of footpaths, some areas are extremely dangerous for pedestrians, the neglect in the Saratoga Davistown area generally is an absolute obscenity! This is a totally unacceptable situation and those responsible should be held accountable, not the ratepayers who have recieved very little for their already hefty rate charges!</p>	No	Sandra	Cowie

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3223	As a rate payer on the central coast I request the the proposed rate increase does NOT exceed 2%. I also request a formal criminal investigation into inappropriate use of funds by central coast council and that prosecutors ask for reparations to be paid towards the accused debt.	No	Louise	McMahon
3224	Confidential	No	Dionne	Molina
3225	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3226	Zero rate rise and charge the council members in charge of unlawfully accessing restricted funds .	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3227	<p>The call for a 10 or 15% rate increase for the Central Coast is disgusting! The Coast already pays the highest rates in NSW, and yet through the incompetence of Council and also CEO, they have mismanaged funds to an extraordinary extent. Where are the criminal charges - they don't happen - instead the CEO is given a massive payout, using our money! How can this be morally or legally right?</p> <p>Concerning the C Coast rate increase feedback on Yourvoiceourcoast, even though the survey has been reissued, it still has a deep flaw that undermines the statistical integrity of any analysis of the results. Question 7 still only has two options for the future increases - 10% or 15%. Without selecting one, you cannot proceed with the survey. This survey has been purposely designed to be misleading and is as scandalous as the financial mismanagement of our Council!</p> <p>I'm sure that the majority of the Coasties will refuse to pay such ridiculous increases, but a simple analysis of Q7 alone would distribute the completions between the 10 or 15% options. This would be disingenuous at best!</p> <p>I hope all Coasties take it upon themselves to only pay a 2.5 or 3% increase next financial year, regardless of the Rates statement issued by Council.</p> <p>I have read stories of the Coast benefitting by the overspend, and so it is only fair we pay back the over spend - if only they could list out and articulate the additional benefits we have enjoyed due to this overspend. I have not seen any noticeable improvement in anything provided by Council - it is widely agreed that the services provided by Council over many years has been virtually nil!</p> <p>And finally, how are the councillors and CEO being punished for their financial mismanagement - I haven't heard of criminal charges, of their financial liability to this crisis.</p> <p>Regards, <div style="background-color: black; width: 100px; height: 1em; display: inline-block;"></div></p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3228	We shouldn't have to pay for councils mismanagement. Those responsible should be held <div style="background-color: black; width: 50px; height: 1em; display: inline-block;"></div> liable and forced to sell their assets to pay for their shortcomings. We have the most inadequate infrastructure and roads and they want to charge us more?	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3229	<p>I write as a Central Coast ratepayer, to express my disgust and the current situation the incompetence the local council have placed us, the rate payers in.</p> <p>Firstly, my understanding is that none of the councillors have lost their jobs. Why? They are clearly incapable of running council finances.</p> <p>Secondly no one is being prosecuted yet the spending of some of the monies is clearly illegal and has been admitted by the interim CEO. Had these illegal activities taken place within the private sector, charges wold have been made. The councillors who got us into this made should be made to pay out of their own assets for the debacle they have created</p> <p>Thirdly, the outgoing CEO, who presided over the whole debacle has resigned (thankfully) but has walked away with a \$380,000 termination payment. Why? Anyone in the private sector doing a bad job would be fired with no golden handshake</p> <p>Fourthly, why is no election planned to replace these <div style="background-color: black; width: 50px; height: 1em; display: inline-block;"></div>?</p> <p>The council have recently written to all ratepayers in the area asking for feedback on only 2 options, a 10% increase or a 15% increase. How about we have our say on a nil% increase, or at most 0.75% which is the current rate of annual inflation.</p> <p>I for one will not pay any increase in rates over and above the rate of inflation, and I would inform you I have sought legal advice as to whether a class action can be brought against the councillors and former CEO, and if possible then I will be seeking fellow ratepayers to join me in bringing an action to make these people personally responsible.</p>	No	Malcolm	Casswell
3230	<p>I strongly disagree with any Central Coast rate increase brought about by the unlawful mismanagement of our funds and will not be paying any increase. The below needs to be addressed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If restricted funds were accessed who will face criminal charges 2. Why should rate payers have to cover the cost of fraudulent use of Council funds 3. Who authorised the threat of withdrawal of services if we do not agree to rate increase 4. Expect full explanation of how this situation arose with full financials and expenditure 5. Expect explanation of the "survey" from council that only allowed you to choose a rate increase. Also that advice of this survey was a. either not received by residents or b. received on the same day it expired 	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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	<p>I cannot believe this is actually being considered. The funds were mismanaged. If I overspend I am not bailed out by the government. I don't understand why council expects us to bail it out of its own mess.</p> <p>The rate peg of 2% is there to stop councils from [REDACTED] their constituents. By [REDACTED] I refer to taking without consent. Saying Im going to either take 10% or 15% which would you prefer is not consent. A large proportion of the people will not consent to this. IPART is there to protect ratepayers from this and I can only pray that you do your job in this matter.</p> <p>If anyone is to pay for this there should be audits going back 10-20 years for council employees who profited from this or were responsible for this mess. Why are the ratepayers being sued before the employees and officials responsible for this are ?</p> <p>Has anyone had any criminal proceedings brought against them as a consequence of this or is the only council solution to punish/sue ratepayers ?</p> <p>The reasons given for the rate rise are poor at best.</p> <p>1. Flood - 100% councils fault and pretty much all of the community agrees. This could have been totally avoided in February by opening up the Entrance Channel Earlier. One community member tried to save peoples houses with his excavator and council and rangers were trying to sue him at one point. My house came close to flooding yet I got 0 from council not even a phone call. So I dont understand how it affected council. I know it affected everyone else though.</p> <p>2. Bushfires. - We were mostly spared from bushfires apart from sections of Somersby and Mangrove Mountain. So it hardly affected council as much as other councils in the state. Besides most people have insurance to cover that. I doubt council assisted the people who lost homes they didn't assist me with the floods.</p> <p>3. Covid - People lost their jobs in COVID and yes its terrible. The government had to close things. However As a consequence of Covid being a government employee (wife is a nurse) my wages and hers are frozen. Also I still paid rates and everyone else still paid rates so its not like council lost rates revenue due to COVID. Yet Council want to increase my rates 10-15% ? How is that even remotely just ?</p> <p>4. Coastal Erosion - This has been a problem since the 70's. What has council done to resolve this in the last 40 years ? The houses just get bigger and bigger. That one Im sorry this is councils fault. History repeating itself.</p> <p>5. Water levels - If you cannot supply the area with water stop allowing houses to be build and subdivided. Seriously this is just common sense. The amount of houses you have put in this region in the last 20 years you should have increased water by even more than that. That is another management issue. Much like roads, which for some reason council rarely wants to address.</p>			
3231	Stop the [REDACTED] Stop the Rate Rise. Please IPART do your job and protect us.	No	Clinton	Montgomery
3232	With the current climate and people struggling to pay power bills and COVID its crazy to think the council will increase out rates, some people are struggling to pay their mortgages now this, I feel this will create a negative impact on our area, more and more people will have to sell their home because they cant afford the costs of living. Please re consider the rate increase	No	Michael	Hicks
3233	As a resident of the former Wyong council I am objecting to the proposed 10/15% rate increase as I paid a special variation of approx 6% for 5 years before amalgamation. I Feel as a stakeholder /so called shareholder (interim administrators words) I have born the financial burden of inefficient management for long enough.I am prepared to cope with reduced services instead but the council administration needs to rationalise its management services. An alternative needs to be found ie contract services rationalise Wyong and Gosford depots and service departments	No	Kenneth	Green
3234	<p>Central Coast council have requested a 15% rate increase to recover the cost and pay back millions due to mis management and incompetence. Why should hard working rate payers that do not get salary increases every year like they have given themselves have to pay??</p> <p>I say NO to this request. We pay rates but still get nothing in return other than our bins collected. We have roads filled with pot holes, suburbs with curb and guttering so where exactly had and is all the money going???</p> <p>We have never been told this. Had there been full disclosure of expenses, they may have a better opportunity of having community support.</p> <p>Until there is full disclosure on what the money was spent on and why. They do not and will not have my support</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3235	<p>I am a central coast rate payer, and I am very disappointed with our council's actions. Our council has the highest rates in NSW and are proposing a 10% - 15% increase. This is just not something I can afford, especially considering the poor upkeep and state of sidewalks, and roads in my area that does not seem to get any attention from council even after multiple emails and phone calls notifying them of the situation.</p> <p>I am very concerned that the survey that they have initiated forces people to either pick the 10% or 15% increase and does not give an option for no increase or the normal 2% increase. ☹</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3236	At a time where most people's wages have either been frozen or capped at 1% a rate rise should not even be an option. If this is necessary you need to wait until the economy has moved forward and people actually have funds to pay what can amount to HUNDREDS of dollars more each year.	No	Khrystyna	Greenfield

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3237	<p>Im retired and dont have the extra money available to continually pay for council's ongoing and consistent mismanagement of money, which is the position our council currently finds itself in . How dare council charge ratepayers for their bad decisions.</p> <p>My children all work and their payrises have all been cut due to COVID. If no one is making any extra money, how can council expect people to find the extra hundreds required for the rate rise? When the economy improves it may be more acceptable to raise rates, but now is not the time.</p>	No	Joyanne	Walters
3238	<p>Central Coast Council (CCC) has not acted in the best interests of their rate payers and has incurred massive debt.</p> <p>They have shown gross incompetence and certainly NOT realised any cost containment strategies in past years, but instead have unlawfully used restricted funds!</p> <p>The Central Coast already pays higher rates in comparison to many local government areas and already receive the highest amount in rates than any other council in NSW and spend the most, approx. double, on Governance and administration compared with the Group Average.</p> <p>This is not a revenue problem, it is an overspending problem!</p> <p>For quite some time, CCC have been aware of their fiscal position, and have continued to operate in a manner which did nothing to address the crisis, and in fact, worsened their position.</p> <p>There has still been little transparency in the administation process, except confirmation of the UNLAWFUL use of funds, which no one has been held accountable for.</p> <p>Instead blame has even been attributed to the rate payers for voting in the Council!</p> <p>The many rumours, such as the auditors having misrepresented the books, [REDACTED] blaming IPART for not allowing a Water and Sewerage rate rise. etc have caused the many of the Central Coast general public to be deeply concerned about the alleged mismanagement and unlawful use of funds (and potential for corruption) that has caused this exorbitant discrepancy in CCC funds and that and the only way to get to the bottom of it all is to have an investigation by the ICAC.</p> <p>I also hear many of my community saying that the administrator should remain in place until a new council is duly elected.</p> <p>I therefore urge you to consider getting an investigation underway the ICAC, with urgency, and confirm that the previous CCC officials will not resume their positions in CCC until such time as an election takes place to replace them and that there will be no rate rises until all has been investigated and ratepayers can have faith in the local government system in this state.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3239	<p>I have lived on the Central Coast at Umina and been a ratepayer for the past 38 years.</p> <p>In that time we have only received Sewer in our street and the rates were increased to include this. Our street has no kerb and guttering, like many others on the Peninsula, and some years back Council demolished all the children's equipment in the park.</p> <p>When the Land Rates and Water Rates were split into two separate bills some years back, the increase in the total was substantial (around 20% for the first year I believe).</p> <p>I have paid enough rates over the previous 38 years and refuse to bail out a bunch of Financial Incompetents with more of my money.</p> <p>There are may other options instead of increasing rates.</p> <p>IPART Should be sending a Very Strong Message to this Council and all other Councils seeking "Special" increases. They should be telling them to manage what they have OR resign their position and let someone else run the show who know what they are doing (Just like a Real Business would do).</p> <p>I am retired now and like many others just cannot afford paying out more money and receiving nothing in return.</p> <p>DO NOT cave in to these Incompetents!!!</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3240	<p>This online survey in regards to CCC rate rise is a bias forgone conclusion and does not let the ratepayers voice their own option. [REDACTED].</p> <p>How can the management of a business that has no obvious regard to a budget or a responsiblity for the debt they are causing still be allowed to trade? They should all have their employment contract terminated.</p> <p>Other NSW Councils can run with a surplus budget no reason Central Coast Council shouldn't do.</p> <p>If their survey only had 1 question optioning for a 0%, 10% or a 15% increase the majority answer would be 0% but this was not the case. ☹</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3241	<p>As residents of the central coast for over 60 years ,with 3 sons born in the area all in Buisness. We are now pensioners the proposed increase is unaffordable to us as well as our Family. a lot of areas still have no curb&gutter,water,sewer service, the council haven't maintained the services we do have to acceptable standards. Roads are a disgrace</p> <p>We strongly object to any increase in our Rates</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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3242	<p>The Central Coast is already the highest rate paying council area in NSW. We already pay \$8M per year more in rates than any other council. We DO NOT need an increase in rates. This is not the answer to the problem, this will only cause more stress and financial pressure on land owners, families and business owners, which we do not need after the year that we have just faced.</p> <p>The council need to take responsibility for their own debt and not shift it onto residents.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3243	<p>As a born local resident with residential & commercial property rates to pay I strongly object to any increase we are one of the most expensive rated community in the state</p> <p>Property CPI went down this year</p> <p>The mismanagement of central coast council is beyond reproach, we are becoming over populated with developments, granny flats etc a lot not compliant with Dcp developers seem to get a free ride here with exemptions</p> <p>If I ran my Buisness like this I would end up in Jail for insolvent Trading</p> <p>I also strongly disagree with the \$380,000 payout to the former CEO (easier option as stated by administrator)</p> <p>Administrator seems not interested in holding anyone to account. Only interested in the ratepayers footing the bill for incompetence</p> <p>This council has been Audited a few times and discrepancies found nothing has changed</p> <p>All councillors should be dismissed</p> <p>Thank You</p>	No	Darren	Todd
3244	<p>We are a community of people who live without curb and guttering in our area, intermittent brown tap water and no street collection for storm water. It just runs into our properties due to poor planning.</p> <p>I am totally against the proposed rate increase, this council is incompetent and I should have to pay for their gross misuse of restricted funds.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3245	<p>Central Coast Council have advised us as residents, of a proposed 15% Rate increase.</p> <p>We strongly object to this increase and request that IPART reject this proposed increase.</p> <p>Our preference would be for a decrease in Council services if needed, rather than this sizable rate increase.</p> <p>Residents have not been given alternative options, such as comprehensive costings on the impact of reducing services on costs.</p> <p>Residents should not be expected to bear the cost burden of Councils mismanagement of finances, which goes beyond belief.</p> <p>Many residents and businesses are still suffering the impact of COVID related shutdowns.</p> <p>The large number of self funded retirees on the Central Coast have been severely impacted over last year with large reductions in their income. Many rely on income from Bank Term Deposits and Bank dividends, both of which have been dramatically reduced or cut.</p> <p>This is not the time to be hit with the additional cost burden of a significant rate increase.</p> <p>In Summary: Do less and charge the same. Do not expect someone else to pay for your incompetence.</p>	No	William &	Smallhorn
3246	<p>I seek to comment on the application by Central Coast Council to have a 10% or a 15% increase in rates approved.</p> <p>It would appear from what we have been told that an increase in funding is necessary though the latest financial statement has not been received and made public.</p> <p>The amalgamation of Gosford and Wyong councils was ill conceived and Wyong councillors only approved it by a margin of one vote, The two councils had completely different and non compatible computer systems to start with and the cost of correcting this situation would be horrendous. Gosford also had financial and administrative problems.</p> <p>Immediately prior to the amalgamation Wyong residents had a large rate increase inflicted on them and this put Wyong rates far above those of Gosford. Subsequent to implementation of the amalgamation State Government refused to allow Wyong rates to be placed on a par with those of Gosford.</p> <p>I submit that before any rate increase is approved, the rates paid by Wyong residents should be adjusted to the same level as Gosford rates.</p>	No	Kevin	Spencer
3247	<p>I reject totally the pending application by this Council for special rate increases. No explanation has been offered as to how we arrived at a point where it was necessary to appoint Administrators. We are told funds were used unlawfully, but not what action is being taken against the perpetrators. It is clear from the Operational Report that no effort was made to reduce expenditure 2019-2020. I am also outraged at the implicit threat of withdrawal of services if we do not concur. And Councils careful timing and wording of their survey - allowing minimum time for responses and no option to refuse. This has been corrected after complaints but it is clear many people were not made aware of the survey.</p>	No	Catherine	Bootle
3248	Confidential	No	Michele	Collins

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3249	<p>I would like to voice my concern at the lack of confidence I have in the decisions being made by management of Central Coast Council.</p> <p>Central coast council collected more money than other councils of similar size yet the mis-management of funds has meant that local ratepayers are asked to pay the costs accrued whilst forfeiting services.</p> <p>The people responsible for accruing such high costs should be held accountable and fined. This will help ratepayers see the justice sought and know that the next level of management is committed to right the wrongs completed.</p> <p>I live on acreage in an area where we manage our own sewage, have no kerb and guttering, have to take our garbage bins to a collection point and the state of our local roads/lanes are damaging to cars and trucks alike - not sure I get value for the high fees I pay now.</p> <p>Very concerned long time local.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3250	<p>But of a █████ take to make rate payers pay back illegally used funds. I was made to pay section 94 contributions can i ask for those funds back as compensation then? Especially since councils misusing funds anyway. How about the state government steps in and actually amalgamates the council properly. Our funds are going to mismanagement and a divided council with divided processes. Its pretty clear that operationally the councils are still not working together under one banner.</p>	No	Luke	Piper
3251	<p>As it is I am already tightly budgeted to enable me to pay my rates. I do not believe it should be the residents place to repay debt which the council racked up by so much over spending, especially as I live on the Upper Edge of the council and Gwandalan / Summerland Point see very, very little of their spending. When the Gosford and Wyong councils merged I believe the Wyong council's accounts were in a good position, and Gosford council grabbed "our" money and spent the majority on their own areas, not ours. I truly believe this is an illegal move on their behalf, getting us to repay their debt, and that all the Councillor's involved should be brought up on charges for the way they have dispersed the money without a full description of every cent spent to the rate payers, not just a silly pie chart, but a proper in-depth account of every cent.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3252	<p>I live in Wendoree Park. Even when Central Coast Council were spending exorbitant amounts of restricted funds on upgrading areas of the coast like Terrigal, we got nothing but a hundred metres of bitumen. Whenever our weeds along the roadside get out of control, the council don't come and cut it, residents do. There are senior citizens out in the summer heat wrangling weeds up to their shoulders. We have hundreds of dead trees and branches that consistently fall and cover the road, the council don't come to cut and clear it, residents do. Whenever degenerates drive down and graffiti the government wharf at Marlow, the council don't clean it, residents do. When our road down to the public jetty resembled a luna park ride, the council didn't fix and resurface it, residents did. When our community park and playground was in a state of disrepair, the council didn't plant shrubs or source materials for our community, residents got a working bee together to do it. Our only other option would be to drive 25 minutes to be able to go for an outdoor walk in safety or find a well maintained playground for our children to play in. We don't have adequate stormwater drainage even though we are charged for it. Our only drainage infrastructure is for a natural stream that runs through a couple of properties however the grate is so blocked with leaves that it is constantly overflowing. We have land slippage all over the place that council has done nothing about. We have potholes all over our road and have already been told that it will never be resurfaced, only patched up every few months, despite the chasms that open up every time it rains. We receive a lot of people driving down to Wendoree Park from all over NSW to fish and access the water but our infrastructure just cannot sustain this volume of visitors. We are quite literally crumbling. We need a wider road and more street signs to protect our children and community members but we have nothing. We don't have footpaths or gutters. Do we have to wait for a fatal accident to happen before they fix our road? Council already make it impossible for us in terms of development applications so there won't be any changes there. Central Coast Council have chosen to neglect Wendoree Park for years and I believe this rate rise based upon their mismanagement of funds is a joke. I wholeheartedly object to any household or business on the Central Coast having to fork out extra funds to subsidise the faults that occurred due to councillors disregarding the community and the taxpayer. From their absolutely deplorable letter sent to households, it appears that the council have taken the path of firing contractors, decreasing low level jobs and cutting funds to essential services, rather than taking responsibility for themselves and sacking the individuals in management positions who contributed to this mismanagement in the first place. Now they want us to pay for it? Central Coast Council should be ashamed of themselves.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3253	<p>In regards to the rate rise of unreasonable increase I say no I pay enough all ready .5 percent would be acceptable for their incompetence I think they should cut there expenses and sack any dead weights to get there finances in order the cc council should be held accountable not the taxpayer citizens that have not had a pay rise in years .with the quantative easing the government has been printing currency like it's monopoly money everything has gone up in price making it tougher to survive some are on the edge as it is</p>	No	Alan	Bradley
3254	<p>Our council have mismanaged both the finance and operations of the central coast council and are now asking us to pay for their mistakes. Rather than a rate rise, maybe council should roll back funding for non-essential services.</p>	No	Danielle	Clifford
3255	<p>I reject and object to councils proposal to increase rates.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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3256	The financial situation is not the fault of the Central Coast residents. It has resulted from poor decision making and failures at an executive level. I cannot support a rate rise that punishes the residents of the Central Coast especially when the outgoing Chief Executive walks away with a \$380,00 lump sum. If I made a mess of my job I would be sacked with no pay-off. Illegal financial practices have occurred and those responsible should be held accountable and prosecuted as required. I also just read that a clerical error led to letters having to be resent at a cost of \$10,000. Again, another example of complete incompetence within the organisation - can't even proof-read a letter! Why should the people of the Central Coast bail out the incompetence of paid public service workers. I think they maybe need to look at reshuffling some staff and terminating the contracts of those that are not performing their duties as per their contracts and without severance pay. I would support a rise of 5% but any higher than that is too much. Also, there were not enough options given in the Council survey.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3257	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3258	We should not be held accountable for the debt as we had no say. What's to say that it won't happen again as it's already happened before.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3259	So so disappointed in ratepayers having to pay Council's inefficiency and bad management."Their actions have failed to act in good faith for the purpose of executing the local government act " Very disappointment and angry.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3260	Why should ratepayers have to repay councillors unlawful use of funds? Funds were apparently spent on infrastructure so no detrimental effect for cc residents. Any increase above the 2% is unlawful and unwarranted. I object to the so called options requested. Additionally, the average rates publicisedis not a true reflection of the cost. It is closer to\$2000 , one of the highest in NSW.	No	Ken	Bruderlin
3261	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3262	We are residents of Wyong Creek NSW under the Central Coast Council. We wish to express our dissatisfaction with the Councils letter advising us of either a 10% or 15% rate increase. Why should we be expected to pay for this Councils corruption and failure to manage the mass amount of money it brings in each year. This Council provides very little in Community care, roads are at an all time disrepair, streets are dirty and not mown or clean causing flooding each time it rains. I do not agree to this outrageous claim by this Council and CANNOT afford this rate rise and it's expected increase for the next 7 years. How can this Council be \$600m in debt, people who are responsible should be held accountable and Government should also shed some of this responsibility for forcing Councils to merge and not disclosing the true financial position. It is so unfair to allow Councillors and Government Officials to wash their hands of this situation. Rate Payers did not cause this and should NOT be expected to pay for it.	No	Paul	Johnson
3263	Just one question: Due to the mismanagement of the council WHY am I to pay for their incompetence????????? I'm not a shareholder or stakeholder obviously because if I was I would have been consulted on all this spending of honest ratepayers money...but no one has asked me and then I get a form asking me if I'd like a 10 or 15% rise in my rates.....no other options and I can't complete the form till I pick one of these choices.....that's shady in itself. I already pay higher rates and am retired and you want more????? I get next to nothing besides garbage pickup and oh yes a street clean once a month.....what a joke!!!! Go walk down Wyong road and see how messy and untidy it looks why are all median strips being left wild.....accidents will happen and also what tourist in their right mind would want to spend their good money on the Central Coast with the way it looks now????? STOP taking our money and look at the people who caused this problem and make them accountable.....that would be fair and justice would be done.....don't you agree?????	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3264	Confidential	No	Ash	Chick
3265	Central Coast Council should be actively borrowing funds at this time of extremely low interest rates NOT resorting to increasing rates after the 2020 'annus horribulus' every has endured. To justify the rate increase as being less than surrounding council areas us treating the ratepayers as children in a playground. Very unprofessional and another act of buggery by an out of touch council.	No	John	Pastor
3266	With so much money wasted by this Council, bad decisions, lack of planning or apparent awareness of the amount of money in the red they were.....their answer, put up our rates!! WHY should that be allowed?? We, on the Central Coast already pay some of the highest rates in NSW. Their actions have been, to my mind, criminal , in their misuse of rate payers money. There should be independent investigations, not a \$350,000 goodbye handshake for the CEO. WHO stands up for the rate payers rights???	No	Laura	Kiln
3267	I have lived on the northern end of the central coast for most of my life. As a ratepayer very little has changed in our local community in that time. Potholes on most roads, little to no drainage in our streets, no footpaths and rundown old parks and playgrounds. To hear that decades of my rate dollars have been unlawfully spent and not used to improve the area in which I reside is an outrage in itself. To then ask to increase rates to recoup council funds is beyond outrageous. Council will still axe jobs and services will still be cut. This matter needs resolution but no by asking ratepayers to foot the bill. Please reject a rate rise for central coast residents and ratepayers. It will cause more problems than it will fix.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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3268	After being forced to join Gosford with Wyong we then find out that there is mismanagement or fraud for millions of dollars. now there asking for a pay raise to keep running we the rate payer should not be expected to pay more because of this especially in the northern end as we were in the black at the time of forced joining the state government is to blame for that .I am willing to say more on this matter as i think it needs more attention not swept under the rug people need to be accountable for there actions with public money.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3269	I oppose both the options (10% or 15%) for a rate rise for the central Coast proposed by the Central Coast Council. I don't believe that the people of the Central Coast should pay for then mistakes and mis-management that that council are responsible for. The service we actually receive on the Central Coast from the council is already sub-standard and some of us are charged for services we don't receive, ie town water and town sewer are charged to many thousands of homes that don't have these basic services. We shouldn't have to pay for the mess that the current council have created.	No	Sasha	Butler
3270	Limited to no consultation with stakeholders(ratepayers) on detail of financial dealings and unlawful access of restricted funds Duplication of equipment ,infrastructure and resources subsequent to merge. No accountability to ratepayers No acccountability by previous ceo no consultation with stakeholders for new appointment No other options/ details provided for ratepayers in recent letter other than to increase rates rather than cut spending further or sell off surplus assets No explanation of variance in rates levied on Gosford and Wyong residents other than harmonised rate system is now the best system Details of council investments/losses, staffing reductions and proposed cuts to services not supplied. This whole process is a sham to mandate ratepayers to solve council financial woes providing minimal details to cover up councillors incompetency Clearly NO 'to any rate increase until transparency of how this monumental stuff up occurred and other options provided to reduce burden on ratepayers	No	Mark	Stephenson
3271	As a rate payer I wish to protest vehemently regarding the proposed special variation increase.Having followed the proceedings by council during the amalgamation process,it was clear to me that the costs involved in this exercise would have dramatic ramifications for the council.The plan for the amalgamation was badly considered, when ultimately the combination of the 2 previous council's would see a council population base the size of the ACT,and one of the largest regional councils in NSW,without putting in the necessary infrastructure, and more importantly the financial management acumen ,at council, and councillor level.The State Government of NSW by adopting this flawed plan are entirely responsible for this travesty,,and must be held to account by providing a rescue package or a Government grant.Contrary to Administrator comments we are not shareholders, but tenants, the landlords are the Government who preside over the council	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3272	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3273	If the people that got us in this mess are or forced to pay a significant fine I think it's reasonable to pay increased rates. However if it goes unpunished I shouldn't be our responsibility to if up there mess.	No	Matt	Shepherd
3274	The reasons for the Central Coast Council requiring rate payers to pay between 10% - 15% is due to financial and unlawful financial mismanagement. That is fact and is not disputed. As a matter of course then, before any rate rise is considered or approved, every member of the current Central Coast Council should be removed from office. Only then, can the Central Coast Community (Residents, Businesses and Council Employee's) have any level of confidence, that their hard earned money, their businesses and their jobs are protected from further incompetence and resource and financial mismanagement.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3275	In the eyes of the Community, any decision otherwise would make IPART and Local Govt officials, complicit in an activity that everyone considers is unlawful and morally wrong.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3276	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3277	No. I disagree with this exorbitant increase. An increase in line with the current CPI would be acceptable as thats what most people receive each year as a wage rise. I can't ask my boss or even expect him to pay me above the CPI when giving me a wage increase just because I make bad financial decisions that affect my family.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3278	I absolutely disagree with any rate rise for Central Coast Council. We the rate payers did not cause this mess, we are not responsible for the ineptitude, incompetence and failures of the councillors. We placed our trust in these people, and they should have ensured that the processes they put in place, would have supplied them with the correct financial advice to manage the funds. So now they want to increase our rates to compensate for their errors. NO - we should not have to suffer financially to make good their monumental blunders.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3279	I object to the 10% or 15% rate suggested by the above council. I would be happy with a 4% increase. This council has caused this problem due to financial mismanagement and yet no action has been taken against the council.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3280	Confidential	No	Wayne	Perry
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3281	I do not agree to any rates increase at all unless and until I have seen that they have got rid of non-essential services. Lease or sell off non-essential assets (this does NOT mean parks and open space which is essential that we retain and protect). Non-essential developed assets and services including the staff that support them should go. Swimming Pools. Japanese Gardens. Yes everyone will scream and rant and rave that we have to have pools. We don't. We like to have them. We have to have rubbish collection and a planning and development process. We don't have to have swimming pools. They don't produce an income for our community. At the fees people pay to use them, we actually run them at a loss. And charge all residents INCLUDING RSL Clubs commercial rents. And stop replacing perfectly good street name signs with identical "pale blue" versions of the same signs that still just tell us the street name. I am sure there are other opportunities that have not been considered and should be. When we have transparency on what's being cut, then we should be consulted again. Until we have this information and agree enough work has been cut from operations and how much money we need to run them, we can't begin to know what our rates should be. We might just find we don't even need a "routine annual" increase. Let's do this properly. A grab for cash from Rate Payers is not the solution.	No	Tassin	Barnard
3282	Mismanagement of funds by central coast council. I understand that there may be a need for a rate rise to bring the council in line with other councils and get them out of this disastrous financial situation. However, the funds required should come from a) the CEO and CFO who have mismanaged council funds; (have they been legally dealt with? or are did they get a slap on the wrist/ resign and are now working elsewhere ? b) from the auditor/s who failed to identify this misappropriation of funds earlier; c) NSW government funds. The situation that central coast council is in is a complete mismanagement of funds and lack of accountability and responsibility. Debt from mismanagement of funds should be borne by the government and NOT rate payers. Shame on central coast council executive team. Clearly there is a lack of oversight across all local government and this needs to be reviewed, identified and fixed immediately. Rate payers should not wear the costs of council mismanagement including large pay packets for executive and increased staff to reduce their workload.	No	Margaret	Lioutas
3283	Why do ratepayers have to pay for previous debt incurred without there knowledge? Trim the fat!	No	Kathleen	Gerrie
3284	Why do rate payer have to pay for incompetence of local government, we never asked for amalgamation of the the two councils. This was decided by the state without discussion put forward to community. The Gosford council appears to have been in financial difficulty before amalgamation. When we look at the form provided by council they ask us if we want either a 10% or 15% rate rise which is well above the 2% increase suggested, a disgrace. Then we see the comparisons between the Gosford council and Wyong council rates the question we ask is why the difference given that generally the prices of land and homes is greater in the Gosford region. Seems grossly unjust and in my opinion dishoshest	No	Garry	Jones
3285	If the council has unlawfully gained access to funds then someone is [REDACTED] liable and that process needs to run its course. The council should not automatically think the rate payers are going to be happy to take the financial hit for the council's mismanagement. Deal with the problem internally!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3286	I am strongly opposed to the rate increase proposed by Central Coast Council, as I am a pensioner with only the pension as my income. I do not believe Central Coast Council should be given the approval to subject rate payers to a 10% or 15% rate increase to pay for their incompetence of handling funds which has been happening over several years. It would be appreciated if you would note my objection, and take into consideration my concerns, as I am sure I am not alone in opposing Central Coast Council wanting to penalise rate payers for their gross mismanagement.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3287	The Council freely admits that the financial crisis it is in was caused through their OWN FINANCIAL MISMANAGEMENT. Yet none of the Council Executives responsible have been sacked or held responsible, ratepayers and low paid staff are a much easier target. The only executive known to have left is the former CEO who walked away with a \$380,000 pay out from the ratepayers, hardly a sacking for incompetence. These executives only noticed the extent of their mismanagement the week payroll was due and there was insuffienient funds to cover it is laughable. In any business there are procedures and policies that must be adhered to and monthly reports that are signed off on by numerous managment departments to ensure the business is running in a positive direction and nothing illegal is being done. The addition of more executives being hired once Wyong and Gosford Councils merged instead of a decrease in staff shows that there was a culture of "nose in trough" already there. How can this council be trusted with being given more of the rate payers money after such a spectacular mismanagement of our money in the past. There have been criminal acts committed here and the Federal Police/ICAC should be involved, along with sacking in the executive areas where the knowledge of this mismanagment was evident and no increase on rates for at least a year, so Council can prove they can manage money properly. It would be a good idea to follow Wyong councils procedures and policies as they have not LOST any money and are not in the red financially. If Gosford council cannot rectify pass sins. NSW Government should sack the council and use whatever methods are needed to recoupe the lost funds.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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3288	<p>I object wholeheartedly for this increase to happen.</p> <p>Firstly, the forecasted quotes for the proposed 10% or 15% increases, as outlined in the letter that was posted by Central Coast Council to Wyong and Gosford home and business owners, were incorrect figures; they did not add up to what they should have. Also, the letter was vague and not at all informative as to where our extra money would be going. That in itself is not satisfactory enough for me, and shows the council as incompetent.</p> <p>Secondly, why should us, the community, use our hard earned money to pay off a debt that was not our fault. The money was mismanaged and used/accessed unlawfully, therefore this matter should be legally investigated and the persons responsible should pay the debt themselves, and be prosecuted, or at the very least, be held accountable.</p> <p>Thirdly, the council says they have financial assistance available, so if this increase goes ahead, you can guarantee that most people will apply, and rely, on said financial assistance, therefore the council will continue to get into more debt; will they then be asking for another increase in a few more years? Where will they draw the line?</p> <p>Furthermore, Central Coast rates are presently the highest in NSW, and we are already struggling with the prices we have now.</p> <p>And with current inflation elsewhere, due to the recent, and still present, COVID inflictions, why does this need to be another worry for us? Are you trying to make even more families lose their homes/become homeless? Or more worrisome, lose their lives?</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3289	<p>The Online Survey is ambiguous. I genuinely believe that the regular pegged rate is the way to go. I do not want to choose between a 10% or 15% rate rise.</p> <p>I don't believe that the problems of debt will be resolved by letting Central Coast Council charge higher rates,</p> <p>Clearly the financial management of the councils expenditure should be managed by a highly qualified, law-abiding team, rather than what has happened in the past years.</p>	No	Pamela	Gee
3290	<p>It is very unfair for a rate rise to go to homeowners on the central coast. Through gross mismanagement of budgets through council this situation has occurred and it is unfair and wrong that rate payers should have to foot this bill.</p> <p>This bad solution won't even touch the fringes of the problem!!</p> <p>Are not there any good skilful people left to see the bigger picture and come up with a viable solution ??</p> <p>I totally oppose this rate rise and pray that common sense and decency prevail!!</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3291	<p>I am a Gosford area ratepayer and am aware that prior to amalgamation of Gosford and Wyong Councils that the former Gosford council was operating in the black, whilst Wyong was considerably in the red. I consider it quite inequitable that the previous Gosford council ratepayers should now have to shoulder Wyong councils debt as a result of amalgamation.</p> <p>This discrepancy should have been shouldered by the State Government as it was they who insisted on amalgamation of the councils - Much to Gosfords detriment.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3292	<p>I wish to voice my strong objection to the proposed rate increase this council is applying for this year.</p> <p>I dont believe this is an appropriate response to the rate payers without seriously considering other means of addressing the issue.</p> <p>The Administrators job is only for a short period of time & things are moving a little too quickly for my liking -we are the ones who will be left with the long term repercussions - so it's important to get this right & ensure nothing similar can occur in the future.</p> <p>I would hope that your deliberations result in an equitable outcome - not this outlandish increase the Administrator is proposing.</p> <p>Thanks</p> <p>██████████</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3293	<p>We have recently purchased a vacant block of land and will be building this year. It is galling enough to be expected to pay rates when we won't be receiving most services, but to then be expected to foot a significant increase in rates due to the incompetence and financial mismanagement of the Council, is preposterous. I will be paying my standard rates.</p>	No	Carrie	Denison

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3294	<p>Hi,</p> <p>I am writing to lodge My opposition to the Central Coast councils special variation of rates application. 1) I believe that The size and duration of the variation being proposed so quickly curtails the ability of Council to correctly plan for an appropriate rise. There is no need to immediately correct the budget issue when this can be addressed by an elected Council with appropriate planning in the future.</p> <p>2. The fact that the survey does not give the community the opportunity to reject a rate rise shows an unwillingness by Council to verify the contention that the community is aware of the need for a rate rise. It shows a lack of confidence by the Council that there is public support for this measure out of many that could be taken to balance Council's books.</p> <p>3. The effect on ratepayers is manifestly unreasonable. An increase in taxation of this magnitude, where there is no way to avoid or mitigate the additional costs, in a pandemic recession is manifestly unreasonable and unfair. Unemployment is a major concern at this time and the implications of a rate rise to families, pensioners and people who already struggle to pay rates is astronomical. Kids who are already going hungry will suffer so much more if this unfair rate rise is considered.</p> <p>Regards</p> <p>Concerned ratepayer</p>	No	Jason	Byrne
3295	<p>I have owned and run companies for decades and remain astounded that this Gosford-Wyong amalgamated\Central Coast Council charged with the responsibility of managing rate and tax payers funds believe that it is in any way acceptable to attempt to gauge extended funding from hard working Australians simply because they could not manage this business. Put simply, this is a business where the Councillors have escaped out the back door in the presence of the former CEO being payed out \$380,000 to add insult to injury.This council collectively have been aware of these problems since 2016 or prior?</p> <p>It is completely unacceptable that we the public should now have to pay for their collective inability to manage the public purse. We are currently forming a bank of legal councilors including QC's who on behalf of the the Central Coast Public will fight this incompetency to the bitter end.</p> <p>██████████</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3296	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3297	<p>Council is proposing a 15% rate increase. It is clear the amalgamation of Gosford and Wyong Council has contributed to the current financial mess as well as very poor operation of Council.</p> <p>If the proposal is accepted what is to prevent the same situation happening again.</p> <p>Why is it that those who oversaw the mess receive golden handshakes, walking away unscathed while we ratepayers pick up the tab?</p>	No	Gavan	Rafferty

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3298	<p>The letter received proposed either a 10% for 7 years or 15% permanently. This is ridiculous for us in Mooney Mooney as we barely receive any council services. We have no storm water drainage and our properties flood damaging our property. They have made a berm after a long process but it still floods. It is super frustrating to hear all these planned projects around the coast but nothing for us. Raise the rates for everyone who is benefitting, sure but not us as we get nothing, we already pay enough. We already pay well over the average for the council rates of other suburbs and they get services! We also get left behind when there are blackouts and takes days to regain power. We also had to pay for a sewerage pump up system to be installed where as over the river at Brooklyn they got it free. [REDACTED]</p> <p>The letter the council sent where it has outlined the proposal doesn't even add up, it contradicts itself (see below for details). I would like to know what they are doing to recoup the costs of all these projects and staffing they discuss in the letter, surely the people involved in creating this debt should pay for it, not us. If I couldn't do my job properly, I wouldn't have a job.</p> <p>Not ok.</p> <p>Details RE: Rates contradiction</p> <p>1. Firstly we would like to point out that the figures given in the table showing the increase in rates are anomalous in that they do not calculate back to the averages for the current year on an individual basis for Gosford or Wyong or even if the two average charges are combined and a mean is taken . Applying a 10% rate rise on \$1015 (Gosford residential average rates) results in an increase to \$1116.5 not \$1212 and a rate rise of 15% results in an increase to \$1167.25 not \$1267. Even if you apply the calculation by adding the Gosford and Wyong averages together and taking the mean, the results are \$1214.95 at a 10% increase and \$1270 for a 15% increase not \$1212 and \$1267 respectively. Your advice on this anomaly which applies for Business, Farming and Mining rates also is requested.</p> <p>2. We also point out that, in real terms, the so called 10% residential increase to \$1212 represents an actual 19.4% increase to the Gosford average and a 15% rise to \$1267 represents an actual 24.8% increase on the Gosford average. We therefore challenge the fairness of this proposal and request advice on why the bulk of the “heavy lifting” is allocated to Gosford area ratepayers and how this is justified.</p> <p>3 Our rates here at Mooney Mooney are \$2136 pa i.e. more than double the stated annual average of \$1015 (Gosford) but this area receives very little by way of Council services or support. The proposal is for an across the board percentage rise to existing rates of either 10% or 15% but applying a blanket percentage increase does not recognise the impact for rates that are already above the average and this is unfair. If there has to be an increase at all, as a fairer approach, it should be made as a single dollar amount set against the existing average for each region (Gosford or Wyong) not the heavy and onerous impact of a percentage rise.</p> <p>4. The letter makes no mention of anything being done to recover money that has been mis-allocated or action taken against those responsible for the illegal activities referred to in para 2. Your advice on these impacts and recovery efforts is requested.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3299	I do not agree with the proposal for council to increase the rates 10-15%. No increase should happen	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3300	Confidential	No	Michael	Duke
3301	I am against the “CouncilRates” increase. How can we afford a comfortable life if CCC keep on passing to their people the debts they could not pay because of financial mismanagement.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3302	NO rate rise because of councils UNLAWFUL access to our funds. Full explanation of councils debt is required and criminal proceedings against all involved.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3303	<p>What a joke to be forced to pay a 10-15% increase in our rates as a result of complete incompetence from the CEO and executives/Councillors/Mayor. This Council has been mismanaged for years by overpaid executives who then receive massive payouts when they leave pleading ignoramce. Video recordings of Council meetings are available from several years ago where, although it clearly being stated the budget and future budgets are at a deficit, the CEO/Councillors/Mayor ignore this and some even laugh and propose even more staff are required (even though amalgamation was supposed to result in efficiencies and require less staff. We now know an increase of staff from 200 to 240 actually resulted).</p> <p>I totally object to any rate increase above the 2% being approved or any of the current executives/Councillors/Mayor being reinstated.</p>	No	Jason	Smith
3304	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3305	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3306	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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3307	<p>Copy of my letter sent to Central Coast Council, providing feedback.</p> <p>To all Councillors, Bureaucrats and Senior Administrators</p> <p>Please accept this email as my formal expression of contempt in the mis-management of Rate Payers money.</p> <p>I would like to first say, whoever this Dick Persson is, you have quite the hide to say that rate payers, as stakeholders are partly responsible for this mess. HOW DARE YOU!</p> <p>As a resident and rate payer, I have never been asked to be involved in any day-to-day decision making.</p> <p>I can sadly say that the responsibility can be shared by those that voted for a Labor/Green leaning Council.</p> <p>At every level of Government, Labor has repeatedly proven they are fiscally irresponsible. And the Greens run a completely irresponsible agenda.</p> <p>I take exception to the opening paragraph of the “Securing your future” letter.</p> <p>“reduced dam levels” – hello [REDACTED] !</p> <p>Given the industry I work in, I am fully aware of the Federal and State government grants and support programs made available to LGAs, so please don’t lie and pretend that this Council has “Saved the day”.</p> <p>The administration cost of Central Coast Council is nothing less than criminal. The Council is grossly over-resourced and/or the Councillors, administrators and employees are grossly overpaid.</p> <p>I do not support any rate increase.</p> <p>The appropriate course of action is to dismiss and charge the Mayor, Councillors, CEO/GM, division Directors who have overseen this disgraceful misappropriation of funds. (Special mention of your People and Culture Executive! Clearly not a rock star!)</p>	No	Railene	Tuner

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3308	<p>OBJECTION SUBMISSION</p> <p>Hi</p> <p>As a declared 'shareholder' (Dick Persson's term) of Central Coast Council, I object strongly to the Central Coast Council's request to increase their general income above the 2% rate peg. Please DO NOT burden the ratepayers of the Central Coast with a grossly unfair increase of 10% or 15%, especially as I see nothing in place that will prevent this from happening again. See points below in regards to our wishlist and hopes for a better CCC.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cultural change in the bureaucracy. Live within your means and be kinder to your employees. 2. Official apology for unlawful use of funds. We dont trust CCC anymore, but would like to again. 3. We want an official vote of no confidence in Council and the entire executive leadership team who oversaw this mess. 4. We want curb, gutter, potholes fixed, weeding, water... all the basics prioritized FIRST. There are many documented examples of potholes, roads in disrepair, high weeds covering footpaths used by residents, making them dangerous to negotiate and often forcing schoolchildren to make their way to school by walking on the streets. This neglect is not lack of funds. It's endemic to this Council, a situation going back years. 5. No more carrot v stick threats of restricted services if the CCC loses with ipart. 6. Sack the councillors not just suspend them. 7. An end to the auditor generals historical mentions of decades of breaches of the act 2001 to 2019 in the auditors report. Stop breaching the act. 8. No more executives getting golden hand shakes. With power comes responsibility. Enforce those responsibilities and hold the bureacracy to account. 9. No more contrived manipulated surveys from CCC. Your council is losing your 'shareholders' respect, trust and confidence. 10. No more lack of transparency and proper documentation by council in regards to financial matters that results in inadequate checks from the NSW Auditor General department. Make CCC responsible and culpable via written contracts. 11. 27% of residents on the Central Coast are over 60. Well above the NSW average of 22%. Pensions increased by 0.2% in 2020 and many pensioners and lower income earners are already struggling to get by. PLEASE DO NOT approve the Council's request for an unheard of 10% or 15% rate increase. Simply put, that would destroy lives. 12. Work on behalf of the entire area not just a few select prestige 'tourist based' suburbs. Necessities first. 13. With the higher rate rises will come higher rent rises, and businesses will charge more, some business will now not come to the Central Coast OR they will leave. The cost is always passed on. So if anyone thinks this is just a home owner problem they are incorrect. Rate rises will increase poverty and unemployment. Developers will have trouble selling their lots and package deal homes, as the insecurity of permanent rate rises will scare people away both buyers and investors. Worse still this could lead to hundreds of homes put up for sale to get away from the financial insecurity leading to a downturn in property values. Watch this decision snowball out of control. 14. In August 20th 2014 Gosford Council agreed to investigate the introduction of a sewer levy for residents who are unable to access sewer services and are therefore being financially disadvantaged due to costs associated with pump-out services. Council also agreed to request the State and Federal Government's assistance via any appropriate funding opportunities 	No	Phil	Owens
3309	<p>Please reject CCC's SRV application that is being used to fund the restoration of UNLAWFULLY accessed monies under the guise of "Securing Your Future".</p> <p>With the current financial backdrop of an official cash rate of 0.10% and a CPI increase for last 12 months (to Sep-20) of 1.7%, the idea of a +8% pa or even +13% pa rates increase is both unrealistic and obscene.</p> <p>We currently have an administrator in place and given this is a temporary role I do not wish for his decisions to be impacting my family and our community for years to come.</p> <p>If the agreed rate peg of 2% is insufficient to maintain the current services, then the decision as to which services need to be removed or restricted should sit with the community, not the group of incompetent councillors that got us to this disastrous financial position or an administrator who won't be around to see.</p> <p>Thanks</p> 	No	Matthew	Cross

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	<p>I object to Councils intention to apply for a special 10 or 15% variation to rates.</p> <p>Central Coast Council are in administration at this time due to gross mismanagement of funds including unlawful use of restricted funds. Council has a current debt of over 500 million dollars.</p> <p>Council has a spending problem, not a revenue problem.</p> <p>We already pay some of the highest rates in NSW</p> <p>As a rate payer and stakeholder of the central coast I object to a rate rise which has a soul purpose of paying down bad debt and NOT improving current services. Rate payers should not be financially burdened or disadvantaged by council's incompetency.</p> <p>My ordinary rates for 2019/20 were \$2760.86</p> <p>My ordinary rates for 2020/21 are now \$3438.07</p> <p>An increase of \$677.21. This amount does not include waste or other annual charges.</p> <p>I object any further SV rate rise especially with such limited services. At this time we have no services in my area.</p> <p>No kerb and guttering.</p> <p>No street lighting.</p> <p>No water.</p> <p>No sewerage.</p> <p>No public transport.</p> <p>No road maintenance.</p> <p>No mowing of parks and reserves.</p> <p>I pay to pump my own water from a ground source.</p> <p>I maintain that ground source at my expense.</p> <p>I maintain Councils area at the road frontage to my property at my expense.</p> <p>THESE are the hidden extra cost to me that I pay for out of necessity as these services are not provided by Council.</p> <p>With garbage collection and the on-site sewage fee it my total current rates are a TOTAL of \$3949.82.</p> <p>I stress that I am paying this amount for no local services.</p> <p>Why should I pay more when Council have no clear plan to improve their poor performance or increase services in my local area.</p> <p>In my area of the Central Coast there is no community consultation in regard to a better future or better services. I have been living on the Central Coast for over 30 years and have seen little positive change even though my rates keep rising. Recently there was a survey by council in regard to a rate rise giving the rate payer a choice of either a 10% rate rise or</p>			
3310	seen little positive change even though my rates keep rising. Recently there was a survey by council in regard to a rate rise giving the rate payer a choice of either a 10% rate rise or	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3311	Totally oppose the rate increase and will not pay additional rate for \$550 million loss by council and ceo just received \$330k pay out and no action.	No	Brad	Cardis
3312	I do not agree to the rate rise by Central Coast Council due to the mismanagement of stakeholders money that entrusted to them for our community. they have unlawfully accessed restricted funds and have only told stakeholders what they want not what is required. Rik Hart announced this morning that the rate rise has been approved by IPART and is a condition of the \$100million loan. They are asking stakeholders to pay for Councils mistakes, I will not and either should anyone else.	No	Alison	Amos
	<p>There has been no evidence that if the council receives move money that they will manage the money any differently than before.</p> <p>This isn't an issue with ratepayers not paying enough, its with the leaders and management teams within the council itself.</p>			
3313	Please don't punish the little people for the big wig's problems.	No	Adam	Brown
3314	Confidential	No	Helal	Doust
3315	I refer to the application from the imposed Council Administrator for either a 10% or 15% variation in rates. Council has called for community consultation but only gives the 2 above options on its website. It seems that in 2017 the newly elected Councillors of the forcibly amalgamated Central Coast Council (after another previously imposed Adminstrator) were given incorrect financial advice to enable them to do their job effectively and have now run up substantial debts. Since then the Administrator has approved a payout to the previous CEO of \$380,000 thereby incurring further debts. No-one seems to be held accountable but surely the former CEO & CFO have some culpability, as well as Auditors and the Minister for Local Government. Ratepayers must NOT be held to account for the irresponsible actions of those in positions of power. I urge iPART to not approve either of the Administrator's requests.	No	Lyndall	Davis
3316	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3317	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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3318	<p>I have completed councils survey and been supportive of the 10% temporary fix option. However I remain very concerned about this council's ability to manage their finances and operations in future. I will be looking to see just how this 10% has benefited the coast. This council should have all been sacked as this gross mismanagement has been going on for years and nobody noticed? The coast is the weed capital of Australia, roads are a disgrace, just where has the money been going?</p> <p>Are councils not subject to any auditing or public scrutiny? Giving them an extra 15% would be a waste of money.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3319	<p>As a rate payer on the Central Coast, I object strongly to the Central Coast Council's request to increase their general rate rise above the 2% rate peg. Please DO NOT burden the ratepayers of the Central Coast with a grossly unfair increase of 10% or 15%, especially as there is nothing in place that will prevent this from happening again.</p> <p>The Central Coast community are owed an official apology for the unlawful use of funds. Along with this apology there should be an official vote of no confidence in Council and the entire executive leadership team who oversaw this mess. These councilors should be sacked (not just suspended). No more redundancies should be paid to these incompetent councilors.</p> <p>This rate rise will negatively impact so may members of our community: Pensioners, low income earners, families, businesses, landlords, renters. Who is going to be there to bail them out when they go into debt because they have had to fund the enormous debt that Central Coast Council ALLOWED to happen?</p> <p>Let's not kid ourselves - this didn't just happen over night. Members of the council were aware this was happening and nothing was done about it. It begs the question "Who has benefited from this?"</p> <p>Before any consideration is made to increase our rates, please make sure there is an appropriate plan in place to ensure this doesn't happen again.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3320	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3321	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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3322	<p>I wish to complain about the Council's request for a special rate variation.</p> <p>Because of the illegal, incompetent & excessive spending of funds by the Council they are now requesting a variation of either 10% or 15% to cover and repay the actions of both staff and elected members.</p> <p>As an aged & disabled pensioner the previously approved increase of 2% would have been manageable for me however a 10% increase will put me into financial difficulties meaning that I may have to sell my home of more than 20 years and move away from family & friends - my only support in times of illness - to somewhere I will be able to afford in my twilight years.</p> <p>I live in the forgotten north of the Council area with no kerb & guttering, no footpaths Every time it rains my property is flooded from the next door property which has no operating storm water system. I have complained to Council however Council officers have told me that unless the flooding is causing structural damage, they will not do anything. At close to 77 years of age I have to get out and do the best I can to divert the water and try to protect my home.</p> <p>The access to the local shops adjacent to the Disabled parking spaces is uneven and dangerous and in wet weather it turns to muddy water that the elderly & disabled have to very carefully cross to get to the shops. Again Council have declined to fix the area.</p> <p>I believe that every street in the original area of Summerland Point has potholes. yes they are repaired from time to time but within a short time are back again because of the poor quality of the work. Interestingly, in recent months one of the newer subdivisions had all their streets re sealed even though the roads were in good condition.</p> <p>In some ways we are a very fortunate Community in that our Tidy Towns Volunteers work tirelessly to remove graffiti, mow the local parks, care for the gardens they have created to improve the appearance of the suburb. Their membership is small but these few volunteers do an awesome job and at little to no expense for Council. They do have a shipping container at the local Council compound however they have to store all their tools at members homes rather than the container because of the numerous times the compound had been broken into and tools & machinery stolen. This situation has been going on for years but both Central Coast Council & the former Wyong Council have done nothing to secure the compound.</p> <p>I beg you please, do not approve the requested increase in rates over that which has already been approved. Many of the residents in the area are elderly and on pensions, I fear for their future if forced to re-locate to who knows where.</p> <p>It is Council middle & senior management together with the elected members who have created the massive debt that now exists, the innocent residents should not have to bail out these</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3323	<p>No increase at all sell all properties council have stockpiled then reverse all bonus to ex team then maybe we wont need to be paying for something that has no benefits have not seen maintenance done in nth wyong area since amalgamation obviously money being spent by ex team rather than rate payers</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3324	<p>Central Coast Council is attempting to force a 15% rate rise on ratepayers in order to recoup money wasted due to their mismanagement. I do not believe that any CCC resident is in a position to be able to afford this level of increase. CCC has a history of negligently spending the funds of ratepayers. Nothing has been done to assure the ratepayers that this cycle of mismanagement will cease nor has there been any disclosure of where these funds were spent. Will IPART step in if CCC goes into administration again? Will IPART please commence an investigation into the CCC?</p> <p>Thank you for your time,</p> <p>Wyong Resident</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3325	<p>Hello, I have just moved to this area for the lifestyle.</p> <p>A 15% rate rise is much too high for most people.</p> <p>Please be sensible</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3326	<p>Please don't approve this CORRUPT COUNCIL ANY RATE RISE AS THEY ARE THE ONES THAT CAUSED THIS DILEMMA WHY SHOULD US RATE PAYERS HAVE TO PAY FOR THEIR INCOMPETENCE WHEN THEY GET PAID A LOAD OF MONEY, WE ALL KNOW THAT THESE IMBECILES HAVE NO ONE TO ANSWER TO THEY JUST GET PAID \$350.000 FOR THEIR MISTAKES. IF IPART PASSES THIS APPLICATION THEN THIS WILL CONVINCCE THAT</p>	No	WARREN	AUSTIN
3327	Confidential	No	Michelle	Wilkinson

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3328	Coast residents on their issues today, NOT 2014. SO THE COUNCIL THREATENS TO REDUCE OUR SERVICES EVEN FURTHER IF WE DON'T PAY FOR THEIR MISTAKES. Can the services of	No	Belinda	Smith
3329	It is absolutely disgusting that Central coast council is requesting a rate rise. It is also disgusting that the survey gives only 2 choices. 10% or 15%. NO OTHER ALTERNATIVES!!!! & you can not proceed with the survey until you agree to either 10% or 15%.	No	kerri	rae
3330	My rates are \$3200 a year. I have no kerb and gutter, sewer or town water. Yet the council want to increase my rates to pay for their mismanagement! There are so many that simply cannot afford this ridiculous increase	No	Pauline	Hillard
3331	Do not approve an increase in rates due to the mismanagement of the council. Cut the expenses, reduce wages & entitlments if need be as the coucil is overloaded.	No	Julia	Summerfield

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3333	<p>With reference to the special variation application from Central Coast Council, the conversation with the residents has commenced too late with little to no consultation with the broader public on what the potential options / approach could be to assist the council with their \$565M deficit. The impact this news has had on the residents in the district has been of frustration and angry and could have been significantly reduced with greater collaboration through transparency and involvement from the community through a townhall style meeting.</p> <p>Instead it appears that Central Coast Council has already make the discussion that there are only 2 options that could be passed onto the ratepayer, these both being a colossal increase above the peg rate of either 10% or 15% with no alternatives in-between the councils options and peg rate eg: in between 2-10%. It is also unclear who has determined these options were the most viable options to precede with, taking into account that the members of the current council who may have elected for these options are the members that have not managed the financial situation of the council very well and have aided in this deficit.</p> <p>It is our belief that the financial details that have been provided to the residents lack details, accuracy, and transparency as to what the increase will be and how this will impact the residents financially over the coming years. It is clear that the amalgamation of the Gosford and Wyong Councils was never completed and that there is a different in rates across these two dividing areas. An alternative option/approach would have been to suggest that rates were consolidated into a single district wide rate taking the higher of the two (being Wyong rates) and applying this across the district, ultimately giving the council the predicted amount that they seek, financially. However, as there has been no discussion with the public that we are aware of at this time and I am sure that this option along with many other alternatives available could have been investigated.</p> <p>In our opinion, the administration of the special variation has been appalling from the council, with only a single letter circulated to residents on the 13th January, which for some residents did not arrive in the post until the 22nd January, nine dates later. This letter advised residents to have their voice heard through an online survey, which accurately closed at 9am on the 22nd Jan 2021, before the majority of residents know through there council letter that this was being proposed. The council extended this survey on the 22nd Jan for a further 11 days. However, many residents are unable to complete this survey as residents have to select an option of either 10% or 15% in order to move forward on and submit the survey. This approach predetermined an outcome getting residents to opt for a preferred options of either 10% or 15% increase rather than asking residents what their opinion and feedback is, including giving residents the option of just the peg rate increase, and therefore I strongly believe that the resident of the Central Coast have not been given a true voice. At this time with the lack of details provided we cannot accept either option put forward by Central Coast Council and would not accept these inflated increases to be passed back to the residents of the Central Coast. We ask IPART to independently investigate the situation and support a fair decision moving forward based on facts and figures and what can realistically be asked of the residents of the Central Coast, without impacting on services, which Central Coast Council has threatened to reduced if residents do not accept one of the options proposed, this is really unfair to pass on this pressure onto the residents.</p> <p>We understand that a decision will need to be made and we hope that once this decision has been reach that this is executed by a completely new council team /board, to eliminate any further mismanagement and for the council members to be held accountable for their actions.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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3334	<p>RE: Objecting to the Central Coast Administrator proposed uniform rate increase of up to 15% across the Central Coast</p> <p>I am writing to voice my strong objecting to the Central Coast Administrator proposed uniform rate increase of up to 15% across the Central Coast.</p> <p>When the NSW State Government undertook the process of council amalgamation in 2016 we were promised 'huge benefits' by then Premier Mike Baird. The reality has been vastly different.</p> <p>The merged Central Coast Council created a debt of over \$500million.</p> <p>It is a well-known fact that since 2013, residents of the former Wyong Shire have been paying substantially higher rates than residents of the former Gosford City. This rate inequity has continued to this very day.</p> <p>Granting the Central Coast Administrator a uniform rate increase across the Central Coast would further increase the current rate gap inequity between residents of the former Wyong Shire and residents of the former Gosford City.</p> <p>The Central Coast Administrator should only be granted a special rate variation to increase rates in the former Gosford City area to bring these into line with rates being paid by residents in the former Wyong Shire, and residents of the former Wyong Shire should have no rate increase for 2021/22.</p> <p>I urge you to consider this, my submission when assessing the special rate variation application by the Central Coast Administrator</p> <p>Yours Sincerely</p> <p>Joseph Halwagy</p> <p>Resident and rate payer [REDACTED]</p>	No	joseph	halwagy
3335	<p>CC council have admitted they mismanaged funds and illegally spent money. However they haven't said who this was...</p> <p>Since this occurred staff have left with golden parachutes and contract bonuses</p> <p>I would only support a variation if legal action was taken against those responsible and some of the extra funds were recovered.</p> <p>Local services have been lacking prior to this announcement, and the expectation is regardless of extra money this will not improve .</p> <p>Above all else, I as the rate payer should not be paying extra to fix mistake that was created by poor management, leadership and oversight</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3336	<p>The rate payers should not be held hostage for the council's illegal use of its funds. The people/persons responsible should be found and made to pay it back and [REDACTED] What a irresponsible way to continue to manage the council. And who's to say it won't happen again!</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3337	<p>The people of the central coast pay more than their fair share to support the local community. Through no fault of theirs, we are being directed to decide around 2 very poor options of rate increase to bail out a [REDACTED] council and staff.</p> <p>There should be no rate increase and moreover the people of the central coast should be pursuing legal action and a class action against council, its members and anyone with financial delegation.</p> <p>I do not support any rate increase in the central coast council area.</p> <p>Take your hands out of our pockets, no more support for mismanagement and corruption.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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	<p>I urged lpart to reject the 10 to 15% rate increased demanded the the Administrator. As rate payers we were only offered two option, the notified increases. We were never offered the opportunity to discuss cuts in services.</p> <p>I'm sure if offered ratepayers would take this option, Council have just re-hired an artist to build sculptures and are still committed to a new library. These are just wrong projects that could be scrapped.</p> <p>Big ticket items could also be sold, an example Central Coast Stadium.</p>			
3338	If you allow the increase former residents of Gosford Council will bear the brunt as Wyong area residents will see their rates decrease, how is this fair.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3339	I would just like to say that the ratepayers of this Council are not the ones who put this Council into such a dire financial situation. It was the Council's unlawful mismanagement. I agree that the only way to fix this for our future is to increase the rates but there has to be a consequence. Increase the rates but someone or somebodies on this Council have to be made responsible for this unlawful action that has put us into this position. This is not just due to Bushfires, drought, pandemic, this has been coming for years and those who signed off on any audit that was done should be held responsible. The word unlawful is the key. If I as a ratepayer had behaved unlawfully then I would face the full forces of the law. What makes these people any different and they should NEVER EVER hold such a position again.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3340	<p>I refer to a letter dated 13th January 2021 I received from Central Coast Council seeking my help to reimburse restricted funds that were unlawfully accessed by the current Council. In other words, the Council administration has illegally spent/wasted millions of dollars and they are now seeking rate payers to somehow access big funds from thin air and pay for administration/councilors illegal spending.</p> <p>Although, we as rate payers, are being treated like mushrooms and being fed conflicting information to suit individual objectives, I am led to believe that soon after Gosford And Wyong Councils were amalgamated, about four years ago, the financial status was sound with approximately sixty million dollars in kitty and all of a sudden, last year, we were informed CCC had accumulated debts so large (figures keep escalating) requiring the suspension of councilors and the employment of a very experienced administrator to sort out the mess. A mess that the State Government has created by forcing the amalgamation and failing to put in place a system, measures and necessary training of Councilors, (most of them according to the acting CEO have no financial acumen) to ascertain the amalgamation success.</p> <p>I genuinely believe the State Government must accept responsibility to rectify the problem we are experiencing and must not just wash their hands like [REDACTED] and expect the local community to foot the bill.</p> <p>Sincerely yours [REDACTED]</p>	No	Raymond	Seisun

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3341	<p>I wish to submit my objections to the Central Coast Council’s proposal to impose either a temporary 10% rate rise or a 15% permanent rate rise. Council’s recent surveys were also a problem for me. Even their amended second survey still required that I choose between their two unacceptable options and my being forced to choose Option 1 (the 10% option) will provide inaccurate data. The lack of time for promotion and completion of the second survey was also problematic. It was published on 22nd January with a closing date of 1st February. I only found it by accident!</p> <p>I have many concerns:</p> <p>I disagree with the Administrator’s comments in our local news that ratepayers have to fix the problem. Yes, we elected the councillors, but we did so in good faith, tasking them with the responsibility to provide good governance of the ratepayers’ and other funds. Now, the Administrator informs us that the Councillors will soon be reinstated and ratepayers must foot the bill for their neglect and incompetence. At the very least, these Councillors should not be able to again hold public office.</p> <p>The Administrator claims that there is no other option to a big rate rise. I do not believe that this is the case. In this climate of extremely low interest rates, Council could borrow the funds that must be repaid and prune expenditure.</p> <p>The Administrator’s reports in our local media seem to ‘threaten’ us with what he sees as future reduction in assets and services if there is no permanent or temporary rate rise over and above the usual increase. Contrary to his ‘threats’, I believe that many of these cuts should happen. For many years, for example, Council has been giving grants to community groups and I do not believe this should be the role of councils. Even in our current appalling financial situation, our local newspaper has this week reported on a Council grant to a man who enjoys building temporary sculptures from driftwood and weed on our beaches. How can we possibly afford this at present? It appears that the mismanagement of public funds continues! There are many grants and services that I believe are not Council’s core business and should be stopped.</p> <p>Another ‘threat’ is that some of Council’s assets will need to be sold. This needs to happen. I understand we have \$10b in assets. Some of this must be excess to our needs. Why on earth, for example, are we paying to maintain two huge Administrative offices when Wyong and Gosford Councils have been merged? The costs involved must be massive and unnecessary. One of these buildings should be disposed of immediately with appropriate staff reductions.</p> <p>Reduction of staff is always a difficult decision because of the impact on families, but it is necessary. The many jokes that abound in Australia about Council workers exist for a reason and the Central Coast is a prime example. I live adjacent to a children’s playground and am frequently horrified by how many vehicles and staff arrive to do a very small maintenance task. There needs to be less staff and more multitasking.</p> <p>The Administrator’s task is, I am sure, an extremely difficult one. However, the mess that is currently Central Coast Council cannot be fixed by imposing huge rate increases on the ratepayers and reinstating the councillors. The problems of factional infighting amongst councillors and the inherent bad practices that caused the problems will continue into the future.</p> <p>I believe there should be no rate rise, no reinstatement of councillors and continuation of an administrator until elections can be held later this year. This should be coupled with a low interest loan to repay incorrectly used funds, sale of excess assets, reductions in staff and ceasing of unnecessary grants and services at the very least.</p> <p>Rate rises are not the long term answer to the current problems.</p>	No	Gwendalyn	Williamson
3342	<p>I object to Central Coast Council’s proposed application to vary the current rate base for the purpose of providing the financial stimulus to repair their dire financial situation – caused by the elected Councillors’ and employed qualified staff (including independent auditors’) neglect, incompetence and failure to exercise good governance in managing Council finances. I object to the way in which Council has prepared two public questionnaires requesting feedback from residents i.e. Survey 1 specifically asking whether a 10% temporary increase or a 15% permanent increase should be imposed with no option to reject both proposals. Then, when public opposition became obvious, they produced a second survey (without what I would consider adequate advertising) on 22nd January closing on 1st February which includes an option to disagree with the two previous options. However, this second survey fails to allow a participant to not include an answer to question 7 which asks which of the two increase options you prefer. The results of the surveys would, on this basis, have little relevance if Council were to state that these were an accurate reflection of the respondents’ views.</p> <p>I think the Council must find other ways to refinance their outstanding debts. For too long the Council has strayed from their proper core responsibilities. They need to reduce costs and stop handing out grants and getting involved in services that are not their responsibility. I believe the Council has a reported \$10b in assets. There must be other avenues for the council to finance their financial shortcomings.</p> <p>Central Coast has a high proportion of fixed income and low income families, many of whom travel out of the area for employment and who have little capacity to absorb the proposed excessive rate increases. It’s about time someone held the elected councillors and responsible employees to account. Ratepayers had no part in causing this problem.</p>	No	Brian	Williamson
3343	<p>Absolutely horrendous. This councils request for a 15% rate increase is ridiculous. Please deny this request and hold the council accountable for the mismanagement and to maintain services they have already cut such as mowing of open spaces and basic maintenance of our roads and infrastructure...</p>	No	Daniel	Van Der Zwaag

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3344	<p>As a resident of the Central Coast for over 20 yrs, I don't believe we should be responsible for the bail out of Central Coast Council due to their inability to manager the business as employed to do. As I understand it, Councillors tried in vain to gain a better handle of the financial position of the Council but was advised all was fine. Therefore, I strongly object/refuse to be pay any further additional rates (other than peg) to compensate for managements incompetence...</p> <p>What about the State Government providing one off funding to place the Council back in the black....</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3345	<p>While i am in reluctant agreement with the proposed 15% special levy proposed by central Coast Council, I would like to see approval come with conditions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - oversight of spending by government appointed controller to ensure that money is only spent on core council functions - reduction of council staff numbers as promised for the amalgamation - no spending on functions other than core council activities. (no sister cities, no motions in support of Palestine or involvement in political issues outside of council's sphere, no "green" focussed projects that do not generate a viable return, etc) - provision of a time scale for achievement of efficiencies and cost reductions promised for amalgamation . <p>Thanks</p>	No	John	roughan
3346	<p>My wife and I had lived on the Central Coast for 35 years under Wyong Shire Council before they merged to Central Coast Council. We recently received a letter from council to increase our rates.</p> <p>I object to any increase for the mismanagement and non corporate governance of this council. This letter was quite misleading by stating that the average rate is \$1,194 for Wyong therefore only costing an extra \$3,20 per week. We are an average house hold in Killarney Vale and our rates are \$1,782.88. They mention that pensioner rebates of \$250 would still apply but we already receive pensioner rebates and the increase in rates dissolves most of the rebate.</p> <p>This impost is quite substantial and whilst I understand the reason it is not the rate payers fault we had some poorly run council management and board. Where were their auditors, compliance, KPI's budgeting and all the other basic management skills. This debt doesn't happen overnight they should reacted 4 -5 years ago and put controls in place to stop the run away train.</p> <p>It states in the letter we have a legal obligation to reimburse the restricted funds that were unlawfully accessed. This is more criminal and the residents are the ones getting punished. Maybe a way out of this disgraceful situation would be to put a modest increase say 5% on Wyong shire residents and increase Gosford by 35% to bring them into line with the increase Wyong had a few years ago.</p> <p>Hopefully IPART will assist in this dilemma and take into account our thoughts.</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3347	<p>Re: current proposal to raise Rates by 10% or 15% by Administrator of Council</p> <p>I am strongly opposed to this proposal for the following reasons:</p> <p>Inadequate information as to how the current deficit was accumulated & over what period.</p> <p>Inadequate information about financial state of respective Councils (Gosford & Wyong) prior to amalgamation.</p> <p>Insufficient information about associated sale of Council assets including no published cost benefit analysis.</p> <p>No alternate plans to deal with deficit being considered that community is aware of.</p>	No	Anne	Craig

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3348	<p>When I bought my home, rates for water and land totaled \$1500. They are now over \$3000. And yet Sydney ratepayers haven't had rate rises like this in years. They pay less than 2000 per year. My daughter in Brisbane pays less rates (\$2500) for both land and water!!!</p> <p>Because once the rates do go up, they WILL NOT COME BACK DOWN. There will always be some excuse as to why our rates are now \$4000 a year, instead of under \$2000. I'm expected to pay \$710 extra for Council's mismanagement. I'm expected to pay for the water pipeline. That finished years ago. Then the water rates changed and were divided from land rates. I got charged twice for the same thing. [REDACTED]. You can [REDACTED].</p> <p>Close everything down. No rate rises. Get back in the Black. Slowly reintroduce services that are essential.</p> <p>Councils and Politicians are parasites living off the hard-earned earnings of others. It's my wages/ hard-earned money. I paid for my land! And yet council can take my home if I don't pay rates? [REDACTED] the policies and politicians who make laws like this. They can get a REAL job. ☹</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3349	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3350	<p>Central Coast region has a large portion of less affluent people, who can't afford to live in Sydney. As a long-term ratepayer of over 30 years, I strongly object to the massive imposition that is being proposed, to have a 10% or 15% increase in our rates.</p> <p>We have already lost our elected council. It seems that our area is being steamrolled into becoming unaffordable to live for many people - other than developers. Many of us are living on limited means already. We can barely afford the rate increases we've already had.</p> <p>The NSW government changes to planning rules, & their forced amalgamation of councils, has caused these financial problems, & it shouldn't be left to ordinary people in lower socioeconomic areas to carry the burden of these disastrous policy changes. Considering how many of the forced amalgamated councils have since suffered financially, & then been undemocratically taken over by unelected administrators, only to have to lose community assets to developers, it makes the NSW government's enforced amalgamations look very dodgy.</p> <p>Please do not force Central Coast ratepayers into financial hardship by raising our rates this much. We've already had to weather the effects of climate change, fires, Covid-19 etc. Many have lost jobs due to Covid-19. We can't take much more stress right now. Thank you for considering my submission.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3351	<p>There should be NO rate increase at all. The council should be held accountable and golden handshakes for those responsible should be deemed [REDACTED] if our council had been anywhere near competent then the amalgamation would have saved money. We are sick and tired of being lied to and treated as idiots by politicians. We see through all the [REDACTED] and we don't forget as quickly as they think. If ANY rate rise is approved it will be seen for what it is; [REDACTED], then expecting us to pay for the privilege. Our protest to any such move is clear – we will simply not pay any extra ie. we will pay our rates but not any rise.</p>	No	Michael	King
3352	<p>There needs to be more investigations into what happened to the hundreds of millions of dollars that the Central Coast council “lost”. Finding out where the money has gone, who was responsible for the loss, and then seeing if the lost money can be recovered, plus they should be looking at what assets could be sold etc, this should be done before any rates increase should be considered. The rate payers should not be punished for the mismanagement/ theft of the money. A 15% increase will be unaffordable to many members of our community. Also many are worried that they have already paid their rates, seen them lost (if you are from Gosford this isn't the first time we have seen our money lost), and there have been no guarantees that this will not happen again.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3353	Confidential	No	Michael	Phillips

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3354	<p>Council proposes a rate rise in Farmland in Gosford area of 46.5 or 56.2%. Not 10 or 15%. There is no proposal to cut the \$500,000 pluscommunity grants/ projects which serve, individually, very few people and virtually none in outlying areas.</p> <p>There needs a firm proposal to cut staff below the amalgamation level as promised at amalgamation. A staff reduction of 120 (6%) cuts costs by half the total proposed 10% rise and affects half the employees with less than a years service. Once staff is reduced , staffing levels need to be pegged.</p> <p>Middle & upper management staff allowed/recommend the staff rises and they should also bear a staff reduction.</p> <p>The continual variations to web sites, surveys and reports need to be curtailed with the resultant reduction of consultants fees and some staff.</p> <p>The State government should bear a large proportion of Council losses due to incorrect information on amalgamation costs. Council should seek reduction in State charges either short or long term. Example, some 40% of Council tip fees go to the EPA for virtually no service.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3355	Confidential	No	Victoria	Farrell
3356	<p>I think it is disgraceful that the residents of the Central Coast are responsible for the repayment of revenue due to the unlawful mismanagement of funds by Central Coast Council. Why are there no other options available? Why was this not picked up in an audit many years ago and acted on immediately? This mismanagement was not a one off occurrence, the electorate were notified several times but the government continued to allow the Council to operate under it's existing hierarchy. Not to mention the loss of \$39million in 2009 due to poor high risk investment choices! The letter I received from the Council on Friday the 22nd January tells me that our rates are less than our neighbours. I beg to question this information. I have friends in Sydney living in reasonably affluent areas around St Leonards and Habberfield and their rates are less than ours. How is this possible when rates are calculated on land value and services? The Proposed increase listed in the letter I received this week, says that my rates will go from \$1015 to a 10% increase of \$1212 for 2021-2022. By my calculations this is a 20% increase. The alternative of a 15% increase from the current \$1015 to \$1267, I calculate to be a 25% increase.</p> <p>We are the victims of a failed process and should not be penalised for Government incompetence. Much of our area still lacks footpaths, kerb and guttering, and adequate drainage. We can not manage with a further reduction of Council Services but suggest the Government picks up the slack.</p>	No	Lisa	Bentley
3357	Any SV increase of rates for the central coast council area should be immediately halted. The special variance requested by the council would definitely put the residents under unnecessary stress. Further the council has caused these debts of \$500million. It is not the responsibility of the residents to fix the problems cause by the miss management of elected officials.	No	Owen	Robins
3358	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3359	<p>Am vehemently opposed to paying a 10%-15% rate increase due to gross inefficiency by those in charge of funds on CCC. Didn't arrive on Central Coast in November 2017 to live out my retirement years to pay back a debt over the next 20 odd years incurred by those I did not elect. Council, its elected officers, bureaucrats, office staff, mayors, ex's and deputies should all go. And as for new Council elections whenever, how on earth are the everyday local residents to know who █████ we are really electing and what their credentials are, and their expertise in dealing with Council business, their ability to discharge their Council duties diligently, not to mention their appropriateness in handling huge sums of monies on behalf of ratepayers. Sorry. No confidence in any new Council unless there are tighter systems in place to vet candidates and to oversee their work until they have proven their worth. Keep current Administrator and his chosen ones to steer us out of \$M565 hole of debt. Monstrous situation. If amalgamated council supposedly holds 15 billion dollars in assets then sell them all if we have to, wipe the slate clean and get rid of the debt, have some \$\$\$ left over for a rainy day and start again to build up slowly into a comfortable, profitable position. But never ever ever should we the ratepayers be asked to vote the same people back in who helped create this mess in the first place. We need accountability to say the least.</p>	No	Denise	Mason
3360	It is very clear that the previous council missmanaged the funds that they received n with very little to show in the community with services. Just like all of us council needs to work efficiently with the money they have and not be asking for large increases. No one in the current climate is getting any more \$\$, actually people are having cuts the wages n time. So I say no to 10%!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3361	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3362	Object to have to pay for Councils corruption and incompetence.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3363	<p>I don't believe there should be a rate increase for residents /rate payers.</p> <p>Council should sell the assets available to sell, including green-space, buildings and other assets.</p> <p>Further to this, serious reductions can and should be made to staff numbers within Central Coast Council.</p> <p>Council should be held accountable for its actions, not the rate-payers. ?</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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3364	<p>Why have only the CEO and CFO gone. How about the upper and middle management as they are the ones who created this mess and are stool in their jobs. Yet we the rate payers pay for their mistakes over and over. Plus pay for the administrator to employ a new CEO. Then get asked to vote on a 10% or a15% increase in rates.</p> <p>Oh come we deserve better than this.</p> <p>Wake up.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3365	<p>Why should home owners pay for the council fraud. We pay our rates taxes, etc and do the right thing. We are supposed to trust our council and trust they will use the money wisely to help maintain and further develop our area. We don't get everything that's required in our area as it is and you want us to pay more ????? NO WAY should this happen. You will put hard working honest people in a position to struggle on a daily basis. All because some selfish greedy fools took our money and created a massive debt. It is not the public's responsibility to pay for this. I don't mind paying my way in life and believe it's only right to contribute to our area but not Because some lowlife [REDACTED] and no one picked up on it until it was too late.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3366	<p>I herein lodge my objection to either a 10% or 15% rate increase as proposed for the following reasons:</p> <p>1. Of the three parties involved in the current financial situation of Central Coast Council,the ratepayer is in no way responsible for the mismanagement of Council finances.</p> <p>2.I hold the NSW Government responsible because of its continual cost-shifting practices onto Local Council(s) without accompanying funding(although I do note recent moves to resume responsibility for some roads),and also the Council itself for its abysmal (mis)management of OUR funds.</p> <p>In short,the ratepayers are effectively being held accountable by this proposed rate increase,rather than the other two parties referred to above.</p>	No	TONY	FARRINGTON
3367	<p>Further to my previous submission on 27/1/2021,I wish to add the following,it being the reason for bypassing the Council process and going direct to IPART.</p> <p>The Central Coast Council has not been fair in its community consultation process regarding the proposed rate increases,because it has not provided ratepayers with the option of saying no to an increase.</p> <p>Therefore I believe the council should be told to re-consult the community,with a no option available.</p>	No	TONY	FARRINGTON
3368	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3369	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3370	Not a fair outcome for rate payers to foot the bill of Councils miss management of financial funds.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3371	Wrong , disgusting survey with only 2 choices 10%or 15% . There should not be a rate rise due to bad management of ratepayers funds.	No	Kerri	Rae
3372	<p>As a local resident I was appalled to receive a letter masquerading as a community consultation when it fact it provides no options to ratepayers other than the ones provided by the unelected administrator. Additionally, there are a number of issues related to the dismissal of the elected Council and the decision by the State Minister for Planning to parachute his own administrator to manage council matters. To make this situation worse the administrator appointed a new acting CEO without any transparent or acceptable recruitment protocols required for any public sector position. These two men are now asking for extensions to their tenure while making policy decisions for Central Coast residents. This is despite the fact that no independent enquiry has yet been conducted into how the Council debt could have risen to these implausible levels, despite a number of audits being completed by NSW Audit and commercial audit firms giving the accounts a clean bill of health.</p> <p>Many ratepayers are rightfully suspicious the debt burden is a direct result of the poor decision of NSW the State Government to amalgamate the Wyong and Gosford Councils without providing sufficient funds to account for the amalgamation. To immediately put the burden of debt on the councilors or the ratepayers as a result of this poor decision is of ethical concern, particularly as these officials are working to the same state government who made the decision to amalgamate. I note the latest revision to the survey still requires ratepayers to highlight options of 10% or 15% rather than allowing ratepayers the opportunity to rightfully reject both options until the matter is properly investigated. I therefore, seek IPARTs support in rectifying this blatant breach of proper procedures, including a proposed sell-off of Council land to developers, following the massive budgetary blow-out. I call on first, having an independent enquiry, then second providing recommendations on how the debt burden was accrued and who should be held to account for this shortfall. I trust IPART will act to support the community and provide transparency to the events that led to this impasse.</p> <p>Sincerely [REDACTED]</p>	No	Tahir	Turk
3373	Confidential	No	douglas	anabalon

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3374	<p>I completed the online Central Coast Council survey and although I didn't agree with the rate rise it won't let you complete the survey. You have to tick what you prefer option 1 (10%) or option 2 (15%) even though I ticked no rate rise.</p> <p>I would not mind a rate rise of a smaller amount but the letter we were sent insinuated that it was for our benefit and the residents responsibility to help the Council get out of debt. Also I object to residents footing the bill when those responsible were given redundancies instead of being asked to pay monies back. That was an extra insult!!!</p> <p>My disagreement with a rate rise is that the Council are responsible for the amount of debt and need to sell off their assets to recoup the funds. Also how much is the Administrator being paid to sort this out at another cost to dwindling funds.</p> <p>I did not appreciate the wording in the letter from Acting CEO Rik Hart who treats us as responsible and states the many works done by Council but as a resident I have not noticed anything outstanding being done. He does not mention 240 extra staff hired to run one Council which should have operated on less staff not more than when it was 2 Councils.</p> <p>The staff who have acted in this [REDACTED] way should not be paid out but to be held accountable for their part in the depletion of funds. The residents are not responsible at all for this dilemma but it has fallen on them to bail the Council out. There needs to be someone appointed who can work out a better system than what we have been offered.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3375	<p>I do NOT support CCC's rate rise for the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the financial incompetence of the senior staff caused this situation and, as a ratepayer, we should NOT have to 'fix' their mistakes 2. the proposed increase does NOT guarantee that CCC's financial position will be rectified to the positive and will solve the financial mess long term 3. most of the incompetent senior staff (including financial) are STILL currently employed at CCC and therefore are still able to make similar decisions that are NOT IN THE BEST INTEREST of the ratepayers 4. in a time of significant financial uncertainty due to COVID-19, it is appalling that CCC think that a 15% rate rise would be acceptable when many have lost their jobs and have been relying upon Federal Government Job Keeper support 5. whilst I understand that CCC is comparing our current rates to other councils' rates, and implying that we (the Central Coast) have lower rates and therefore this increase can be afforded, CCC does not understand that many ratepayers budget for and can afford a small increase in rates and not the 15% planned 6. the Central Coast region is an area of a high number of retirees on pensions who would not be able to afford the 15% increase, thus a considerable amount of financial stress would result 7. the councillors, as demonstrated at numerous meetings, would have to be the most financially incompetent [REDACTED] (beside senior staff). How can they be trusted to manage this 15% increase in rates when they return to their positions from suspension? They did not understand the dire financial situation, did not question what was happening nor seek to prevent the continuation of the 'financial mess'. At one 2020 meeting, there was discussion about INCREASING the spending of CCC when it became apparent that CCC had a monetary problem. 	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3376	A 10 to 15 percent rate rise to cover the CCC's gross mismanagement of funds over the previous years is ludicrous. The complete disregard and the threat of removal of essential services is nothing more than attempted blackmail and bullying of the community rate payers. The management of CCC are responsible for this situation due to malfeasance and ignorance of management of funds at hand. I strongly object to any rate rise above the normal. The community should not have to pay for CCC's ineptitude and failures.	No	David	Hopkins
3377	Confidential	No	Penny	Prokopiou

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	<p>Dear IPART,</p> <p>I have been a long term rate payer on the Central Coast, and like everyone else have been appalled by the poor financial management of the Council, however have recently been advised that the rates for the central coast are rising by 10-15%.</p> <p>I am supportive of the council having a uniform set of rates for what was Wyong and Gosford Council areas, however do not believe that Council should look to increase rates without exhausting all options. Namely, Council has significant land & property holdings that are not strategic.</p> <p>Firstly, I would like Council to be transparent with assets on its books (e.g. an online publicly available asset register), however given my long tenure as a rate payer I do know that there are a number of non-strategic assets on Councils books. Two of which I am aware of are:</p> <p>A) 11-15 Church Street Wyong</p> <p>B) [REDACTED] (I had placed the deposit to purchase this property before Council intervened to purchase the property).</p> <p>My request is that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Uniform rates be applied across both Wyong and Gosford areas 2. Central Coast Council to exhaust all avenues before applying the increases to rate payers. I.e. sell all required assets to pay down as much debt as possible. 3. In order to achieve the above, IPART to request council make public it's asset holdings and have rate payers decided what is and is not a necessary asset for council to keep. 4. Once all unnecessary assets have been disposed of, hopefully a significant rate rise is not required. <p>In closing, I feel it unfair for Central Coast Council to request a large rate rise from rate payers, when there are still a significant number of unnecessary assets on Councils books which can be disposed of to pay down debts and set the Council up for future financial stability.</p>			
3378	If you would like to contact me to discuss please feel free to do so.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3379	Further to my previous email opposing the special variation rate increase, I would like to add that Central Coast Council's second survey which they have released for community consultation will potentially still show skewed results, as the first question in this revised survey still forces respondents to choose between a 10% and 15% rate increase, only in a later question providing an option to preference s 'no increase' option. This is dishonest and once again shows an utter lack of integrity and transparency by Council.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3380	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3381	I strongly object to the Central Cost Council's request for rate rises of 10% or 15%. Not only have they misappropriated the money rate.payers have already paid, now they demand us to repay their bad debts. In for one cannot afford the proposed rate rises. I don't want to move away but it may be my only option if these ridiculous rate rises are approved.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3382	<p>Central Coast Council is attempting to force a 15% rate rise on ratepayers in order to recoup money wasted due to their own financial mismanagement. This Council has a history of ineptitude going back decades. The NSW Auditor General has indicated discrepancies going back to at least 2001. Essential services have never been their priority. We want roads, garbage, sewerage to be the priority, not replacement of perfectly good street signs nor rebranding of garbage bins at huge cost. Nothing has been done to assure us, as Central Coast ratepayers, that this cycle of careless fiscal mismanagement.will cease. [REDACTED]. Lawyer Speak. All semantics when it applies to a \$565 million debt. We therefore kindly request that IPART keeps the rate increase at 2%</p> <p>Thank you for your time</p> <p>Mark Andrews</p>	No	Mark	Andrews
3383	I have received a letter from Central Coast Council advising of its proposal to seek a permanent rate increase of 15% . I would like to object to any rate increase at all. they are proposing this at a time when people have lost jobs etc. due to Covid 19, there has been no rise in wages indeed NSW government denied some workers a 2.4% increase not too long ago. This is not the time to be asking for such large increases. this council area has a population of of around 400,000 , there about 144,000 residential properties each paying according to council an average of \$1200 each so an income of 173 million dollars. Their proposal will raise an additional 25 million per year permanently. Local media have shown many breeches of protocols which have helped to bring the council to its current financial position. I would like to see this council replaced with an administrator and those responsible for this mess dismissed. Definitely no more money to this incompetent council.	No	Ron	Beverley

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3384	<p>I strongly oppose the 15% and/or 10% level of rate increase proposed by Central Coast Council</p> <p>One excuse the council uses is that COVID-19 has affected the councils funding, however they appear to ignore or not even be cognisant of the pain that COVID has inflicted on the community at large by proposing such an enormous increase. Can I remind you that we are still in recession and have the highest unemployment for decades. According to ABS statistics 1 in 5 people either lost their job or significant income. The federal & state governments have offered financial support during these times, but the Central Coast Council approach is the reverse to impose a bigger impost in difficult times.</p> <p>Central Coast Council is like any other business, therefore during these COVID/recession times it must critically review its services offered, no business would survive if its response was to raise its prices by 15%. Whilst I appreciate the “new team” have undertaken such a review, in my opinion unfortunately it’s time to go deeper if you cannot make the budget balance. Council state the extra 15% would be... the maintenance of the current levels of service. I reviewed their schedule “ comparison of service impacts” and was not too concerned by what you had presented if only a 2% rate was accepted, as I adopted a philosophy if it did not affect the majority then it should be cut. I quote Acting CEO Rik Hart in a recent interview... we need to get back to the core (areas) of roads ,rates and rubbish. Therefore suggested cut of services, such as no community events or sponsorships, no new facilities or major upgrades fit within Rik Hart philosophy and need to be undertaken to avoid further impost. Harsh but required, what do you think the average household has to do if it has spent beyond its means, it cannot go to their employer and ask for a 15% pay increase!</p> <p>Further I read that the proposed Regional Library in Gosford town is still proceeding based on the fact that supposedly funded by State and Federal grants. I would contend that such a project would still be absorbing valuable (unfunded) resources within the Council, there is also a loss of income from the asset (current building). In addition the benefit to the community at large is minimal especially Wyong residents. At best it needs to be deferred immediately.</p> <p>I also see the suggestion of an independent financial controller (more money) to oversee expenditure of funds from restricted reserves, why should we add a third layer of review. Surely the review by the external auditor and/or auditor general should have uncovered this type of expenditure.</p> <p>While I appreciate this might be put down to bad timing to seek such large rate increases, the fact remains the community cannot afford such large increase (albeit 10 or 15%) in these uncertain times, cut the services instead and get back to the basics that affect the community at large.</p>	No	Paul	Harris
3385	<p>Residents of CCC should not have to pay for the overt financial incompetence of our Council. Imposing rate hikes for the residents to correct the Council's apparently illegal actions is unfair, and is going to generate a life time of distrust, anger and general frustration directed toward Council. Why am I going to be punished for this? Who was in charge of the oversight of this mess? Someone signed off on these illegal cash outflows: is there no responsibility here? How is it possible to hand the bill over to people who have nothing to do with this? This level of colossal mismanagement surely needs to be fully explored, and appropriate consequences handed over to those involved. The answer cannot simply be to have the rate payers get what amounts to permanent annual fines for cleaning up THEIR mess.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3386	<p>I do not believe we have yet fully understood or addressed the issues at this council. We are referenced in correspondence from council and the appointed administration to a misallocation of \$129m dollars as if this is the full explanation. It can not be as we are also advised that there has been an annual overspend of \$200m in each of the last two years. What has as far as I can see never even been attempted to be explained is why did council budget holders believe they had this money to spend? who set the budgets and why did they believe this money was available? if this wasn't in the budget why were the overspends approved or allowed to stand? Issues must exist in the day to day running of council and management of funds? This is not just about elected councillors and senior management this issue appear to be more fundamental than that and spread through all levels of council. Ratepayers are being asked to increase their contribution (services are also to be cut and assets disposed of) to fund a council which appears to have fundamental and structural issues with the management of those funds. No changes should be made until a proper explanation of the failures of proper governance at all levels and clear plans to address these failures have been implemented. If this is not done ratepayers will be facing ever growing calls for increased payments for less service due to continued mismanagement.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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3387	<p>Over the past few months I have been reading a number of articles on the current state of the financial matters of the above council.</p> <p>This raises a number of questions with me.</p> <p>Were the elected council members fully aware of their responsibility with regards the financial affairs of the council.</p> <p>With regards to this matter I believe not and as such I believe their ability to sit on council is in question.</p> <p>Likewise I question the ability or lack there off regarding the financial staff of council.</p> <p>Or was council on a power "surge" to please the residents in their wards .</p> <p>The Acting Chief Executive Officer needs to have a good look at who let it get out of control and look into the ability of the existing staff in the financial department of the council.</p> <p>As the matter now stands we the ratepayers are asked to pickup the bill for their incompetence and keep paying their wages.</p> <p>I believe a lot more heads need to role --including all the current councillors.</p>	No	William	Duckworth
3388	<p>A few questions need to be answered on the matter of the proposed rate increase for us ratepayers in this local government area.</p> <p>In a letter i received on the matter two choices have been put forward for consideration.</p> <p>I draw your attention to option 2. That is a proposed increase of 15%.</p> <p>2% of which is rate peg and 13% SRV. Am I correct when I believe the 13% will remain and all future rate increase will use this as the rate base?</p> <p>If you look at rate base -Temporary fix option --I ask will the 8% be removed (10% includes 2%rate peg) after seven years -it looks like were are in for a number of large increase over the next decade as a result of the incompetence of council staff.</p> <p>I ask does the State Government have a watch dog looking at local council affairs -if so I believe that individual needs to be given a seeing eye dog.</p>	No	William	Duckworth
3389	<p>1</p> <p>I have lived on a rural property(not income generating) for 22 years, no curbs and gutters, no lighting, plenty of blackouts and floods, and not many positives council -wise.</p> <p>I have just finished paying off an increased rate you allowed over the last few years, despite most rate payers objections. Also due to mismanagement.</p> <p>I'm happy to not have halls, ovals, good roads, glossy pr brochures thrust at us, and just enjoy retirement on fair rates.</p> <p>This was not our fault--we paid our high rates for the same problem last time.</p> <p>Don't penalise us AGAIN.</p> <p>It is just so UNFAIR ,and you are supposed to help us with getting a fair deal.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3390	Confidential	No	Geoff	Mitchell

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3391	<p>It proposes to have rate increases of either 10% or 15 %. As a pensioner and given that our Prime Minister [REDACTED], has said that there will be NO pension increase this year (but we can have tax cuts for our rich mates) what am to give up in order to subsidise the mess others have got the Council into.</p> <p>I am in total disbelief that NO ONE on Council was aware that it was down the tube in the order of \$156 Million. Nor am I surprised that NO ONE in the NSW Government was aware that Council was broke. This just beggars belief!</p> <p>As the people who have allegedly allowed this to happen are still enjoying their freedom, perhaps the NSW State Government, who is ultimately responsible for local government, pick up the tab instead of granting to the rich conservative councils in the cities and in the rural regions, then allegedly destroying the paperwork.</p> <p>There is no guarantee that this rate increase will provide a better future for the residents and ratepayers. Innfact Rick Persson, the administrator, has said if anything, services will be cut back. There is no guarantee that future management of the Council will manage ratepayers money efficiently and with integrity. Most of the people who have spent all this money are still employed by Council. Is the current administration assuming that we are all a bit dim?</p> <p>After all it was Mike Baird who unilaterally sacked 42 democratically elected councils; one of which was Wyong Shire, which I believe was in the black then.</p> <p>Until we get such ironclad assurances that ratepayers money will be well managed and spent wisely with integrity, I protest most vehemently any rate rise for local ratepayers other than CPI as per usual.</p> <p>And further to quote from [REDACTED] submission: "In 2013, IPART approved an application by the former Wyong Shire, which saw rates increase by 30.6% over 4 years. As a result, by 2017, residential rates had increased by an estimated average of \$868 per year. Application of the rate peg has seen Wyong Shire residents pay a higher compounding rate in each financial year since.</p>	No	Stephen	Kelly
3392	Confidential	No	Keith	Asplet
3393	I do Not want a rate rise .	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3394	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3395	<p>As an interim comment, I have asked that Central Coast Council (CCC) make available on its website the final pre-merger annual reports (including audited financial statements) for Gosford and Wyong Councils.</p> <p>The Administrator and Interim CFO have provided no information or modelling as to what the what the alternative financial positions of CCC will be under the various rate increase scenarios. They have only provided scary descriptions as to threatened service cuts, which means that CCC will have far higher rates and worse services than pre-merger.</p> <p>Because CCC has provided no financial projections, regrettably it is up to the community to do their own modelling - hence the request for baseline annual report data from 2015-16.</p> <p>It is also bad faith from the Acting CEO to not highlight or even acknowledge that Gosford households will face an average 20% rate increase under the "10% rate increase". This also calls into doubt the effectiveness and worth of community consultation.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3396	After [REDACTED] misappropriating, mis spending our communities funds it is shameful that the central coast council can then apply to recoup those loses by extorting more money from the victims of this community. Just shameful. That this is even being considered is [REDACTED]	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3397	Confidential	No	Jean	Jones

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	<p>Above all I object to the proposal to sell Gosford Council building when de-amalgamation may be the very best way to solve the problems that have been forced on us by the State Governments amalgamation of Gosford and Wyong Councils, into an area and population comparable to the ACT with inadequate funding. Indeed amalgamation of this area was poorly considered and evidence now point to it being infeasible.</p> <p>I will accept a rate rise of 15% for the next 12 months to provide a period for detailed options to be presented to and considered by the community. Especially in the light that the current administrator has been forced on the community by the State with the suspension of our elected representatives.</p> <p>The community deserves a clear account of what has occurred to date and an analysis of the steps to be considered to remedy the situation. We must have a clear cost benefit account of what properties could be sold as well as options to cut other costs. Additionally the feasibility of obtaining further loans at the current extremely low interest rate needs to be explored and factored into any proposal</p> <p>I was not able to complete the Administrator's survey as it forced me to vote on either option and at this stage I object to both and refuse to participate in a survey does not acknowledge my protest</p> <p>I found this to be totally disingenuous and typical of the Administrators disregard for the residents of our area</p>			
3398	If we the community do not stop the current proposed actions we will forever be controlled by developers waiting in the wings for our demise	No	Helen	Griffiths
3399	<p>I think it is absolutely ridiculous that , we are expected to foot the bill for the councils mismanagement of funds, this is unfair and unjust.</p> <p>Please hold these people, that are meant to be serving our communities, accountable!</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3400	<p>Central Coast Council has recently applied to IPART for a 15% rate rise for Central Coast ratepayers. I wish to lodge my objection with IPART as I am strongly opposed to the rise. Initial we were dealt a bad hand with amalgamation imposed by the Liberal state government in 2016 and things have only gone pair shaped from there. Our elected councillors were given false information on the financials and then proceeded to unlawfully spend restricted funds. There are just so many wrongs in the overall scenario that it is unfair that ratepayers should be expected to make up for gross incompetence. It would appear the administrator and acting CEO are taking the easy way out by raising rates. They need to think outside the square!</p> <p>Yours sincerely, Peter White. 0405499005.</p>	No	Peter	White
3401	I live at [REDACTED], I will not be paying the 15% rate rise for cc council mismanagement. I have direct debit for my rates & am about to cancel my direct debit account & will only pay amount less 15%, dennis Ratcliffe	No	Dennis	Ratcliffe
3402	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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3403	<p>In regards to your proposed rate rise on the Central Coast..</p> <p>They (the former council) have had no regard for the efficient running of a financially viable business. They have run a debt that no normal individual or group of individuals could ever dream of.</p> <p>Now we find out the extent of this act of sheer careless and disregard for the money we the taxpayers work so hard to earn. They spend with little regard to where the funds come from. If any company, individual or self-employed person would do what these persons have done with finances, The BANK or financial supporters would be chasing them down for the return of the money. They would have in a heartbeat every asset ripped from them and left out in the street.</p> <p>Well basically this is what has happened to the taxpayers. We now have a looming possibility that our rates will rise to put up the missing funds. Is this for real? Some people with a significant rate rise could possibly lose their homes because of someone else's stupidity. These council members have not been given a slap on the wrist for this momentous debacle and given a generous payout as a gift for [REDACTED] the entire population of the Central Coast.</p> <p>The question that everyone should be asking. How can this have happened when fiscal responsibility should be the most important consideration? Then when the decision came down saying – 'Oh but it wasn't their fault all the funds are gone'. WELL WHOS FAULT IS IT THEN???? THEY WERE THE ONES SPENDING IT!!! It was their responsibility to properly manage this... As you stated in your letter "the funds that were unlawfully accessed", unlawful means that it is ILLEGAL. There has been a blatant attempt to hide the mismanagement of the fiscal disaster that is out rightly [REDACTED] It is a [REDACTED] of taxpayer's money. There is also a law that should be mentioned here that is biting the hand that feeds you, like stealing from your employer, namely the taxpayers.</p> <p>Then they paid them out with enough money for any normal person to retire in luxury.</p> <p>They knew that they were short of cash so they dipped into the restricted funds knowingly that this was not the right thing to do. Even the auditor general missed the signs 3 times so they were not doing their jobs as well. So maybe they should take some responsibility for this mountainous financial screw-up.</p> <p>In my opinion, as it would be done to anyone else. Their assets, both from any business they own or their personal assets, everything should be ceased. As well any questionable payments that were made to other parties. Then the assets be sold off to pay down the debt they have incurred.</p> <p>They need to be made accountable for their actions. This has gone on for far too long and there needs to be a message sent that we the people will not let them get away with it any longer. This could also be a good reason for the taxpayers to take up a class action suit against the persons responsible for the unlawful use of the funds.</p> <p>I just hope that you can find the evidence so that we all can have the satisfaction of a righteous conclusion to the worst and despicable act in the entire history of Australia.</p> <p>A Central coast rate payer</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3404	<p>I believe the state government should accept responsibility for the poor financial state in which Central Coast Council has been placed in. We were forced into amalgamation believing both Gosford City Council and Wyong Shire Council were seen to be fit for the future. Apparently this was not the case. Where was the due diligence from the state government? The council records should have been verified before allowing amalgamation to proceed. The councils were pushed and now left with a huge debt the ratepayers are expected to cover. I strongly object to the SRV of 15% that has been mooted by the administrator and acting CEO. I realise they have been employed to fix the problem, they just have to find a better outcome for ratepayers and not take the easy way out.</p>	No	Janene	White
3405	<p>I would prefer that any rate rises be kept to a minimum simply because since amalgamation (with Gosford C.C.). there has been little restraint on spending, with most of the old disciplines forgotten/discarded. The Administrator says funds were spent rashly, but i believe he only knows the half of . I believe he only knows what the book figures tell him, not the story behind the figures. I don't believe council officers will have enlightened him much.</p> <p>My beliefs are based on specific instances in my locality, even since the administrator appointment. I have little doubt that similar practices have been duplicated hundreds of times across the Central Coast in the past four years plus. In short, i have little confidence in the amalgamated councils capacity to manage our rates prudently.</p>	No	phill	Helies
3406	<p>Central Coast Council which is currently under Administration has proposed an "option" of a 10% rate rise or a rate rise of 15%. The survey is basically a "tick" the box for going through the motions of "community consultations" which is unacceptable. The residents of the Central Coast should not have to pay the price for the financial situation of our Council - and I am insulted to be described by our current Administrator as a "share holder" who has a responsibility to choose between these two unacceptable rate rises! Our area is not a "rich area" and has many low socio economic residents - my concern is also that any rate rise will be passed on to those in rental housing by landlords - often those with the least ability to pay! I urge IPART to refuse these rate rises .</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3407	Confidential	No	Sylvia	Asplet

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3408	Central Coast Council will be applying for a Special Rate Variation of 13% in addition to the rate peg of 2% and a Rate Harmonisation charge of 10%. A total rate rise of 25% for people living in the Gosford Council area!! .And this is not just for one year but for the next seven years! We are suffering enough with a financially totally incompetent council (words of the current appointed administrator mr Persson). Please let them instead cut down on internal expenses and stop wasting money on excessively expensive contractor services! We rather tighten our belt and live with less services than having to pay 25% extra rates that not many people can afford. Most people have not had a salary rise for years and living standards have gone backwards.	No	Paul	Gillot
3409	I oppose councils rate rise due to their mismanagement of council funds do they not have a financial department with financial manager who is responsible for reporting to the councillors regularly on the financial position of council funds and expenses when this is sorted everyone of the councillors will be reappointed and not pay any penalties the rate payers will be the bunnies who pay for there incompetence .	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3410	Confidential	No	Graham	Andrews
3411	I believe CCC have shown to be totally incompetent. They have acted dishonesty in their use of the rate payers funds, and now expect us to dish out more to them to get them out of the [REDACTED] they've gotten us into. I'm sure there are many who will put forward far greater arguments, but I wish to have my objections noted. These people NEED TO BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE ! Should never hold such a position ever again. This needs to be fully investigated and where needed, prosecution to the fullest extent. It starts at the very top, and filters down, and all those who are responsible need to be swiftly remove.	No	Kim	Smith
3412	Confidential	No	Turker	Aydin
3413	Why should the community pay for mismanagement of our funds and for a [REDACTED] who lined their pockets and then the CEO gets fired, with a +\$300K golden handshake? Why are there no criminal charges because the debt is absolute criminal? Why should a community be robbed again and the same council be allowed to incur more debt and continue to make the same poor financial decisions? The survey is pitiful and does not allow you to make an honest choice. Who will hold them accountable???? What recourse do we have? We don't get the services we pay for and they want to charge more to service a \$540m debt they incurred. How is this even reasonable? Please help.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3414	The central coast community do not agree to the rise in rates. They do not feel they should be responsible for the breach of using restricted funds.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3415	I feel that due to formatting the latest council survey is still biased towards a rate rise In particular question seven which only has the option of a 10% or 15% rise Rather than question 8 which also has the option of no rate rise I feel question 7 biases the whole survey towards a rise And due to council's track record of mismanagement and total contempt towards the local constituents that this survey will not give a true and fair out come	No	Gavin	Cook
3416	The the current administrators are consulting the community by issuing a survey, the survey is constructed in such a way that the community is forced to choice between a 10% increase or a 15% increase. Only after making that choice can the person completing the survery indicate they don't any increase. The administrator has said publically that no increase is nat a viable option and has not properly consulted on other options such as selling assets. The tactics are bullying and unreasonable	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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	<p>I am opposing the SV rate rise of either 10% or 15% that has been applied for by the current administrator. This is a premature proposal very early into the investigation of the insolvency of our Council. This community should have full disclosure of where specifically the councils money has been spent - currently there is no specific explanation, just that 100s of millions of dollars has been mismanaged.</p> <p>The same [REDACTED] who don't know what they're doing are still working in the council and should not be responsible for having access to spending additional public money! The current councillors are temporarily stood down but if they get their hands on additional funding through increased rates nothing will change. This is an absolute disgrace, a breach of trust and is demonstrative of how little regard the council as a whole has for the community.</p> <p>The majority of the councillors have been self serving and have wasted community funds. We are a low socio economic area with a significant number of pensioner residents. We also have a massive problem with housing on the coast at the moment with the rental prices up and availability is minimal. A rate increase is going to be the last straw for so many people who are struggling financially.</p> <p>Our community has been taken for fools by this council and we will pay for it for multiple generations. Absolutely pathetic and now to add insult to injury, increase rates for what? They've already closed our tip at kincumber, stopped mowing, weed control, public area bin collections and filling pot holes. Quite a lot of residents don't have town water or town sewerage but still pay massive rates just to have bins collected.</p> <p>This whole area has been treated like a backwater for so long. I've lived here my whole life and for the first time ever I'm considering leaving.</p>			
3417	Until the wastage of funds is proven under control and the people in charge are honest and professional, we the residents should not have to fund their wasteful decisions.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
	<p>I object strongly to a rate increase for Central Coast ratepayers above the rate peg of 2%. In 2016/17 Council had a surplus of \$65.4m. In each of the three following years expenditure blew out, leaving the Council with accumulated debt of more than half a billion dollars.</p> <p>For three consecutive years from 2017/18, the NSW Auditor-General conducted audits which ought to have exposed the developing financial crisis. If the Auditor-General's report in 2017/18 had revealed the overspending and allegedly unlawful spending from funds not intended for those purposes, the catastrophic situation we are now in would have been averted - as it should have been averted.</p> <p>I therefore believe it is the duty of the State Government to pay the debt - not innocent ratepayers (many of whom are pensioners and/or self-funded retirees, and can ill afford to do so).</p>			
3418	At the very least, NSW Government should pay all the debt accrued by the Central Coast Council after the 2017/18 audit (when the problems should have been identified and reported).	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3419	As a stakeholder of Central Coast Council I object to a rate rise above the 2.2 % set for 2021/2022. The absolute disgraceful financial losses should not be paid back by ratepayers. The state government is the boss and have not acted on sacking all responsible for this. Please make changes so this does not happen again here and at other councils. Why is there not a inquiry into this	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3420	<p>The fundamental issue with CCC is misappropriation and mismanagement of funds. This seems to be glanced over with no real deep dive into the issue. There should be no rate rise, and actual experts to create a post mortem of the mismanagement as opposed to a knee-jerk-easy-come-easy-go reaction of immediately having the rate payers foot the Bill. How does this instill confidence in local government when rate payers are stung immediately one after the other!?</p> <p>Fixing the issues as opposed to giving the CCC more money to mismanage and have this continue in future is a gross miscarriage on behalf of anyone involved at local government level.</p> <p>State government should fill the financial gaps.</p>	No	Chris	Casey
3421	Residents and ratepayers of the Central Coast should not have to suffer due to the corruption of the council. If IPART allows a 10% or 15% increase they are just supporting this illegal and unethical behaviour. IPART should only approve the 2% rate peg	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3422	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3423	Confidential	No	Adele	Pearson
3424	No rate rise other than the 2% maximum. Find other ways to raise the money.	No	Kathleen	Young

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3425	<p>Please refuse any application by Central Coast Council for Rate Increases which might be used to offset financial losses due to incompetence and failure by Council and its Officers to perform their duties. Council and employees must be held accountable for whatever actions or inactions led to the current state of their finances. They cannot merely be 'baled out' by ratepayers' having to make up for Council mismanagement. If such ratepayers were to manage their own finances in a similar manner, ratepayers would never have the funds to pay even legitimate rates. Council continues to waste its income on, for example, mail-outs purporting to explain and inform...that do neither. Council must be forced to equate expenditure to income. It should not be funding any expenditure or project apart from the provision of basic services and functions until the NSW Government has undertaken a thorough Inquiry and Review and can supervise Council's return to responsible financial management. If Ratepayers are to be punished for electing such a Council, then let the punishment take the form of cuts in non-basic services. Most Ratepayers would not notice the difference as their 'normal' involvement with Council does not extend beyond the provision of these basics.</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>	No	Ross	Dunstan
3426	<p>I object to any increase in Central Coast Council rates.</p> <p>The situation Council finds itself in is entirely the fault of untrustworthy and incompetent staff and management. Unless the top 20% of staff and management is removed from Council and replaced with untainted people, the entrenched attitudes of "the end justifies the means" and the gross deception and contempt for the community and Councillors and their lawful decisions, nothing will change. Improved systems can not compensate for the systemic culture of deception and misinformation within Council management, they will simply find another way of cheating the system.</p> <p>Each year Council produces an Operational Plan which is supposed to present services, projects, costs and income for the coming year. Clearly this document has been dishonest and not reflected the real world as management went on a spending spree on unauthorised projects with funds that were not available. In other words Councillors and the community were grossly misled by management in the Operational Plans presented over many years. This deception would have been widely known by management and yet no one blew the whistle.</p> <p>This is why the upper level of management needs to be removed and until that occurs IPART should not contemplate any rate rise.</p> <p>Council should now produce and publish a list of the projects and works completed without authorisation, the contractors that completed that work and the cost of the projects and works. Again, until this is done and the community are made aware of the detail of the financial situation and what constitutes the illegal and over expenditure, no rate rise should be contemplated.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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	<p>Why is it that the ratepayers of the Central Coast have to carry this burden.</p> <p>The Administrator has described us as "shareholders" - how is that when we have never had a dividend, either positive or negative? He says the increase in rates is better than the alternative. We have not been advised of any alternatives to make that decision for ourselves.</p> <p>Has the State Government learnt nothing from amalgamations? I worked during the "amalgamation" of 17 Health Services down to 9 across NSW. And..... then the amalgamation was reversed because services across the health services were inequitable and the amalgamation could not be made to work. The State Government needs to take some responsibility for the problems and costs associated with amalgamations which are forced upon us - this one as ratepayers.</p> <p>Please tell me who is accountable for the actions of the Office of Local Government. Minister Hancock requested information in February of 2020 from Central Coast Council (this was in a public podcast interview with the ABC) and the information was not forthcoming to her. So then what happened? Nothing - the debt rolled on and the problems increased.</p> <p>Central Coast Council and the Councillors are a public disgrace to the Office of Local Government and the State Government. Where did the money go? It can't just disappear, or did it? What criteria is in place for ratepayers to gauge who are appropriate people to be on Council? Is there a roles and responsibilities document available - what are the accountabilities and what are the requirements in terms of experience and suitability.</p> <p>Who was the legal team who permitted a contract which allows someone to be paid \$385,000 for non performance without any responsibility to those he/she is supposed to "serve"? Just because it is public sector and there are no repercussions is not acceptable. In the private sector things would be very different. I have been a public servant for 36 years and have also worked in the private sector for the earlier part of my working life - 15 years, so I am aware of the differences in bottom lines - the private sector runs to dollars as it's bottom line and the public sector provides service as its bottom line. Well, the residents of the Central Coast have not had the service we expect and it is not hard to understand why everyone is so angry and not wishing to pay such a huge rate increase.</p> <p>What will IPART offer us as relief? Come on Dr Paterson, Mr Willett and Ms Cope.</p> <p>What will the Office of Local Government do to assist us (yes, I'm a pensioner!) and don't just give us the "we have a policy to assist" line - because the expectation will be that the ratepayers will still have to pay. Come on Minister Shelly Hancock.</p>			
3427	What will the State Government do to assist? Come on Ms Gladys Berejiklian - I'm a real fan of yours but something needs to change here.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3428	<p>15% permanent rate increase to recoup funds from this inept Council who have illegally mismanaged funds over many years during this so called amalgamation is preposterous!! We the ratepayers should not have to make up this shortfall. Those persons should be held accountable. If this was any business, charges would be laid and a trial pending.</p> <p>I duly request that this increase not be granted and if you have any way of recommending to the Minister for Local Government or ICAC that an enquiry into this matter be conducted as soon as is practicable. Thank you</p>	No	Tracey	Phillips
3429	Do not assess the Central Coast Council according to rates averages with other councils as they all probably have better infrastructure. We have no kerb and guttering, paying for non-existent Storm Water which is now hidden in the end of year rates notice. Our roads have pothole shoulders which endanger vehicles attempting to pass each other two way and are 3rd world quality. All of this from a Council who has lost vast monies before attempting to be an investment company instead of proceeding with all infrastructure. We could have had Kalgoorlie gold paved roads from the sums of monies they have lost 3 times already. Absolutely disgusting to stick it to rate payers. If they were a private company they would have been non-existent decades ago. You don't need to jack rates you need to prosecute those who have created the mess we are in. [REDACTED]	No	John	Strang
3430	Council Detailed recovery plan must before Any additional Burdon on Residents. (Currently its just on high level) Any identified accounting error should be fixed before approving SRV, to understand the corrected position. Also any identified fix need to be published, internal controls, and new finance leadership required (All legacy leaders should go). No faith in current council operational management, need overhaul change is required. SRV shouldn't be rushed, this can wait for another year.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous


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3431	<p>We would like to submit our concern with the proposed rate increase and the management of the Central Coast Council.</p> <p>We have received a letter stating that the rates need to be increased by 10% or 15% to repay money which was spent from the restricted funds that were unlawfully excessed.</p> <p>Our concerns to increase rates are that we cannot see any advantage</p> <p>Projects that the Council have provided over the past few years we consider as being wasteful of rate payers funds, especially when there was not the funds to pay for the projects.</p> <p>The Council has provided a comment saying without a rate rise services will be cut. If money was not wasted in the past no rate rise would have been necessary. Do the Council even know what services and projects they are wasting money on? I don't believe they do because when approach by residents their comments are ignored, yes ignored because time after time they have made the decision before even consulting with residents.</p> <p>It is easy for Council to ask for more money to fix their mismanagement, however has the Council considered how many of the Central Coast residence will be able to afford the extra rate increase. The Council in their letter talks about a Hardship Policy, why should the Council be putting rate payers into this position due to the Council's mismanagement.</p> <p>We believe the Council has not shown proper financial control of funds that they have held. We have been given no confidence that anything will change within the Council. Until then why continue to provide the Council with more money to mismanage.</p> <p>Regards,</p> <p>Central Coast Resident</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3432	<p>We were being asked by our Council to chose between a 10% or 15% increase to our rates. The Council has now added a third option which is to refuse any increase and suffer the consequences of that. The necessity for an increase is so that the Council can reimburse restricted funds which were unlawfully accessed.</p> <p>I seriously object to having to pay extra to fund the Council's error, especially when there is no indication as to how and by whom the error was made. Someone has to be held responsible for what unlawfully happened. As things currently stand I have no confidence that similar errors will not be made again, with the resultant request for further rate hikes.</p> <p>This appears to have been an historical problem which only came to light in 2020.</p>	No	Malcolm	Hill
3433	<p>I do not accept the Rate Increase as proposed by Central Coast Council.</p> <p>As a small business and homeowner , we have suffered during the Covid 19 lockdowns and current restrictions. Falls in our income levels during unprecedented economic times should serve to say no to any rate increase.</p>	No	Dell	Tschanter
3434	<p>We have not even come out of the pandemic and a lot of us have suffered greatly financially and emotionally. Now the council want to raise our rates. There needs to be some accountability on the Councils behalf and the community should not be made to pay for their mistakes and mismanagement of OUR money. Thank you</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3435	<p>I do not agree to a 10% or 15% Rate increase in our rates due to the incompetent Central Coast Council.</p> <p>The normal 2% increase is accptable.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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3436	<p>Re the above Councils current financial state and proposal to raise rates either 10% or 15%</p> <p>I live at Point Clare and am a pensioner and am both disappointed, confused and extremely frustrated with our council. I'm a reasonable, practical person and do agree there should be some rate rise ongoing but not of the proportion proposed. The Central Coast is a beautiful place to live but I fear such a huge increase in rates would see less people coming to live here and smatter businesses battling, more than they are now!</p> <p>Right now, until facts are out there, I feel we should just have to pay our normal rates. I also feel a survey, choosing to do/or not to do this would be good but I'm not sure of legalities.</p> <p>I really don't know who or what to believe and would very much appreciate someone taking control and informing the ratepayers re the facts and best possible action to be taken.</p> <p>No, it wasn't the ratepayers doing but we can't go on with the blaming game as our community crumbles round us. Let's get the survey out there and see if we do have a common voice.</p> <p>I would also like to say that I think local Councils are becoming a thing of the past as the scope of the job is way beyond them. Couldn't this become under the control of State Gov in some way?</p> <p>It's our community so let us in to what's going on, involve us. How hard can it be to work together!?!? Very hard, apparently! After all there should be no activity that can't be shared!</p>	No	Leta	Best
3437	<p>Ratepayers have been given a choice of a 10% rates increase or a 15% increase. NO other percentage has been put to the ratepayers. THIS IS WRONG!!!!</p> <p>IPART needs to investigate this RIPOFF and tell the Administrator of Central Coast Council that his percentages are UNACCEPTABLE!</p>	No	Richard	Bridge
3438	<p>We have been residents of the Central Coast for over 30 years and over the last few years it has been hard to miss the level of dilapidation to our roads, garden areas, streets and general building upkeep. Median strips are overgrown and coming back to the Coast after visiting out of area is embarrassing to see the lack of care.</p> <p>This is due to the mismanagement of our Council and poorly used or accounted for funding, it is not clear where the money has been spent, certainly not on our local area. Services has dropped to the point of being nonexistent, there is no point in contacting the Council as nothing is done,</p> <p>Confidence in our Council is at an all time low - and we are being asked to pay more rates to backfill the mismanagement. How do we know this will not continue and be another issue in a few years time,</p> <p>WE NEED AN ENQUIRY into how this happened, why it was allowed to happen, why did it not get picked up before it was a major insurmountable issue, why are we being expected to foot the bill to bring our Council back in line,</p> <p>We are now facing hiked rates to bail them out. Not fair. If this was a private business it would be closed down, but we don't have this choice,</p> <p>Be open and transparent and tell the Central Coast residents where their rates payments have gone - why are those responsible not being held accountable instead being paid to leave.</p> <p>Ridiculous and unbelievable situation that we find ourselves in, through no fault of own. We expect someone to be accountable,</p> <p>A survey asking us to accept a rate rise will not be completed by us.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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3439	Gosford City Council have, for the second time, mismanaged rate payers money and are now asking us rate payers to bail them out. I do not trust the current system and team to manage our money in the future and I am strongly opposed to the 10% and 15% suggested rate rise. We need to see that the staff responsible are held to account and that measures are taken so that this cannot happen in the future. There should be no rate rise.	No	Cathy	Ford
3440	<p>Dear lpart,</p> <p>In a nutshell, I cannot afford ANY rate increase. CCC are threatening to stop services if they don't have a 10%-15% rate increase. My pension doesn't inflate. People's salaries don't inflate. Jobs are not stable. No one can plan their finances long-term anymore. These people, these individuals who have sat in positions of office on CCC and made bad financial decisions on our behalf, must be held accountable. All Councils are a business. Lots of money is at stake. When the Banks were found to be corrupt, an Inquiry was held, and the Banks were held accountable. It is the same with any Local Council. They must be held accountable. What the Councillors have done to the Residents they are meant to look after is a [REDACTED]. These individuals need to be Tried, and if found guilty, [REDACTED].</p> <p>NO RATE RISES. COUNCIL MUST BE RUN BY A RELIABLE ADMINISTRATOR UNTIL COMPETENT, EXPERIENCED PROFESSIONALS CAN BE HIRED TO DECIDE THE BEST WAY FORWARD WITH CCC'S FINANCIAL MESS. WE NEED TRANSPARENCY AND PROFESSIONALS RUNNING THE SHOW, WHILE THE COUNCILLORS FACE AN INQUIRY.</p> <p>NO RATE RISES. EVER.</p> <p>Stick to the Budget you have. Everyone else has to. Cost out your projects before signoff. Everyone else has to. Be financially accountable. Everyone else has to.</p> <p>Thank you for giving me an honest platform on which to speak.</p> <p>Yours sincerely,</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3441	I strongly object to either 10 or 15 percent increase in our rates thru no fault of our own.I am a pensioner and although I receive a small discount on my rates I feel this is just too much of an increase. Thank you for the opportunity to voice my opinion	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3442	Solutions other than hitting residents with significant rate rises MUST be found. On the back of COVID impacts on household incomes, that both State and Federal Governments have acknowledged, how can households be expected to fund the mismanagement of this Council. Clearly an inept Council administration followed by an ill-conceived solution to a problem Central Coast residents have already been wearing when you consider the poor maintenance of public roads, beaches and Council-owned properties. Sell all the idle Council owned realestate at least first. Find salary savings in Council administration. Don't just go to the easiest solution and expect the residents to keep paying for the incompetence.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3443	<p>In all conscience, how could anyone agree to the SV proposals that the acting CEO and Administrator are putting forward? Especially now in these times of hardship due to Covid-19. The Government brought in Jobkeeper and other special support payments to keep the people afloat. Even the Banks deferred repayments. The Pandemic hasn't gone away and the Ratepayers are struggling to make ends meet with Industries and Jobs badly affected. We understand there will always be rate increases but 10%(one-off over 7 years) increase or the 15%(one-off Permanent) will bring Central Coast's economy to it's knees. This financial Mess is not our doing, so the Administrators look for "Soft Targets"(Ratepayers) and a quick result to years of Council's political squabbling and mismanagement. Let the Council fall in a heap! Ratepayers only get the basic services anyway and as far as maintaining Infrastructure, many suburbs don't even have kerb and guttering unlike other councils.</p>	No	BARRY	MACDONALD
3444	<p>I strongly object to the Central Coast Council applying for a special variation in our rates. Firstly before we were required to amalgamate Wyong Council was not in the red. Amalgamation has been a total disadvantage to us. Our roads in this area a dangerous and full of pot holes, we have no street lighting and not sewerage and only some of us have water, grass had not been cut in public places including along the roadside which is extremely dangerous too. This was happening well before we knew about the financial mess. Nothing will change by increasing what we the public have to contribute. The management needs to change and I think staff should have to re-apply for their positions on merit. They are not looking after out interests and we know last year they received a pay rise. The payout to the C.E.O. was outrageous and now we have an acting one who is probably also on a similar figure as well as the Administrator who is saying he needs to stay on the appoint the next C.E.O. Where is all this money coming from seeing as we are so far in debt already. Council is suppose to work for the community and use the money for the community needs. This has not been happening for a long time. Please listen to us as a community. We do not want this outrageous increase on our rates.</p>	No	Genny	Nelson
3445	<p>council need to sell off 200M worth assets as their main source of funding. They own a lot of properties and land which can be sold off.</p> <p>5% rate rise is acceptable. anything more is not.</p> <p>then a reduction to the level of service and closure of some council facilities is necessary. for eg - some council child cares can close - none of them operate as a profit. Also libraries is another area where the council can reduce services and save money.</p> <p>The public have not been consulted with these options and we need to have these options other than a 10% or 15% rate rise. reduce the level of service and council facilities is an option which must be given to the public. a 20% increase in fees and charges - user pays. Also increase in rental and hiring fees for the public - user pays - council has many leasees on rent that is well below market value. Why should a private company benefit from this only to make the ratepayer pay more..</p> <p>The rate payers need more options and they need to decide or at least have a say.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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3446	Confidential	No	Tina	Johnson
3447	<p>Gosford Council have rigged their survey, you HAVE to choose either the 10% or 15% rate increase to be able to finish the survey, they have added a 3rd Option No Rate Rise in just one part of the survey, BUT, to finish the survey you HAVE TO CHOOSE one or the other of their choice, the 3RD OPTION IS NOT THERE IN SECTION 7. IT IS A JOKE and surely [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. They emailed the survey TODAY and it has to be in by MONDAY!!</p> <p>I don't believe that the Ratepayers of the Gosford area should be compelled to pay for the incompetence and unlawful practices that the Council took part in, as the Councils are managed by the State Government and it was they who forced Gosford and Wyong into amalgamation.</p> <p>I feel the Acting Chief Executive Officer should be approaching Gladys Berejiklian for a substantial bail-out with perhaps a much smaller rate rise for the ratepayers.</p> <p>I also feel the Green/Labor policies of the Council by declaring our electorate as being in a climate emergency added to the problems by channeling funds into ridiculous climate change, renewable energy and environmental issues.</p> <p>In my opinion Councils' should stick with what they were elected to do, maintain roads, parks and beaches, rubbish removal and community services and forget about ideological political issues!</p>	No	CHERYL	GREEN
3448	Central coast council is a disgrace and the people should not be slugged a massive 10 or 15 % increase in rates due to their ineptitude.	No	Eamonn	Crean
3449	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3450	<p>In time of the pandemic and international recession, solutions to government mismanagement of public monies, should focus on reducing wages and useless services recently installed in the the Wyong/Gosford Shire..</p> <p>I refer to one such outlandish spend with no benefit to people or protection of our natural resources. Council Vehicles on Beach Ecosystems.</p> <p>I have been a family member and ratepayer near Hargraves Beach Noraville for 60 years.</p> <p>The sand of the beach has come and gone with nature (wind and waves & storm fronts). Sea weed comes and goes on the beach from the nearby and protecting reef. The seaweed acts as a natural beach builder as it gets covered with new moving sand.</p> <p>The beach is a microcosm of crabs worms birds, shellfish etc.</p> <p>Only after the last major storm event have we seen a brand new red tractor visiting on a daily basis to access our pristine beach spending hours flattening and allegedly cleaning the sand.</p> <p>this is a totally unnecessary and potentially ecologically harmful process at great cost to residents to purchase,run and service these beach squashing and natural beach surface destroying monsters. Maybe needed in Wamberal after major storm event but not daily on normal beaches.</p> <p>Also the daily collection of rubbish from recent bins installed on beaches is just as damaging with some daily council drivers driving over dune grasses to access bins. These bins are mostly filled with flotsam local residents collect and we could equally put in our own bins. or bins could be localised at street ends of beach access points. These bins could then be accessed by road vehicles or if beach bins are deemed absolutely necessary, staff could walk the short 50 metres from the road to the beach.</p> <p>I propose the use of council vehicles on our beach ecosystems as a regular service is a massive waste of rate payer monies and repetitive damage to fragile natural ecosystems. Please remove all tyred vehicles from damaging our fragile beach ecosystems and save the rate payer a small fortune.</p> <p>This is but one example of a recent spends &service implemented in our local area, at great cost for zero return.</p> <p>Apart from the lifesavers buggy beach cars from Lakes Beach as a life saving patrol, put trucks and tractors back on the roads and land.</p> <p>I have multiple videos and photos to make this point if needed.</p> <p>Rate payers will otherwise approach this situation with petition.</p> <p>If service such as this and wages spent on inconsequential chores were scrutinised, we could pay the normal rate peg increase instead of massive 10-15% rate hikes as proposed.</p> <p>Ratepayers are equally suffering wage loss, low interest rates, job losses due to pandemic and economy.</p> <p>Don't make them pay double whilst people in public office are getting away with mismanagement and overspending.</p> <p>I can't spend what I don't have.</p> <p>Neither should councils. They know what comes in, in rates each year and this is their annual budget.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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3451	<p>Hi</p> <p>As a rate payer of Central Coast Council, I object strongly to the Central Coast Council's request to increase their general income above the 2% rate peg. Please DO NOT burden the ratepayers of the Central Coast with a grossly unfair increase of 10% or 15%, especially as I see nothing in place that will prevent this from happening again.</p> <p>The survey sent out by the council is an example of the Council/Administrator's genuine lack of community consultation. It has been created with the aim of forcing respondents to agree with an 10% or 15% increase, or not respond at all. If there are not many responses it will be claimed that the community is not interested in consultation. There is a required question asking you to choose a 10% or 15% increase.</p> <p>We have lost all trust in Central Coast Council.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3452	<p>I do not believe that the ratepayers of the Central Coast Council should have their rates increased by 10% - 15% due to the mismanagement of money's paid to it. A rate rise of this amount will bring financial hardship to many thousand of residents, particularly now due to lose of jobs, businesses closing etc. It is so wrong that no one has been made accountable for this huge mess we now find ourselves in. I tried to fill in the council survey, but it would not accept it unless I chose 10% or 15%,I do not agree with this rise,it should only be 2.5%.</p> <p>Common sense must be used in this matter. [REDACTED]</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3453	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3454	CC residents should not have to pay for the mismanagement of funds. Also to be only given the choice of a 10% rate rise with services cut or 15% permanent to pay back debt is unfair, especially as there has not been any responsibility taken by council management. We were already on reduced services as it is.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3455	Outrageous unchecked abuse of our money with no ramifications?	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3456	<p>I do not understand how Council and the government can foist a 15% rate rise onto their community when the community are still on Covid reduced wages, have lost jobs and working reduced hours. I along with many others do not have two pennies to rub together let alone an additional 15% which will equate to an enormous amount given how much they already charge. How are Council not being held accountable for their spending, why new suburb sign posts, why purchase all the additional computer and laptop equipment on amalgamation.... please don't increase this much - we are hurting too much already! Please review how much CCC charge against other LGAs and then tell me why they cannot make it work without punishing innocent people.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3457	<p>I am concerned that such a rate increase will have a negative effect upon not only myself but other rate payers considering the current economic climate of dormant pay rises and increased unemployment. Such increase could be factored into a Levy applied to new developments and sale of assets (Duplicated work areas) would assist in reducing the budgetary blowout that has accrued in Council. Poor management oversight by councillors and Managers within the Council should not be costed against the average Rate payer. Nothing is ever temporary and any application of such a steep increase would be a negative exercise when average rate payers are unable to met the rate increase upon the expected 2.5%. Default and income to Council is further reduced when the rate payer is unable to met the rate increase. Though it is the Ratepayer that had voted for such councillors to manage their area, and some blame goes to such, lessons are learnt from such experiences, and should not be costed to all. A rate increase above 2.5% would be a quick fix that in the long term subject individuals and families to costs that they could not maintain. it should also be noted that advising ratepayers that Services would be reduced or cut without such an increase above 2.5% amounts to bullying and fear factors that should not be applied and Council warned that behaviour is not appropriate nor is it legal. Inciting fear among the rate payers an in particular Elderly and young families add additional pressure that within this current economic and health crisis should be discouraged and retracted. Their can be alternate ways of reducing the budget blowout as mention with New Development levees and sale of Property / assets and make it a progressive pay down of the deficit over longer term that a quick fix solution.</p>	No	Darryl	Hopkins
3458	<p>For 27 years we have lived 4 doors up from a pre school in Gorokan and still can't get kerb and guttering, and now they want us (the ratepayer) to cough up for thier (council) incompetence.</p> <p>WHEN WILL IT END.</p> <p>SERIOUSLY, if we the ratepayer stuff up, no one is going to help us.</p> <p>BACK TO COUNCIL BASICS, roads, parks and gardens, sewer and water.</p> <p>USE THE INTERNET, instead of whole dept travelling overseas for information .</p> <p>JUST STOP [REDACTED] THE RATEPAYER</p>	No	Steven	Nicholson
3459	I cannot afford an increase in my rates. We do not live in a wealthy area. I am struggling to pay the current rates. If this increase is forced on me I will become on the Council's bad debt list.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3460	Confidential	No	Jack	Armstrong
3461	Confidential	No	Michelle	Armstrong
3462	I can't afford to pay any more as I'm a widow working part time	No	Kerry	Hollingswort
3463	We are on the old age pension and can't afford it	No	Kevin	Nash

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3464	<p style="text-align: center;">30/1/2021</p> <p>To whom it May Concern</p> <p>I strongly disapprove of the proposed 15% rate rise. Why should rate payers have to bail out a council who used rate payers money in a unlawful manner.</p> <p>I a pensioner for one have trouble making ends meet as it is while the councillors got paid knowing full well they were spending money they had no right to spend.</p> <p>They should all be not suspended but sacked immediately.</p> <p>The letter they sent to rate payers was sent at a time when a lot of people were on holidays and did not give people enough time to respond. Very sneaky.</p> <p>I hope you listen to the people of the shire and do the right thing by us, the rate payers.</p> <p>Yours Sincerely</p> 	No	Beverly	Browne
3465	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3466	<p>Thank you for an opportunity to provide feedback on Central Coast Council's intention to seek Rates increase over the standard 2% increase already drafted, to cover the fallout of its unlawful misappropriation of funds between project and operational activities over the past several years to the tune of several hundreds of millions of dollars, and its subsequent proposals in respect of reimbursing the restricted funds that were unlawfully accessed.</p> <p>If the Council were a Corporation, there would be little doubt of it avoiding investigation and probable prosecution of officials responsible, under the Australian Corporations Act, for failure to exercise expected duty of care and possibly, operating under insolvent trading conditions.</p> <p>The ratepayer base has so far been given no information as to which specific projects consumed the misappropriated funds, and by how much, and which specific assets and activities had their future needs funds ransacked in the process, and by how much.</p> <p>The recent information published on the Council's website of options to resolve the situation, is pathetically paltry in terms of details as to which specific Council assets and activities fall into the general blurbs of "maintenances" and "services".</p> <p>To now expect residents to front up with over the 2% benchmark annual rates to continue to pay for a bunch of unspecified "community service expectations" is an atrocious disrespect of people's intelligence and good-will towards Central Coast Council's management of the Central Coast region.</p> <p>Central Coast Council needs to come clean by publishing on the Council's website, easily identifiable, clearly labelled and detailed lists of services provided to weary-worn Council ratepayers, suburb by suburb, street by street, by asset/service/fix/project/time-done and the specific funding amounts consumed by each granular activity involved.</p> <p>If Central Coast Council wants ratepayers to take the Council's activities seriously and to support its "good intentions", then it should provide historical and up-to-date (timely), detailed information of expenses incurred or anticipated, and a corresponding granular list of expected beneficiary types likely to prosper or be supported by each and every Council outlay of funds.</p> <p>If Central Coast Council cannot publish a clearly understandable, street-by-street, expenditure listing on a 3 monthly basis, then no progress has been made in the Council's effort to right-the-wrongs, because obviously Council still does not know what it is spending on what, and Council does not know what it is wasting or could be doing otherwise, or if it does know, it does not want such information to be made publicly available for scrutiny and intelligent feedbacks.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3467	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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3468	<p>The residents of the central coast are seeking protection and fair treatment after years of substandard customer care, substandard customer service and mediocre service provision. The unparralled mismanagement (at best) or [REDACTED] (at worst) use of public money by the council members that were elected in to protect them should not be the responsibility of the innocent residents to repay. The fact that the auditing accountants failed to flag or declose an unprecedented \$90 million deficit should lead to action against the individuals and collectives involved, but seemingly no. The same accountants used by the council during the mismanagement years have been reengaged to audit and investigste the books during the administrative period. Surely common sense tells us to not involve any of the perties invovled in the initial corruption. How is that transparent and what faith does it provide that their is not corruption in the midst? How can any calculated or reasoned repayment decisions be made until the final forensic analysis is complete, the criminal determinations are made and the deficit identified and understood. The propsaled rate rises are both inflated above index linking and are neither appropriate, reasoned or reasonable for residents. I wholeheartedly request you decline the councils proposal and look protect the residents of the central coast.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3469	<p>Ipert not approve Central Coast Council application to apply a 10% or 15% increase in rates to recover the unlawful use of restricted funds. A financial dilemma created by Council mismanagement. Wyong residents were subjected to a higher rate increase prior to merge in 2016. Wyong residents are now required to apply a further increase equal to a 10 or 15 percent rise when in fact any increase should only be applied to Gosford residents to bring on par. The former Wyong Shire contributes more in rates due to farming and mining. Also increases in housing developments in the Wyong Shire will obviously provide additional rate income. Wyong Shire is the growth area due to available land space whereas Gosford has no room for growth.</p> <p>This a merge that should never have occurred and now rsesidents are being penalised for Council mismanagement.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3470	<p>A previous enquiry by ICAC etc, in 2017 was very similar to what we are now seeing, no report from that has ever been made available to residents. An amount of \$1.3 billion was involved.</p> <p>The role of the State Auditors and likely negligence by not identifying “reserved funds usage” and the need for administration pursuing compensation from auditors insurance would be expected, not asking ratepayers for increases!</p> <p>The political background comes into play here also.</p> <p>We have a liberal minister for Terrigal, requested the suspension of (mainly labor) councillors, a liberal administrator appointed by a state liberal government, one can only assume the state liberal govt. are denying any responsibility for insufficient funding to a mega amalgamated council., and are now ignoring the need to step in and provide additional funds. The true estimated costs were \$250 million as opposed to \$10 million granted. The administrator has identified far more than \$10 million to date. I think this has a definite conflict of interest about it.</p> <p>The survey firstly gave a choice of agreeing to 10-15% rise, and then updated to include none or pegged, three choices, but it didn’t allow a selection of none/pegged only to be able to submit it, so it really wasn’t a true outright none/pegged selection. Giving the impression you had chosen a second option.</p> <p>This area now has very large homes 6-12 bedrooms etc, and used as holiday rentals, some under 2 nights, so not a business rate, as the pensioner owner of a very modest 3 bedroom and my neighbours 1 and 2 bedrooms, we would be expected to pay unaffordable rates for a proposed long term. This proposed increase could likely see us rated out completely.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3471	I haven’t a problem with rate rises but I do not wish to pay for others mismanagement!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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	<p>Central Coast Council, recently sent a survey letter to it's rate payers to advise thats they wanted to either have a 10% rate increase for a set number of years or a permanent 15% increase. As a resident and rate payer I object to either of these increases.</p> <p>The request is being made by a state government appointed admistrator who is reviewing the financial position of the council. So far he has found that a lot of the financial problems have come about because of miss managment, excessive costs following the forced merger of councils by the NSW state government and councilors not being provided with relevant financial information by the incompetant CEO and CFO who were hired by the prior administrator who the NSW goverment put in place when the councils were merged. There is also a lack of accountability by the independant auditor and auditor general.</p> <p>There is a general feeling within the community that the NSW state government should be held accountable for the excess costs of rebranding, new websites following merger, costs of additional staff because clearly the economies of scale that were supposed to happen where just a rouse to get the council to merge and the fact that the Auditors did not do their jobs properly has contributed to the financial mess the council is now in. Why should the individual rate payer have to foot the bill for something that was not directly within their control.</p> <p>The survey set up by the council in relation to the rate rise is misleading, does not explain all options and it tries to lead you to agree to something that should not even be a question. Either 10% for a number of years or 15% permanently or you will not get any services and we will sell off assets. It was deemed the prior rates were sufficient to cover service and retain assets; at present the council is not mowing grass at libraries, filling pot holes or undertaking normal activities that the existing rates are supposed to cover - I feel they are doing this to try and make rate payers agree to increases.</p> <p>The council should put a case to the NSW Government for funds to cover additional costs following the FORCED merger of Gosford and Wyong Councils, and Be looking to express their intention to take action against the auditor for not doing their jobs and make a claim against their professional indemnity insurance.</p> <p>As a rate payer on a very limited income I can not afford to be paying for other peoples miss managment. If I am forced to pay increased rates I will not be able to pay for food, electricity and other essentials.</p>			
3472	This whole rates increase is just not fair.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
	I find the suggestion of increase in rates on the Central Coast extremely offensive. We already have high rates in return for little services. Why don't council just stick to maintaining council reserves, parks and fields, garbage and fixing potholes. Our roads are atrocious and do so much damage to our cars. You threaten to close services if we don't agree to an increase... ok go ahead. Close down old and antiquated libraries and smelly old pools. Even these services have not been maintained. These entitled people are supposed to serve us not themselves. I am extremely angry at how they have abused their positions and have not been held accountable! This council gets more than enough to provide basic services and repay any debt they have got is into. There should be some action taken against the people who knowingly used funds [REDACTED] They did in the presumption that the state government would bail them out but we know that's not going to happen.			
3473	So I say a very defiant NO to any rate increase!	No	Kerry	Browning
	<p>To whom it may concern</p> <p>I strongly oppose the proposed extraordinary increase to our Council rates.</p> <p>I do not consent to a rate rise for Central Coast residents, whether it be to pay for the "mismanagement" of Council funds or the mismanagement of State Government in their oversight of Local government. There are far reaching considerations of what this will mean: the impact to the Central Coast community; the ripple effect which may increase homelessness, the effect on businesses already struggling, landlords and therefore tenants, increased financial stress on those that can least afford it. The majority of residents on the Central Coast are already doing it tough. We have the highest incidences of suicide in the country, some of the highest unemployment rates in the state, a high percentage of aged pensioners who already choose between bills and food and people who work hard in retail, hospitality, tourism and health.</p> <p>I believe the residents should not be put under undue financial stress because of CCC's "mismanagement of funds" and subsequent creation of job losses, the shortfall in funds for infrastructure, and for projects that contribute to the economic and social well-being of our community.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.</p>			
3474	[REDACTED]	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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3475	<p>We have no capacity as retirees nor willingness to pay additional council rates under a special variation increase due to Council's Unlawful Expenditure. No extraordinary requirement existed to overspend. Mismanagement of funds should not be a justification to increase rates otherwise what is to stop them doing it again. This Council is completely incompetent and should be cutting salaries and services and selling assets before increasing rates. As pensioners on the river we no services from council, no road, no parking (we have to pay), no garbage collection and we need to remove garbage and pay for jetty access at own cost including removal of debris from the river. On top of this Council charges us for Stormwater Drainage Fees which is a made up fee as we live in a natural landscape with no drains. Council have denied us Pensioner discount on our rates while we are building. We get no benefit from Council. This is beyond reasonable that we would be asked to pay for Councils failure to stick to a budget that has had no benefit to ourselves or the community beyond delivering what they were supposed to. Whoever is accountable needs to find other options through independent advice and without raising rates. They should also submit a plan as to how this will be avoided in the future.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3476	<p>This Council is proposing a rate increase because of a shortfall in funds of \$585 million.</p> <p>I am objecting to a rate rise as I believe that there may be avenues of funding from the State Govt. to cover costs of Amalgamation of Wyong and Gosford Councils and bad decisions by Council on expenditure. They say they have pursued these but I am not convinced they have exhausted their options.</p> <p>The proposals and surveys sent to rate payers by the Council for increased rates are unclear, poorly explained and in some cases appear deceptive. I am an educated person but do not fully understand exactly what they are proposing or for how many years the rate rises will be in force.</p> <p>From years of my observation, this Council has been very strong on capital expenditure, especially new projects with little apparent value (eg, a proposed skate park at Umina Beach for several millions of dollars) and very poor on maintenance of existing infrastructure and installations. Lack of maintenance often results in additional repairs and unnecessary replacement. Supervision of employees in the field is often poor, also resulting in added costs and wasted funds. Obvious maintenance works that would benefit the community just do not seem to get done. I have expressed my concerns to Council about these matters on more than one occasion.</p> <p>Council states that without a rate rise services to the community and maintenance of parks, gardens etc. will be severely cut...my comment is that these are poor already.</p> <p>My opinion is that if this Council is given access to too much money then the waste will continue. If money is in short supply Council and staff will have to work more efficiently and come up with ways to cut costs and minimise waste, just as a private organisation would have to do, and which I have experienced.</p>	No	Peter	Brell
3477	<p>I am currently a ratepayer of central coast council and prior to the merger of Wyong and Gosford councils a ratepayer of Wyong Shire Council for more than 30 years. Recently I completed a survey in response to a letter of 13th January,2021.from the Acting Chief Executive Officer of Central Coast Council. I am not in favour of any special rate variation proposed by the council ,only the normal rate increase set by you. The financial situation of the council is a result of the following...Financial Miss-management by the council-spending on infrastructure out of control,The wrong councilors in control.Ratepayers no say in the merger of the councils-Gosford with poor investments lost considerable funds.The State Government has already assisted with funds to pay employees,ratepayers should not be forced to bail out the council,some form of government assistance should be considered.</p> <p>Recent times have been fairly tough on most of us average ratepayers and regardless of what is the current talk prices are going up regularly out there in the real world.</p>	No	Robert	DILLEY

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3478	<p>As a declared 'shareholder' of Central Coast Council, I strongly object to the Central Coast Council's request to increase their general income above the 2% rate peg. Please DO NOT burden the ratepayers of the Central Coast with a grossly unfair increase of 10% or even 15%, especially as I have not seen any evidence of safeguards put in place that will prevent this from happening again. See points below in regards to our wishlist and hopes for a better CCC.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Official apology for unlawful use of funds. Ratepayers do not trust CCC anymore, but would like to again. 2. An official vote of no confidence in Council and the entire executive leadership team who oversaw this mess. 3. We want curb, gutter, potholes fixed, weeding, water... all the basics prioritized FIRST. There are many documented examples of potholes, roads in disrepair, high weeds covering footpaths used by residents, making them dangerous to negotiate and often forcing schoolchildren to make their way to school by walking on the streets. This neglect is not lack of funds. It's endemic to this Council, a situation going back years. 4. No more threats of restricted services if the CCC loses with IPART. 5. Sack the councillors not just suspend them. 6. No more executives getting golden hand shakes. With power comes responsibility. Enforce those responsibilities and hold the bureaucracy to account. 7. No more contrived manipulated surveys from CCC. Your council is losing your 'shareholders' respect, trust and confidence. 8. No more lack of transparency and proper documentation by council in regards to financial matters that results in inadequate checks from the NSW Auditor General department. Make CCC responsible and culpable via written contracts. 9. The Central Coast Council already charges some of the highest rates in the state with the lowest return of infrastructure benefits for rate payers. Unlawful council activity has been confirmed by Rik Hart in a letter to rate payers entitled 'Securing your future'. They have now gone into administration and they THREATENS TO REDUCE OUR SERVICES EVEN FURTHER IF WE DON'T PAY FOR THEIR MISTAKES. 10. This letter also states: 'The prospects of a rate rise will be particularly difficult news for our pensioners and those in the community who are really doing it tough'. So they admit the inequity. THIS IS A GROSS UNDERSTATEMENT. An imposte of a huge 15% rate rises on rate payers will severely affect many people both financially and equally importantly, mentally. 11. 27% of residents on the Central Coast are over 60. Well above the NSW average of 22%. Pensions increased by 0.2% in 2020 and many pensioners and lower income earners are already struggling to get by. PLEASE DO NOT approve the Council's request for an unheard of 10% or 15% rate increase. Simply put, that would destroy lives. Especially as many households are already struggling because of the pandemic. 12. With the higher rate rises will come higher rent rises, and businesses will charge more, some business will now not come to the Central Coast OR they will leave. The cost is always passed on. So if anyone thinks this is just a home owner problem they are incorrect. Rate rises will increase poverty and unemployment. Developers will have trouble selling their lots and package deal homes, as the insecurity of permanent rate rises will scare people away both buyers and investors. Worse still this could lead to hundreds of homes put up for sale to get away from the financial insecurity leading to a downturn in property values. Watch this decision snowball out of control. 	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3479	<p>I would like to see Council rates left as they are . I am not in a Agreeance with a 10 % or 15% increase.</p> <p>I prefer Council assets to be sold off to compensate for the mismanagement of the counsellors.</p>	No	Brian	Thompson
3480	<p>I am a rate payer in the Gosford Shire and I'm appalled that you could even consider making us pay more than the rate peg!!!! This council should be investigated by ICAC! The fact that they have used our money to pay ridiculous amounts of money for building works(a bad smell exists about all these contractors being paid exorbitant amounts of money), staff also getting exorbitant amounts of money, it just makes me wild!!! Who is accountable for all this??? Don't allow them any more than the rate peg!!!!</p>	No	Lynne	Vella
3481	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3482	<p>The amalgamation of Gosford and Wyong Councils has not achieved any benefits for the community. Now with the Central Coast council in financial difficulty, the proposal for a major increase in rates is unreasonable. The ratepayers should not be expected to fund the inadequacies of the council mergers. The council is also out of line with community expectations stating they will have to scale back community services if there is not a huge increase in rate levels.</p>	No	Mike	Daniels

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3483	<p>We object in the strongest manner possible to central coast council's application to increase rates.</p> <p>The current council have :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wasted rate payers money - Acted unlawfully <p>To give the council more of our hard earned money, when they have already shown themselves to be incapable of using it wisely , would be completely unacceptable and downright foolish!</p> <p>If a bank lost our money, we would not be giving them more funds to invest. We would switch to another bank!</p> <p>We can't switch to another council, however, the current council should be sacked, charged with theft and a new council elected.</p> <p>The new council would then be charged with getting projects moving on the central coast. eg, We have a huge development site, here in Mooney Mooney and Peat Island, that should be sold to a developer to raise money and build houses, shops, cafes and accommodation in this wonderful location. Thereby providing new income from rates etc, as well as providing numerous jobs.</p> <p>Furthermore, many households on the coast have built second houses/ granny flats on their land to provide much needed accommodation.</p> <p>Development laws should be adjusted to allow land on such sites to be subdivided making two titles. This would allow each house to be sold independently, providing income to the state from stamp duty, income to the council from extra rates and the opportunity for more people to enter the housing market.</p> <p>Thank you</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>	No	Troy Hodson	Bettine Visser
3484	Im appalled at council performance. So many issues unresolved- sewerage, kerb & guttering, tree lopping, houses ar Terrigal coastal damage to name a few	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3485	<p>Why do we have to pay to bail out a council who have mismanaged council fees rates etc for years. We hav3 all heard the rumour of financial irresponsibility. Government decided to merge council that were too big, too over governed and too unable to cope. I live in Mooney and the council effort here has been disgusting. No infrastructure, no maintenance, nothing but garbage pickup. And yet we will be charged ridiculous amounts to bail out a council that just could not do the job.....</p> <p>I say NO TO RAISE IN OUR COUNCIL RATES</p>	No	Kerrie	Shorey
3486	Confidential	No	A	Dryden
3487	Confidential	No	Kasey	Sealy

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3488	<p>Council's proposal to permanently increase the rates by 15% is unjustified. Yes, I can see the need for a temporary increase to pay down the debt but a permanent increase will only lead to more mismanagement of our rates.</p> <p>As well, we live in Mooney Mooney which has above average rates and much lower services - some roadwork, household services and a offshoot of the library twice a week staffed by volunteers. That is all. No kerb and guttering, no improvements - we don't even have a community meeting place let alone local services. Most of Mooney residents have to use Hornsby services (if we can) because there is nothing local to us.</p> <p>To top this off, many people in Mooney are still paying off an expensive sewerage system (on top of the sewerage charges) for which no subsidy was given.</p> <p>All in all, we don't get much from the council and we pay more than many other areas. To make this a permanent increase is just a money grab!</p> <p>Please call me if you would like to discuss this.</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>	No	Karen	Walsh
3489	<p>I don't mind paying extra for some emergencies temporarily although the Council should be responsible for the mismanagement of funds. However, according to the proposal, the extra charge will become permanent, which is not acceptable! This is not the first time that Gosford Council has misappropriated funds, and it is the residents who suffer. The letter from the administrator states that without a rate rise council fees and charges will need to increase and staff let go. We see nothing wrong in properly justified increases in charges for services that are actually used seeing that, in Mooney Mooney, very few services are provided by Council. Nor do we see that there is a problem in reducing staff numbers given that the amalgamation of Wyong and Gosford Councils was supposed to provide increased levels efficiency across the board with reduced costs and better synergy of resources. That this has not happened is demonstrated by the increase in staff numbers of over two hundred (200) persons above the staff levels existing prior to the amalgamation.</p>	No	Liz	Terrey
3490	<p>As a Rate payer on the Central Coast for over 20 yrs I do not agree that our rates should be risen to account for the debt that they now find themselves in due to the use of unauthorised funds. This is [REDACTED] and should be investigated further. Rate Payers have continued to pay rates and had no idea as did anyone that funds were being misused. I currently live on a main road that is used by buses and commuters traveling to Wyong Railway station. Residents have been liasing with council since 2014 to have this road repaired. lined and with curb and gutter along with safety devices to slow traffic. Work began in 2018 and this has not stopped due to the current debt they are in. Our council have not been meeting the basic in the area for some time. This included but is not limited to Basic road repairs (large potholes everywhere). overgrown pathways, amentities in need of repair, road flooding issues,</p>	No	Julie	Joester
3491	Confidential	No	TONY	CHU
3492	Confidential	No	Shirley and Richard	Welsh Wade
3493	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3494	<p>I live at Cheero Point - the services we receive from Gosford are almost nil. Gosford Council mismanagement of our funds is a disgrace . We who receive so little benefit as it is - absolutely do NOT agree to any Rate Rise in our Area . We will campaign vigorously against it ! Nor should we be asked to pay for the mismanagement of our rates . This proposal is an absolute disgrace and we will have none of it .</p>	No	Juno	Gemes

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3495	<p>The Central Coast Council (suspended) by the Administrator has issued a misleading letter seeking resident input into a "one off" increase" , it is believed this is not a "one off" but in perpetuity.</p> <p>As a resident I strongly object to the requested increase in rates to mitigate "unlawful" (Administrators term in letter to residents) expenditure of funds. We await legal action against those involved in illegalities with rate payers funds.</p> <p>The Council has demonstrated on multiple occasions through scandal and suspension that it is unable to manage and discharge its duties and should be dismembered and abolished to stop a another repeat (which is inevitable).</p> <p>Regards [REDACTED]</p>	No	paul	Oakes
3496	<p>I feel strongly that and would like to express my disappointment regarding a rate increase that is proposed by Central Coast Council.</p> <p>The survey that they have provided only provides two options to select and does not leave any space for a comment. In addition, many elderly and others who may be socially disadvantaged will not respond to the survey as they may not have internet access or have a good understanding of how to access or complete on-line surveys.</p> <p>I do not want to pay for the Acting CEO to say he is processing the surveys, or that he understands our viewpoint. He follows it up with - "no rate rise is not a viable option". If that is the case then why are we even being asked? This continues to cost us money and we should not have to pay for the gross mismanagement of our Service.</p> <p>We have been threatened with consequences such as reduced services and in the meantime, we are left feeling anxious and let down by those who were supposed to be good stewards of our community.</p> <p>I am a hard working community members who pays taxes and has ensured that where ever possible I support local community businesses, particularly during the pandemic. Please do not make the residents pay for the the gross misconduct of the Council.</p> <p>Thanks you.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3497	<p>PS: Many people do not even know about IPART as it has not been made very public, expect for it being in the local community news paper.</p> <p>Regarding your Ludicrous request for a rate rise: It should not occur and not be pegged, Your survey on rates rises is flawed, corrupt and biased, most probably why your in the mess in the first place. Your council and bureaucracy not taking any responsibility for having rates larger than the Sydney average of \$755. Your rates are crazy if you compare the average Sydney rate is \$755 and Mosman is \$1200. how do you justify your incompetence when you do not have any footpaths in Umina and Ettalong at least Sydney has and they provide a better service? It is not more expensive on the coast it is cheaper.</p> <p>You should all be ashamed of your self with people out of work and high unemployment rate all you want is more, how about you executives and fat cats take a pay cut.</p>	No	Dragon	Tucic
3498	<p>I understand rates are increasing as council has mismanaged funds and overspent. However the area we live has not had any major or minor works undertaken in many years. Cheero Point has been left with shared rubbish facilities (no green red bins) we have to wheel barrow our waste down a steep hill to a skip bin shared by our small community). Our sewage infrastructure fails every time there is a storm and we had to pay \$13,000 to be connected to a substandard sewage infrastructure that floods our rear yard with waste every time the mini pump station fills when power outage as it requires power to pump out. No curb and gutters, road is eroding into river. No park upgrades for our children. And our library has shut down / never to have story time again. Why should our rates rise when our services remain substandard?</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3499	<p>I do not agree, nor consent to the proposed rate rise.</p>	No	Marty	Fennell
3500	<p>The Liberal Government has significantly impacted on the ability of local government to perform for their communities. The forced amalgamations have been a disaster. The Central Coast Council is too big and too geographically spread for effective local government. There too few Councillors and the notion that local government is just a 'business' is distorting the ability of local government to provide services to their communities. Until we have democratic control restored any rate increase should be put on hold.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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3501	<p>I am forwarding concerns voiced by Michael and Elizabeth Fish, who like me, live at Mooney Mooney, NSW. These were emailed to the Administrator/ CEO of Council. I am endorse these concerns, viz;</p> <p>Dear Mr Hart</p> <p>We would like to respond to the A/CEO's letter dated 13 Jan 2021 relating to a proposal to apply for an increase in rates for Central Coast residences and businesses and to point out the following</p> <p>1. Firstly we would like to point out that the figures given in the table showing the increase in rates are anomalous in that they do not calculate back to the averages for the current year on an individual basis for Gosford or Wyong or even if the two average charges are combined and a mean is taken . Applying a 10% rate rise on \$1015 (Gosford residential average rates) results in an increase to \$1116.5 not \$1212 and a rate rise of 15% results in an increase to \$1167.25 not \$1267. Even if you apply the calculation by adding the Gosford and Wyong averages together and taking the mean, the results are \$1214.95 at a 10% increase and \$1270 for a 15% increase not \$1212 and \$1267 respectively. Your advice on this anomaly which applies for Business, Farming and Mining rates also is requested.</p> <p>2. We also point out that, in real terms, the so called 10% residential increase to \$1212 represents an actual 19.4% increase to the Gosford average and a 15% rise to \$1267 represents an actual 24.8% increase on the Gosford average. We therefore challenge the fairness of this proposal and request advice on why the bulk of the "heavy lifting" is allocated to Gosford area ratepayers and how this is justified.</p> <p>3 Our rates here at Mooney Mooney are \$2136 pa i.e. more than double the stated annual average of \$1015 (Gosford) but this area receives very little by way of Council services or support. The proposal is for an across the board percentage rise to existing rates of either 10% or 15% but applying a blanket percentage increase does not recognise the impact for rates that are already above the average and this is unfair. If there has to be an increase at all, as a fairer approach, it should be made as a single dollar amount set against the existing average for each region (Gosford or Wyong) not the heavy and onerous impact of a percentage rise.</p> <p>4. The letter makes no mention of anything being done to recover money that has been mis-allocated or action taken against those responsible for the illegal activities referred to in para 2. Your advice on these impacts and recovery efforts is requested.</p> <p>5. In para 3 the letter states that without a rate rise council fees and charges will need to increase and staff let go. We see nothing wrong in properly justified increases in charges for services that are actually used seeing that, in Mooney Mooney, very few services are provided by Council. Nor do we see that there is a problem in reducing staff numbers given that the amalgamation of Wyong and Gosford Councils was supposed to provide increased levels efficiency across the board with reduced costs and better synergy of resources. That this has not happened is demonstrated by the increase in staff numbers of over two hundred (200) persons above the staff levels existing prior to the amalgamation. Your advice on what actions have been taken to realise the improvement and overall efficiency targets of the amalgamation is requested.</p>	No	Donald	Dingsdag, Dr
3502	<p>Central Coast Council is proposing for a special variation to 2020-2021 rates as a result of major mismanagement of funds post-amalgamation. We, as rate payers, object to an organization mismanaging our collective rates and then instead of correcting its practices asking ratepayers to bail them out with a special rates variation.</p> <p>We do not believe that any lessons will be learned if the special variations are granted but we do believe that the Council needs to live within its means with the normal annual rate increase.</p> <p>Again we strongly recommend that the special variation not be granted to the Central Coast Council.</p>	No	Sig	Stolcs
3503	<p>I object to the proposed rate rise in the Central Coat Council LGA.</p> <p>My family and I live in Cheero Point - a small semi-rural community.</p> <p>Central Coast Council provide very limited services in this area - mainly rubbish collection, pot-hole fixing, and the occasional dealing with a nuisance dog - somewhat infrequently, inconsistently, and ineffectively.</p> <p>Our rates are already too high for this level and calibre of service.</p> <p>In our detailed rates notice we note the breakdown for numerous charges such as stormwater and waterfront safety. These charges appear not to fund anything which benefits our property or our community.</p> <p>It's troubling that a public authority has blown its budget and squandered cash reserves through mismanagement and risky investments. I do not believe that the cost of getting the train back on the tracks should be levied against ratepayers.</p>	No	Alan	Barrett

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3504	we completely oppose the proposed special variation to rates. certainly before any rate payer is required to pay from their own hard earned savings - as a result of wrongful decisions and behaviour by incompetent, dishonest, greed, power seeking Council leaders. These same Council members/leaders, who had responsibility to uphold Councils strategic, operational and financial decisions, must first incur civil and or criminal charges, have their own personal assets seized. Also they must never be able to hold any position in any federal, state or local council ever again, including any capacity with third party contracts on behalf of any council. Also CCC to demonstrate in detail what other measures have been considered and basis for exclusion rather than threaten to reduce the services provided - why ratepayers have already paid for. The have lost our trust so every recommendation, piece of correspondence, any financial reconciliation must be examined with absolute forensic scrutiny. Shame on you CCC for placing us in such a terrible situation where our community will be adversely impacted for some considerable with progressive investments and upkeep enjoyed by other Councils. there must be personal and appropriate consequences for all found to be part of and or leaders of the disgraceful decisions, practices and the dishonest culture they obviously established.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3505	The survey provided does not give the option to not increase our rates The rise is only to cover your mistakes and I don't see how that is fair to us. You as council should be held responsible; work at the average wage for a year, or take a pay cut or hold responsible those who did this. It is not our obligation to fix your mistake. You have worded the survey only to benefit you. This council rate is more expensive than those in western Sydney- but you don't show the public those rates! We've lived in here for many years and this just seems unfair to our community. Terrible survey.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3506	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3507	Confidential	No	brian	edmonds
3508	Mismanagement of council funds should not be rewarded with increased rates. Currently the suburb of Mooney Mooney receives next to nothing from the council. We don't have curb & guttering, no footpaths, we have to walk on the actual Pacific Highway because there is no alternative. I'm lead to believe that our rates are higher than Gosford residents who receive all the services at others expense. If they can't be trusted with the funds they had then a proper investigation needs to be carried out to see what was done with the money. An administrator should not be acting as a councillor and requesting additional funds. I do not agree that it is the residents should be expected to fund them by again increasing our rates.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3509	There have been so many poor, expensive, wasteful decisions by this council. More money means more [REDACTED] from those who remain. Who will be controlling the purse strings, because as a rate payer i dont trust any of them. They couldn't do the jobs they were paid to do ([REDACTED]) so why should we continue to pay them to [REDACTED].	No	Anonymous	Anonymous


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3510	<p>FORMERLY OBJECT to any increase in rates, above the rate peg.</p> <p>Central Coast Council has no right to collectively punish and inflict financial hardship on the residents, to cover the MISMANAGEMENT, MISTAKES and ABUSE OF AUTHORITY by council staff.</p> <p>The letter to residents identified “unlawful uses of Council funds”.....BUT, fails to address the issue of bringing those responsible to account. WHY NOT.?</p> <p>Furthermore, there is no mention of how the Interim Administrator intends to recover these massive losses. WHY NOT?</p> <p>WHY, when there is no evidence that ratepayers have done anything unlawful, are we expected to pay for the [REDACTED] dereliction of duty of council staff. .?</p> <p>The Administrator and CEO have a legal obligation to pursue those responsible to the full extent of the law and prosecution.</p> <p>To date this process lacks transparency in the extreme.</p> <p>Also, the Council’s letter to residents is misleading and designed to create a ‘smoke screen’.</p> <p>The letter started Wyong average rates to be \$1,194 with a projected increase of less than \$100. My rates for 2020/2021 are \$3,494 and we receive NO water or sewerage services or stormwater infrastructure.</p> <p>A 15% increase is in excess of \$500 for my household.</p> <p>We have spoken to numerous other residents and none pay rates at the low level stated by council. All are far in excess of councils figures.</p> <p>The council Survey is clearly designed to obtain a preordained result.</p> <p>Question 7.....DOES NOT allow a ratepayer to proceed without being forced to vote for either 10% or 15% increase. This is BULLYING and surely illegal. Thus, rendering the Council Survey irrelevant and inaccurate!!</p> <p>IPart should be required to read EVERY RESIDENTS INDIVIDUAL COMMENTS on this survey, before considering this Application from Council.</p> <p>Indeed the council Interim Administrator has a legal and moral obligation to also, do so, before even proposing any rate increase.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3511	<p>The fundamental issue with Central coast Council is misappropriation and mismanagement of funds. The amalgamation was suppose to help with issues but in fact have made things worse. The current council has been suspended for creating a debt of over \$500,000,000, nearly half a billion dollars. I heard Sally Hancock the minister for local government announce a further suspension. I have lived on the central coast for more then 30 years and have seen the coast deteriorate, projects not completed and excessive over development. The roads have many potholes, local flooding, no kerb and guttering in streets. Poor sewerage management at Terrigal and Wamberal Lagoons. When it rains many parts of the coast floods and there is overgrowth of green material and drains are blocked. I object to a massive 15% rate rise. There should be no rate rise, and actual experts appointed to manage the finances. Where is the guarantee that the next round of rates are not mismanaged? There needs to be transparent disclosure and regular audits completed to ensure this does not happen again.</p> <p>Over the past 10years there has been significant development from large firms. What has council done with this money? A recent example of incompetence was the postage of two letters to rate payers acknowledging the debt and the proposed rate rise. Why waste money sending two letters when some rate payers have not received one?</p> <p>If this unfair rise of 15% goes ahead it will put many people under financial stress, particularly with the implications of Covid, bushfires and floods. The central coast has a high population of low income, homeless and retired people on fixed incomes who cannot afford this rise. Also wage growth is stagnant in this current climate so how will people pay. May I suggest the usual CPI increase which I think is around the 3% mark go ahead. A possible doubling of this to 6%. Audit and sell off underutilised assets, reduce the workforce and reduce spending on other infrastructure.</p> <p>Also is the proposed 15% every year for the next seven years. Is this accumulative therefore making the rates impossible to pay.</p> <p>Council is threatening to close the libraries and pools if the rate rise does not go ahead. Really what would the rate payers be getting for their rates. Shame on central coast council.</p> <p>thank you for your consideration.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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3512	<p>I don't believe that as a Central Coast Ratepayer that we should have to pay additional rates to fund the mismanagement of prior council executives, we are all struggling with increased costs and this will just add to our financial burden.</p> <p>The executives that caused the overspend should be made take accountability for their actions rather than pushing this onus onto hardworking ratepayers.</p> <p>Maybe the council need to look within their operating functions to see where they can cut costs and work more like a privatised company and be more accountable for the fund they entrust.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3513	<p>Central Coast Council's request for an rate rise of 10% - 15% is an abomination. As a result of incompetence and/or █████ activity by councillors, council employees and/or auditors , ratepayers are being asked to carry the financial burden. Already the administrator is talking about "rate harmonisation", meaning those of us living in the former Gosford Council area seeing our rates rise while residents in the former Wyong Council area will actually see a fall in their rates. So this is one of the benefits of Council Amalgamation forced upon us (against the will of the people) by the Baird Liberal Government - WHAT A JOKE. Before ordinary people are slugged with a long term financial hit, a proper investigation needs to take place and action taken against those responsible. The investigation conducted by the Administrator was akin to the Victorian Hotel Inquiry where nobody has been compelled to answer his questions and no-one has been held accountable.</p> <p>As for as the proposed rate increase options, taking "harmonisation"into account, a 10% SRV actually means a 19,4% increase for Gosford residents and a 15% SRV equates to a 24,8% increase.</p> <p>For those of us no longer working this is a financial burden too far.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3514	<p>For your information, I strongly oppose to the proposal.</p> <p>According to the proposal, the extra charge will become permanent rather than just a temporary emergency relief, which is not acceptable!</p> <p>Here's my reason below.</p> <p>" Either 10% or 15% increase for 21-22 year, it will become permanent. Eg. Suppose the current rate is A, for 21-22, the rate increase is A x (2.5%+7.5%). 22-23 is A x (2.5%+7.5%) x 2.5%. 23-24 is A x (2.5%+7.5%) x 2.5% x 2.5%. for ever!"</p> <p>Hope this calculation could explain the issue well.</p> <p>Regards,</p> <p>████████████████████</p>	No	hua	tong
3515	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3516	<p>RATEPAYERS!!!!</p> <p>WE ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS DEBACLE..</p> <p>THIS FIASCO !!!!!</p> <p>IF COUNCIL IS THE ERRANT CHILD ...IPART IS THE</p> <p>FIX UP PARENT...BELONG TO THE SAME FAMILY</p> <p>3 TIER GOVERNMENT SYSTEM ...COOKING THE BOOKS WITH NO EXPLANATION WHERE FINANCE AND \$\$\$\$\$\$ ARE INVOLVED COME UNDER FRAUD...THEY ARE JUST HOPING IT WILL GO AWAY WITHOUT ANY INVESTIGATION. MOST WILL ROLL OVER AND ALLOW THIS DISGRACE TO GO UNCHECKED....NO ACCOUNTABILITY OR TRANSPARENCY...NOT OUR PROBLEM...WE DID NOT COMMIT THE OFFENCE...IT IS CRIMINAL AND COUNCIL IS CULPABLE..NEEDS TO BE INVESTIGATED BY FRAUD SQUAD AFP,</p> <p>ALSO WRITE TO ICAC FOR A FULL ENQUIRY, INVESTIGATE FRAUD AND NOW THE SUBSEQUENT COVER UP...NOTHING LESS.</p> <p>REFER TO CRIMINAL LEGISLATION NSW</p> <p>FAILURE TO DEAL WITH THE MONEY (OUR RATES)</p> <p>IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS ON WHICH THEY WERE RECEIVED.</p> <p>WHERE ARE THE RECORDS..??? DEMONSTRATION OF USE IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS,</p> <p>WHERE DID THE MONEY GO ?????</p> <p>CRIMES ACT 1900 8-s178A.25 FAILURE TO ACCOUNT.</p> <p>NEEDS TO BE REFERRED TO ICAC.</p>	No	Nelly	Seba
3517	Confidential	No	Jonathon	Captain-Webb

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3518	<p>We, hereby STRONGLY OBJECT to the proposed rate rise.</p> <p>We DO NOT SUPPORT any increase in rates above the Peg Rate.</p> <p>Central Coast Council officers and staff have clearly acted UNLAWFULLY and mis-managed council funds. It is a gross dereliction of duty and the Administrator has a legal and moral obligation to call those individuals responsible to account, including prosecution to the full extent of the law.</p> <p>The Administrator, has further obligations to investigate and make public all documents, invoices etc that have resulted in this catastrophic financial debt.</p> <p>The letter to residents DOES NOT set out any plans or procedures for recovery of this dire situation!! Nor does it offer guarantees of appropriate management and accountability into the future.</p> <p>There has been and is currently ABSOLUTELY NO TRANSPARENCY of process or management within Central Coast Council.</p> <p>Selling assets such as public parks and 'slugging' ratepayers is TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE !! It is NOT the solution!</p> <p>These points must be addressed before Council or it's Administrative Staff have any lawful right to apply for a rate increase.</p> <p>The Administrator and CEO simply want to penalise the ratepayers for the 'unlawful actions' of others.</p> <p>Yours faithfully</p> <p>L. W.</p> <p>Resident and Ratepayer of 20 years.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3519	<p>I REFER TO COUNCIL'S RECENT LETTER TO RATEPAYERS REQUESTING A CHOICE BE MADE BETWEEN 2 TYPES OF RATE INCREASES, IN ORDER TO DEFRAY SOME OF THE OUTSTANDING DEBT INCURRED BY COUNCIL.</p> <p>COUNSELLORS SHOULD BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR MISMANAGEMENT OF RATE PAYERS' FUNDS.</p> <p>I FEEL LIKE A FOOL TO GIVE THEM EVEN MORE MONEY TO PLAY WITH!!!</p> <p>HERE AT MOONEY MOONEY WE RECEIVE MINIMAL COUNCIL BENEFITS COMPARED WITH A LOT OF OTHER AREAS IN THE COUNCIL. IN THE PAST WE HAVE WILLINGLY CONTRIBUTED GREATLY TO THE GREATER GOOD: E.G. FLOOD MINIMISATION FOR THE WOY WOY PENNINSULA. HOWEVER, I FEEL MORE SHOULD BE DONE BY STATE GOV. BEFORE ASKING RATEPAYERS TO FOOT THE OUTRAGEOUS BILL.</p> <p>ALSO STEPS SHOULD BE TAKEN TO ENSURE THIS SORT OF (BAD) INVESTMENT POLICY IS NOT ALLOWED TO HAPPEN AGAIN. RATEPAYERS' FUNDS SHOULD BE USED TO PROVIDE SERVICES AND EMPLOYMENT, NOT RECKLESSLY INVESTED.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3520	No thank you. Not required to pay for incompetence of others	No	Sue	Collett
3521	<p>I appreciate the hard work of Central Coast Council put into maintaining good services for areas under their management.</p> <p>I also understand the request from council to increase rates. However, in this difficult time where our job security is under threat, businesses going under, with wages and rental income frozen or reduced, I would like to appeal to the council NOT to increase rates at all. It will put another burden on the household income.</p> <p>Hope the Council understands that we are all doing it tough at the moment, and delay increasing rates until the economic situation improves.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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3522	<p>Thankyou for the opportunity to make a submission.</p> <p>As a long term Central Coast resident and a ratepayer, I object to the notification and eventual application to raise rates above the rate peg, for the purpose of paying back debt for council mistakes and mismanagement.</p> <p>I am very concerned at the communities capacity to pay. Raising rates could trigger more households experiencing "housing stress" where more than 30% of household income goes to housing costs, which is all ready experienced by 1 in 5 households in Central Coast LGA.</p> <p>The Central Coast LGA is characterised by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 61,727 people living in low income households (<\$500 per week) (profile.id) • 13,357 residents receiving Newstart or Youth Allowance (data.gov.au) • An unemployment rate of 5.3% which is above state and national rates (Small Area Labour Markets, March quarter 2019), with some areas within the LGA experiencing unemployment rates of 6-11%, • A youth unemployment rate of 11.6% (Labour Market Information Portal July 2019) • Former Wyong LGA in the most disadvantaged 40% of areas within Australia on SEIFA Index of Relative Disadvantage • Former Wyong LGA identified as an area of social disadvantage in the study Dropping Off the Edge (Jesuit Social Services & Catholic Social Services 2015). • Median household incomes around 70% of Greater Sydney (profile.id) • 24,200 households in 'housing stress' (paying more than 30% of their gross household income on housing costs) equating to one in five households • a 35% increase in homelessness from 2011 to 2016. <p>The Central Coast LGA has a significantly lower income profile than Greater Sydney and NSW. In 2016 the median weekly household income was \$1,256 per week (compared to \$1,745 for Greater Sydney and \$1,481 for NSW).</p> <p>Median household incomes were around 70% of Greater Sydney, and a much higher proportion of local households were on very low and low incomes.</p> <p>Comparative Median Weekly Household Income</p> <p>Former Wyong LGA \$1,185</p> <p>Former Gosford LGA \$1,331</p> <p>Central Coast LGA \$1,256</p> <p>Greater Sydney \$1,745</p> <p>New South Wales</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3523	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3524	<p>the central coast council have abused their power over a number of years, hence the waste on a number of levels that has now been openly admitted in the form of a letter from the administrator, which has left a staggering \$100 million dollar debt !!</p> <p>as a rate payer I am disgusted that I'm being asked to cover the costs of councils corrupt actions and like many many other rate payers in this area we want the administrators to sell off unutilized assets and sack the over bloated public servants that have mushroomed over the years, as well we want the on going costs to be properly managed unlike what's been happening.</p>	No	Darren	smith
3525	<p>I wish to strongly object to the Wyong council's proposed 15% rate rise</p> <p>Perhaps those that abused their positions should be made to pay any outstanding debits that arose as a result of their management</p> <p>Thank you</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3526	CC council should not be allowed to increase rates. They have a history of inappropriate (perhaps criminal) spending. Why should residents have to suffer because of the councils inability to manage money. It's seems terribly unfair.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3527	Confidential	No	John	Mortimer
3528	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3529	We strongly object to any rise in our rates as the general public are in no way at fault and should not be penalised for the complete cockup from management of the central coast council.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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3530	<p>Why a rate rise, when a council miss manages there funds do residents get punished..</p> <p>The recent letter we received from council stating that the money was spent on improving infrastructure and making the central coast better is completely incorrect, the money was not spent on roads, parks and infrastructure as stated, you can see this when you drive around the coast with the number of pot holes, parks with broken items and over grown grass and in general council have neglected what they should have been maintaining.</p> <p>Instead council needs to be held accountable, council workers only really seem to work on weekends when it's overtime, throughout the week there is little evidence of work occurring. I'm definitely not blaming the workers though if the had some better management/ leadership things would be different.</p> <p>In the suburb I live we constantly have trouble with sewerage and pipes being blocked, instead of being proactive and pumping pipes prior to rainfall they instead spend our hard earned money on port a loos, with council working overtime to do a job they very well much know will need to be done.</p> <p>Please consider how this council got in the state/ debt they are in as I would hate to see this continue when council are reinstated.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3531	WHY SHOULD WE HAVE TO PAY FOR THERE [REDACTED]. WHAT A JOKE.	No	John	Council
3532	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3533	<p>Having missed the deadline for the survey about rates preferences, I am taking this opportunity to comment. My preference would be for Option 2 Securing Your Future Option – 15%. This is my preference because I think it is important to maintain services and community infrastructure, including, but not limited to, grants, arts initiatives, environmental programs, libraries and public spaces and activities (to support community connectedness), as well as kerbside bulk rubbish collections. I also think it is important not to cut opening times of community venues such as libraries and public pools. I want a community in which access to these important services, etc, is available to all, not just those who can afford to pay for them.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3534	No council rate increases to cover council mismanagement!!!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3535	<p>Strongly disagree with the rate rise while no-one is being held accountable for severe financial mismanagement and individuals responsible are receiving six figure severance packages.</p> <p>I would willing to accept a rate rate, even of the same rate, on the condition there was a proper investigation and damages were sought in court.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3536	<p>Hi,</p> <p>I do not support either of the proposed rate increases put forward by the Central Coast Council. I do not feel as though it is my or the rest of the communities responsibility to bail out the council's misuse/management of councils budget or the inappropriate access to restricted funds.</p> <p>I am 83 years old and I don't think that it is fair to propose a 15% increase on our rates where we live tightly budgeting ours years to get by.</p> <p>This is entirely unacceptable and I hope the proposal is rejected.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3537	<p>To whom it may concern;</p> <p>Your letter dated Jan 13 stated you have been open in sharing with us ... i beg to differ. Some comments on Facebook were the first i knew of this financial trouble. We have not received ANY information whatsoever.</p> <p>Please may i have more information?</p> <p>Why is not more being done to the people responsible for causing the mess in the first place? i see NOTHING of that mentioned anywhere in the letter.</p> <p>beyond angry also that this is sent at a quiet time of year when people are generally away and barely any time given to actually voice our concerns.</p> <p>Where is the information about what assets are being sold off - who is making those decisions?</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3538	<p>The Central Coast Council's financial mismanagement is well publicised. It is apparent that the Council had years of opportunity to fix the issue and now requires a bailout from the people that keeps them in the job. How about NO? I would rather see assets deteriorate, non essential stopped and have the Council held accountable of their poor performance over the years. I don't believe they have done all they can to stop the financial bleeding, the easy way out for them is ask the rate payers for a bailout. Let's get rid of the people that drag their feet going to work, hire some new blood that are motivated and are willing to achieve above and beyond. Think outside the box and generate more revenue like a real business.</p> <p>Corporate bailout is not the answer to the systemic woes. Who says the Council won't ask for more bailout again in the future? How are they held accountable?</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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3539	<p>Central Coast Council is proposing of applying for a 15% rate rise - because of their own mismanagement of funds.</p> <p>Central Coast have - as you may be aware - lots of people (around 26%) are over 60 years, so either close to or already a pensioner. (and the pension is not going up with 15% i am sure). There will be a lot of them who will not have the funds to pay the extra rates, so either they will need to sell - and then what? or they fall behind in payment, and council will put the house up for sale to recoup their money. Something I personally find incomprehensible being allowed in this day and age. Everybody needs a roof over their head. So as every other rate payer within the Council, hope the rates will only go up with the CPI - 2%.</p> <p>Yours,</p> <p></p>	No	Conny	Larsen
3540	<p>I am writing to address the issue of the proposed rate rise.</p> <p>One question I would like to ask is, why are the rate payers paying for the miss management that the council have done. I was always taught that the offender was to be punished not the people who the crime was perpetrated against.</p> <p>I think from this sentence above that you know what my position is about “NO” to a rise</p> <p>The amount you predict of \$3.20 per week is approximately half of a prescription for medicine that a person pays on benefits from Centerlink. The pensioners alone will forgo that prescription to ensure that they keep paying their bills and to stay in their own homes and be independent. I live in the Wyong part of the council and before the merger, that was supposed to be a benefit and good for us, Wyong Council was very financial, what happened to that money????</p> <p>Yours a rate payer</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3541	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3542	<p>I am furious that as a rate payer Central Coast Council is requesting and expecting that my rates be increased to pay for their over \$500 000 mismanagement and debt. Especially when just last year the majority of councilors voted for a pay rise for themselves.</p> <p>Poor drainage on many roads mean flooding us an ongoing problem, many roads remain without kerbs and guttering, potholes once fixed are quick to fall back into disrepair, Terrigal lagoon was closed just last week because of sewerage, over development of unit projects in Terrigal contribute to traffic and parking problems and demands on infrastructure . There appears to be vast inequity between different areas on the coast.</p> <p>I do not believe I am getting value for my rate payer dollar now so I am absolutely opposed to pay more money to cover the ineptitude of those that put the Central Coast in this position.</p> <p>I strongly suggest that as part of the investigation into this debacle we look at how local government is managed so that no other council and its rate payers find themselves in this situation. Is thus just mismanagement or is it criminal?</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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	<p>What an absolutely abhorrent proposal!</p> <p>I write to express our extreme dissatisfaction and total disgust that you could think of requesting that the residents of the Central Coast be expected to bail the council out of their financial predicament.</p> <p>We, the residents of Central Coast have been paying more than our fair share of contributions to the council for all of the resources provided to our region.</p> <p>Those in position of power, who are in charge of managing these funds, need to be held personally accountable for the misappropriation of the funds collected by the residents.</p> <p>Many a time the larger developers have not paid their expected contributions to the council, in the order of more than \$2 million dollars, at a time. This is inexcusable by council to have allowed this to happen.</p> <p>Many a time council has deliberately delayed the progress of development applications, causing us, the residents, an unnecessary financial burden. Too many times council has willingly spent the resident's money and forced/allowed applications go to the Land and Environment Court, which in the end are passed in the courts. What an unnecessary waste of council funds and council employees time. For what purpose, if not only to stroke someone's ego and exercise their position of power? These are the individuals that should be held financially accountable. Not the residents!</p> <p>I find this letter from council totally abhorrent and cannot believe the audacity of you making this request of us.</p>			
3543	Under NO CONDITION do we accept your proposal to increase our rates at all.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
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3545	<p>The rate rise is due to corrupt activities in the past from council investing money overseas whilst neglecting core activities. They then lost this money. My wife and I have been paying for curb and guttering and road maintainence through rates on 5 different houses over nearly 25 years living in the coast and had 40 year old gutter in only one residence. Meanwhile residents of terrigal endured one particular street needlessly resurfaced 5 times in one year and the footpath pavers in umina were relaid 3 times in a year. No need to guess where councillors live. It should be obvious that 2 Council chambers is inefficient (Gosford and Wyong). Sell one off and stave off the rate change. It is not our fault they mismanaged the money. Make them work it out. DO NOT GRANT A RATE RISE.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3546	<p>Why should rate payers have to pay for the incompetence of the council? Where did the money go? Why aren't the ones responsible for incurring the debt being made to pay? Who authorised the spending of all this money the Council didn't have? We have potholed roads, no kerb and guttering in most places, smelly weed-infested waterways, waterfront homes that flood because Council refuses to dredge Tuggerah Lakes and keep The Entrance Channel open, playgrounds for kids with half a fence (who on earth thinks half a fence will keep kids safe?), the neighbourhood centre in Wyong knocked down so a car park could be built... how many more examples do you need? Now you want more money? Disgusting!</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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3547	<p>I object to the suggested rate rises above the pegged rate on the grounds of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) non-affordability on my part to pay over future years 2) council incompetence that should not be given extra funds to repeat - examples all over the area and especially on the Ettalong Beach outside [REDACTED] which also presents a danger hazard 3) Misleading and confusing survey - all rate rise options not included in the one question. 4) More alternatives not provided for savings nor choice later given to what cuts ratepayers would prefer eg to top personnel ie the chiefs not the indians 5) Excessive payout to ex-CEO - he should have received nothing 	No	Joan	Barnes
3548	<p>My wife and I are absolutely totally against any and all of the c. c. Council's proposed extra ordinary rate increases. Speaking as old age pensioner'S firstly we ju cannot afford that increase or any increase created by inept past and present councilors and C. E. O 'S. To think that prior to the amalgamation of Gosford and wyong both councils were operating with their own staff. Since the amalgamation the councilors and the ceo signed off on the addition of 250 more staff???? Makes absolutely no sense whatsoever.a previous Gosford council invested 40 million dollars of rate payers money overseas instead of using it for what it was intended for as in roads footpaths water and garbage. I've payed rates here for the the last 45 years and my parents before me I am dead set against any rate increases bought about by the [REDACTED] borrowing of money ok'd by the mayor /councilors and the ceo of CENTRAL COAST COUNCIL. It has been tagged as an [REDACTED] act by the administrator so someone is to blame and the law should be acted upon NOW.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3549	<p>I wish to state my objection to the proposed increases in rates for Central Coast Council, of 10% and 15% (with different scenarios for each).</p> <p>I believe that first of all; how did we get into this situation where I believe that management should be held accountable. Are there no audits carried out at regular intervals? If this was a private company; then the Directors would be held accountable, even to their private assets; so why do these managers get what appears to be comparable to diplomatic immunity (they can resign with a nice payout from our rates) and not be held accountable for gross mismanagement.</p> <p>I understand that council provides many services for us, but if we have to do without some "luxuries" provided by council; then so be it - this is what any private company / firm would have to do, and they would have to continue in this vein until they could become financially stable again.</p> <p>The timing of this rate hike makes it even more unpalatable as there are so many in our community really struggling financially and mentally. Covid has increased anxiety in most and many have instability in employment. The proposed increases will only apply more pressure and anxiety in our community and create more stress to those struggling.</p> <p>I don't have a problem with Council rates being tied to CPI increases; I but I disagree with rate increases any higher than that.</p>	No	Gary	Sullivan
3550	<p>Good day,</p> <p>Not sure if this is correct to submit this here but not ever having done this before, I'm giving it a shot.</p> <p>I find it absolutely unacceptable that we on the central coast have been told that a rate increase would be the only way our council can pull themselves out of red and have us back to a fully functioning operating council.</p> <p>I understand losses can occur but to have such a massive loss after the state government bailout is just ridiculous. I am totally against a rate rise to fix incompetence but we already pay more than most when the council split the water/sewerage and land rates. Prices went up and not down as we were told.</p> <p>Thanks</p> <p>Bruce</p>	No	Bruce	Peake
3551	<p>The Central Coast Councils Management got them selves into this mess by mismanagement of Council funds. We the rate payers should not be slugged with a rate rise to fix this!!!!</p> <p>If i mismanage funds in my small business, i cant ask my clients to bail me out. They would tell me to go...</p> <p>The same SHOULD apply to the Central Coast Council. They are a business!</p> <p>Bring in the State Government to bail them out.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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3552	<p>I vote "NO" to Central Coast Council's 10% or 15% rise in rates.</p> <p>Before any more money is asked for, a detailed investigation into how one of the biggest councils with the largest revenue go broke in 2 years. Resolve How, What, Why & Who is responsible and rectify the problem(s) first, before asking for more money, so it does not happen again.</p> <p>The May Operation & Budget Plan may be a good place to start and Legislation changes to protect the people of NSW.</p> <p>1.The letter sent late to residents giving insufficient time, information that was unclear and a Survey Form that only provided the answers Council was looking for, is enough evidence why additional money would only be wasted.</p> <p>2.Council have said the money taken from the restricted funds brought forward projects and infrastructure that has benefited the community. If these projects were brought forward the money Council now receives can be used for the reserved funds.</p> <p>3. Central Coast Council is not the first Council to merge and have difficulties under the "State Government Revitalisation Plan" and appears not to have been "A Fit Council for the governments Future Plans"</p> <p>4.Was the money for amalgamation and developer contributions enough? It appears current rate payers are paying for development and growth for the future? Is this fair?</p> <p>4.Why did staff grow by 25% after a merger? And were the CEO, CFO etc positions really required? Are staff trained?</p> <p>5.What was the outcome of the Price Waterhouse audit disclaimer of 18/5/2017 who were "unable to provide a basis for an audit opinion?"</p> <p>6. Who was checking the Budget for Council and who implemented measures to ensure the budget was met?</p> <p>All of the above need to be addressed and acted on.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3553	<p>Given the Council is clearing wanting a permanent rate rise (refer to their letter dated 13th Jan 2021 to residents) for what appears to be a significant falling of council, then appointed Executives and accountants I believe much more visibility of what happened and why should be forthcoming from Council regarding three aspects of their letter dated 13th Jan 2021.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unlawful access to the restricted consequences. <p>o Given the unlawful access to restricted funds and whilst acknowledging the suspension of the Mayor and 14 Councillors, what further actions are underway or planned with regards to the former CEO, CFO.</p> <p>For example, has someone taken any action to deregister the CFO from the CPA?</p> <p>o The very least we should expect from Government / council appointed executives and accountants is an understanding of their legal obligations regarding funds that in private industry are, by law and/or regulation, parked in escrow accounts – thus placing a very solid wall between the commercial company and the funds.</p> <p>E-Tag deposits “held” by Toll Roads is a good example.</p> <p>o If private industry must establish and accept the ongoing costs of establishing and maintaining escrow accounts, why not the same for Councils? Or, do these obligations exist and the CEO, CFO and those managers that directly reported to them simply disregard / ignore this obligation?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regarding the services referred to in the Council’s letter. Can someone, somewhere in Council undertake a review of what services they provide to Mooney Mooney? It won’t take too long to complete the review, or very much human resource, as it is certainly far from a long list. <p>o So the question is, why should residents in Mooney (and similarly forgotten and oft overlooked wards in the Central Coast Council LGA) contribute towards rectifying the shortfall of funds that have been illegally used to fund infrastructure and services in Gosford, Wyong and their immediate surrounds?</p> <p>o To put the above question into our local context here in Mooney Mooney, the residents of Mooney did not receive the equivalent consideration during the implementation of the pump-out sewerage scheme. Indeed, Gosford Council (as it was prior to amalgamation), took their own residents and the State government to Court to overturn and decrease the IPART determined Council rebate. The Council won.</p> <p>o This resulted in local Mooney residents paying off a bill for this eco-friendly infrastructure in the tens of thousands of dollars instead of a few hundred as was the case for our friends in the Hornsby LGA ward of Brooklyn, who are literally just over the other side of the Hawkesbury river.</p> <p>o If I were you IPART, given Council’s history, get ready for another Court case if Council don’t get what they want. It worked last time so, why not this time?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lastly regarding Council’s data modelling that they claim has now made it “apparent that a larger and permanent increase needs to be considered”, I believe this modelling must be made public domain in order that those of use with a data analysis and science background, like myself, can review and provide feedback on the conclusion that you need a permanent increase rather than a temporary levy. <p>o To be clear I work with analysing both macro and micro financial modelling from the likes of Deloitte in my daily job. I am convinced that I could navigate Council’s modelling.</p> <p>I would also point out that the Council letter didn’t say when the feedback on yourvoceourcoast.com would close and ratepayers only had circa 2 weeks to respond with feedback closing on the 1st Feb 2021. Not much time at all really given the time of year.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3554	<p>I strongly oppose the Central Coast Council's proposal to increase annual rates. I live in the suburb of Cheero Point and this community is not supported by the Council at all.</p> <p>To increase the rates is unacceptable and should not go ahead.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3555	Confidential	No	Andrew	MATTHEWS

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3556	we object to any rate rise apart from normal rises.	No	gwen and len	gardner
3557	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3558	I really don't believe we should be having any rate rises this year, nor should the community have to bail out the central coast council due to their incompetence. So many people have lost their jobs due to covid, some households both have lost jobs. A rare increase will only cause more financial strain on some members of our community. The council used funds illegally and the paying back should be up to them not the community	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3559	<p>Dick Perrson, Administrator claimed in his Facebook post on January 14 2021 that:</p> <p>"WHY SHOULD WE HAVE TO PAY FOR THE COUNCIL'S MISMANAGEMENT - is a common theme in letters and emails from ratepayers.</p> <p>All I can say is as ratepayers you are in fact 'the shareholders' of the Council. There is no one else who will or should contribute to fixing the financial mess we are in.</p> <p>Some call on the former councillors to pay. Not possible. For a start, the amount vastly exceeds their personal wealth, and secondly, there is no legal path for this to happen.</p> <p>Others suggest the State Government should pay because they forced the merger. As made clear in my 30-day report, please read it if you haven't already, the merger had a very minor role in blowing out Council's budget. There is no chance the State Government will accept responsibility for the financial mess created by the councillors you elected and the CEO they appointed."</p> <p>I would submit this post can be read as a deliberate attempt to appoint blame onto the victim which is an ideology that is utilised to justify social injustice.</p> <p>Council, as the third tier of government, functions under the Local Government Act which provide a number of checks and balances of management under a Duty of Care. The statement made that "there is no chance the State Government will accept responsibility" therefore presupposes the State Government's contributory role in assisting governance and so this statement can be read that the government will actually refuse a Duty of Care under the Act.</p> <p>This therefore raises the issue of the amalgamation of the Wyong and Gosford Councils. Though Mr. Persson claims the amalgamation "had a very minor role" in the "blowing" of the budget it can be read it did play a role which today demands it be assessed with other managerial issues such as agreeing to a full payout to the former CEO who had apparently not given adequate information about the financial situation to councillors.</p> <p>This reading thus brings us to the claim that ratepayers, "are in fact 'the shareholders' of the Council." If this were so then the councillors, as representatives of the shareholders, would have access to the five principles of Corporate Law but the statement is ill founded in fact.</p> <p>Using the above readings as a basis I would ask that you consider a 0% rate increase until the present ICAC investigations relating to NSW Government are completed and a full forensic examination has been undertaken into the Central Coast Council and the misrepresentations related by its Administration. Thank you, I am a ratepayer residing on the Central Coast.</p>	No	Guy	Wernhard
3560	<p>Comment on rate rise proposal:</p> <p>I apply for the exemption of any rate rise for the Hawkesbury River communities.</p> <p>We pay 100% of fees but do not receive any council services except a public wharf and a shed. No rubbish collection, no roads, no playgrounds or outdoor facilities, no stormwater infrastructure, no sewer, no public access facilities, and so on. But we are expected to fund the rest of the council areas. Now a proposed 10-15% rise in fees because of mismanagement of council is completely unacceptable.</p>	No	FLORIAN	WELLER
3561	<p>I do not support any increase to the rates of property holders under the Central Coast Council. I am one, the address been [REDACTED]. I do not support the increase because of the peg rate. How can they award themselves a pay rise? Aren't their positions meant to be performance based? The senior staff and councillors should be held accountable for the massive debt they have gotten us into. Why hasn't ICAC investigated this? Or the Police? How can Council spend funds they don't actually have.</p> <p>NSW Nurses were even denied their standard wage increase last year, a year that was exceptionally challenging for them and other people.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3562	<p>The recent survey by Central Coast Council has not provided opportunity to provide a viewpoint regarding the application for a rate increase. I have no issue with the standard 2.0% rate peg as outlined, but anything above that is not acceptable. The CCC has not fully explained why funds were unlawfully used (their words) and cannot be trusted with any increase in funds until this has been investigated, issues identified as to why this occurred and revised guidelines put in place to prevent a reoccurrence. Some properties - mine included - saw a 30% increase in the last year without any additional services or explanation.</p> <p>If CCC cannot explain the unlawful use of funds additional impost on the residents will not rectify the situation. It is akin to giving a chronic gambler a credit card</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3563	<p>I "strongly" oppose any rate increase by the Central Coast council. My Wife & I are self funded retirees and in the present climate are certainly doing it a bit tough. We currently pay \$2800 rates not including special levies. We have lived in our current house for 35 years. We have no curb or guttering, no sewerage, no street lights, & there are always large pot holes in our street which never seem to get repaired. Only recently our road was covered by reconstituted tar (not even proper tar) after 30 years of having a dirt road. If council are allowed to raise our rates by 15% I believe that would equate to approximately around \$9.50 per week. This would certainly cause us financial hardship. I cannot for the life of me understand how any competent body could allow their business to run into the debt that Central coast council have managed. I believe that my wife & I receive very poor service & amenities for the rates we pay. In all fairness there cannot be any justification for any rate rise let alone the size of increase proposed by council.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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3564	I received the letter regarding the survey about rate rise too late to submit my input and the survey has now closed. I do not agree with either of the proposals for an increase of rates, ZERO rate increase. The squandering of our funds by the council is appalling and yet left to us the rate payers to fix their issues. We haven't been getting sufficient services for years as it is, in some cases being told to go ahead and do their jobs at our own expense. I.E tree lopping, cleaning debris from storm water drains etc. The executive council staff gave themselves a pay increase and then sat back and watched as The Central Coast went down hill. Make them contribute some of their high wages back into the community to fix the issue that they caused, why should we get slugged paying for it while they get away with it and continue to live high on the hog! We, the rate payers are an asset to council while paying for rates and services but at the same time we are a liability and they are liable to provide us with the full services we have been paying for!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3565	I am not excepting a rate rise because of some people in council are so incompetent they created this mess get rid of 400 to 600 staff then I will consider a 3.5% increase and if councillors are reinstated you will creat Riots on the Central Coast	No	Corey	Bucko
3566	My wife and I were lucky enough to afford our acreage 20 years ago in the old wyong council district. Due to growth in the area our rates have grown substantially in that time with no change to services. Now we face another rate rise due to the incompetence of powers beyond our control. A suggested 15% rate increase would mean an extra \$506.72 per year to us. I don't understand how they think we can just come up with that money. My wife has also recently had a spinal tumor operation which has now rendered her unemployed. Centrelink will not pay her any unemployment benefits because I earn \$57,000 a year. Nothing to write home about. Not much to support both of us but we make do. Jobkeeper currently pay my wife around \$200 a week but will end shortly. In summation I am asking why do we have to pay an outstanding debt due to our land value? After all if the public are being held liable to a debt beyond their control why should we not pay equally.	No	Jeffrey	Ryan
3567	<p>The Administator's 30 Day Interim Report page 2 makes it very clear that "...CCC residents have been badly let down by their council..." and that Council has failed to "...understand or practise the basics of sound financial management."</p> <p>The Report states that "Apart from budget mismanagement, Council funded much of this new expenditure from Restricted Reserves, which was either unlawful, or done without the approval of the elected body."</p> <p>In addition, the report places culpability with "The previous CFO, [REDACTED] and CEO, [REDACTED]" who it states "...were aware of this unlawful use of funds.emails and notes indicate they continued to spend funds unlawfully after they became aware and before they advised the elected body."</p> <p>Not only does the report name the CEO and CFO, it also states that "...the real failure of both the organisation and the elected body is one of budget/financial management." (p.9).</p> <p>Clearly there is a case to be answered and hopefully the Administrator's final report will outline a course of action, nominating the relevant government bodies that should undertake this. Until that is done and those responsible are held to account there should be no claims from Council for increasing rates and requiring residents to pay for Council's "mismanagement" and "unlawful" actions.</p> <p>Council has proposed increased rates and, in doing so, Council has sought to coerce residents into paying for its mismanagement.</p> <p>Prior to 29 January 2021, Council's survey, named 'Securing your future with a rate rise', unapologetically asks residents to choose between paying a 10% rate increase, or a 15% rate increase. If residents opted for the 10% or the 15% they could progress with the questionnaire and submit it. However, if residents opted for no increase ("Not at all supportive" option), the questionnaire could not be progressed or submitted. No doubt Council could conclude and claim that based on the questionnaire all respondents supported a rate rise.</p> <p>As a result of my letter to CCC dated 18 January 2021 the third option of zero rate increase was activated.</p> <p>However, there was no advice to all residents that this had been done. The closing date for residents to access the survey was 1 January 2021. That is, there was no opportunity for residents to record their preference for "not at all supportive" of a rate rise.</p> <p>In addition, the survey could be accessed countless times by those interested. Obviously that would mean that the results of the survey would not be valid and their use in any submission by CCC unacceptable.</p> <p>One has to ask who's future is being secured?</p> <p>Until CC residents receive a final report from the Administrator, and residents are reassured that those responsible are held accountable, any demands for rate increases by Council are both unethical and contemptuous of CC residents.</p>	No	Robyn	Heath

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	<p>We very handily received a letter in the mail today asking us to vote on which of two rate increases we would like (10% or 15%). When I go to the voting website I see that the polls have closed, so great work sending the letter out on time.</p> <p>It is absolutely atrocious that you are asking the residents of Central Coast to bail the council out by SUBSTANTIAL rate increases. We all know it is a hundred percent a lie as erroneously stated in the letter we received that the Council is bankrupt because of bushfires, floods, coastal erosion, and Covid 19, and that it is entirely due to councillor incompetence and misallocation of funds. No other council in Australia went bankrupt in 2020!!!!</p> <p>Seeing as you have informed our household of the survey after it has closed I will vote by this email, which I imagine you should receive well before the councillor meeting on the 8 February, unlike your letter informing us of your poll.</p> <p>I vote for Option 3 - No change to rates with the exception of a SUBSTANTIAL DECREASE to the amount of our rates used for councillor wages.</p>			
3568	Own your own mistakes instead of gouging the residents of the Central Coast. I oppose Central Coast Council's proposed 10% or 15% rate rise.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3569	<p>Below is a copy of my reason provided to Council's survey;</p> <p>"...Like so many other ratepayers, I am unable to complete the survey since I oppose any rate increase, but to vote for 10% in Question 7, I am concerned that this might be construed as support for a 10% increase. It is not.</p> <p>If I could post the below response in the survey I would, but will not answer Q7 in it's current form.</p> <p>Neither.</p> <p>I live in a rural area where, according to Council's website, the average rates for my suburb exceeds \$1,900. My actual rates are \$3,266. This is in contrast to urban suburbs where averages are \$1,100-\$1,200.</p> <p>Before slogging an additional 10% or 15% across the board has Council considered the demand on services from rural residence compare to our urban counterparts? Many rural areas don't have services like reticulated water and sewer access to pocket parks within 400 m of houses (not that we really need them) and patchwork roads. We live there excepting that such Council facilities are not provided in these locations.</p> <p>Why should rural Ratepayers/landowners/renters, who are already paying higher than the average rates (but receiving lesser services from Council) be subject to further and blanket increases as proposed?</p> <p>I understand the principles of "ad valorem", but this is unfair and unreasonable – to levy one owner different to another simply based on land value and not having regard to the level of demand on services.</p> <p>Ratepayers and landowners in these locations have already paid their fair share of increased 'taxes', whether in the form of increased stamp duty paid at time of purchase and/ or Land Tax paid annually.</p> <p>Shouldn't rates be reflective of the services provided/demanded?</p>	No	Chris	Smith
3570	<p>The council is asking for a rate rise what for there are no services provided for the rates paid the ettalong foreshore has been 20 years to be fixed .There is no kerb and guttering in ettalong .The garbage service pays for itself .Sewerage and stormwater pays for its self.4 stormwater outlets with no filters empty straight in ettalong foreshore .To many staff .To reduce costs .Sell child care centres not council responsibility .Let Vinnies or Salvos and work for the dole run the library's. Forget 9 day night never had one in my life . What extra people are employed to cover this For starters cull at least % of the staff they are not needed we only need people that produce and in ettalong nothing has been produced Regards</p> <p>Alan Spratt</p>	No	Alan	Spratt
3571	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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3572	<p>We already pay enough rates and do not receive good roads, land upkeep, maintenance works where needed and now we are told we need to pay more due to the ineptness of our old boys club council. It is not fair to lump this onto people already paying high costs for everything and receiving nothing in return. Most of our neighbourhood does not even have curb and guttering and we are expected to pay more? I don't think so.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3573	<p>Dear lpart,</p> <p>I strongly oppose the increase to our Council rates as these current Councillors have proven their ineptitude, and I pass a complete no confidence vote in their ability to rectify again with my money this dire unprecedented situation we all find ourselves in!</p> <p>I do not consent to a rate rise for Central Coast residents whether that be to pay for the "mismanagement" of Council funds or the mismanagement of State Government in their oversight of Local government. There are far reaching considerations of what this will mean to the social costs; the ripple effect and increases in homelessness, the effect on businesses-less consumers - higher prices, increased desperation & crime and general downward spiral of this area. The majority of residents on the Central Coast are already doing it tough, as we have the highest incidences of suicide (one occurred at the recent construction site at [REDACTED] sporting oval complex additions) in the country, some of the highest unemployment rates in the state, a high percentage of aged pensioners who already choose between bills and food and people who work hard and pay high taxes for the privilege of being slaves to governments poorly run, greed driven economic gouging system. The Central Coast already has so many social (drug concerns which need strong Use, Harm & Policy Responses: https://www.aph.gov.au/About_Parliament/Parliamentary_Departments/Parliamentary_Library/Publications_Archive/archive/illicitdrugs not the selling off of our hard fought assets in fire sales, which could result in the under representation of much needed infrastructure which is required on the Peninsula and displays I allege CCC's culpable negligence in committing this non-compliant and unregulated "mismanagement of funds") and economic issues - we don't need these issues flaring further as a cumulative outcome of rate rises. We do not consent and we do not approve of any Council rate rises or any other publicly owned amenity rises.</p> <p>I believe strongly in not rewarding these current Councillors (I allege they should be sacked as they have already proven their incompetence at this major task at hand) the ability to continue this flagrant disregard for our hard fought and earned resources, funds and infrastructure on the Peninsula and at Gosford which is touted as the capital of the Central Coast!</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration of this important matter that lies now in your jurisdiction to assist in rectifying this matter for all parties involved.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3574	<p>The Council indicates that for the proposed 15% rates increase, the average residential increase will be \$3.20 per week whilst for our rates for a single residential holding will be \$12.34 per week, 3.8 times the average. Whilst being no more responsible for the Council's mismanagement than the average resident, we carry a far heavier penalty. It seems to me that a more equitable distribution would be to charge every residential holding the same amount, as every resident carries the same responsibility. Also, what guarantees apply to the provision of this extra money, to ensure that this mismanagement does not continue. Gosford Council mismanaged their funds in relation to CDO's and the GFC, and the NSW Government enforced amalgamation with Wyong Council who at the time were financially secure. Being residents in the Wyong district, I fail to see why we have to pay for Gosfords incompetence. The Council letter still considers the Council's responsibilities as being seperated into two distinct parts, Gosford and Wyong, so why is it that Wyong has to pay for Gosford's failings. What would the situation have been, if Wyong had lost vast amounts of money in the GFC? If applying the average rate increase across all residential holdings produces the same result, then it is clear, that would be much fairer to all.</p>	No	Frank	Jones
3575	1 The current councilers should be sacked 2 The nsw attorney generals department asked for a please explain on overseeing two years of CCC budget	No	Kevin	Troy
3576	Confidential	No	Trevor	Burge
3577	<p>I strongly oppose the increase to our council rates as these current Councillors have proven their ineptitude, and I pass a complete no confidence vote in their ability to rectify again with my money this dire unprecedented situation we all find ourselves in. I do not consent to a rate rise for Central Coast residents whether that be to pay for the "mismanagement" of Council funds or the mismanagement of State Government in their oversight of Local government.</p> <p>I believe strongly in not rewarding these current Councillors (I allege they should be sacked as they have already proven their incompetence at this major task at hand) the ability to continue this flagrant disregard for our hard fought and earned resources, funds and infrastructure on the Central Coast.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration of this important matter that lies now in your jurisdiction to assist in rectifying this matter for all parties involved.</p> <p>Please do not increase our rates.</p> <p>Yours faithfully</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>	No	Lynda	Troy

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3578	<p>The financial position of Central Coast Council is entirely the responsibility of the elected representatives, appointed management and staff of the State Government and Local Councils involved. For decades both the State Government and Local Councils have had policies whereby they granted development consents which exceeded the planning controls and also greatly discounted fees. Most of these developments failed to be built but were used to increase the asking price of the site which now had planning consent. Politicians dreamed up excessive monuments to themselves while ignoring much needed maintenance of public assets and basic services. The Council is still planning major spending projects which would only be used by a small number of ratepayers. It was not the ratepayers and residents who caused this financial crisis but the politicians and overpaid department heads. At this time many individuals and small businesses are under financial stress due to the pandemic and recession, they simply do not have any extra money for council rates increases.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3579	<p>I would like to know what projects the money was spent on. Gosford is becoming extremely neglected with overgrown parks and waterways.</p> <p>Laying off 500 employees will only result in more unemployment in the area.</p> <p>Many of the projects completed or underway should have been government or maritime funded rather than council.</p> <p>I hope the council's negligence and unlawful use of funds will be dealt with and those responsible prosecuted rather than given a new position or a redundancy.</p> <p>please clarify exactly where the extra rates will be used. Why give them an extra 15% when they can't manage what they had?</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3580	Confidential	No	Chris	Rhodes
3581	<p>I strongly oppose the current proposals CCC has been seeking feedback on.</p> <p>I do not support either of the options to increase the council rates payable by stakeholders as I feel that this increase will put many under financial duress. Statistically Central Coast Council region is one of an aging population and many of its ratepayers are receiving subsidies, leaving full paying stakeholders to supply the bulk of the income to Council.</p> <p>Council has proven that it is not competent and has mismanaged the funds it currently receives and has failed to conduct itself in acceptable and competent manner.</p> <p>Council's financial management skills have been shown to be poor and we should not be forced to supply further funds when they have been unable to manage the funds they have been provided with to date.</p> <p>As a rate payer I am of the opinion that the current overspending of Council funds should be reflected in the superior services, facilities and maintenance projects Council has undertaken in the local area over recent years. This is not the case.</p> <p>Ratepayers should not be responsible for remedying the overspending fiasco we currently see ourselves staring down the barrel of.</p> <p>thank you</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3582	Confidential	No	Kerri	Golden
3583	<p>totally disagree with both propositions for rate increases to bail out Central Coast Council. no rate increase should be imposed. rather council should trim expenditure on unnecessary programs and stick to basic operations and infrastructure such as rubbish removal, roads, parks, water. staffing levels particularly in management and clerical could be reduced.</p> <p>NO RATE INCREASE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3584	<p>I am writing to express my disgust with Central Coast Council's appalling handling of the unbelievable debt they incurred over the last year or so. Then to expect rate payers to pay for their incompetence is beyond belief, as for threatening to cancel essential services if we do not comply, ridiculous.</p> <p>Those who made these mistakes should be made accountable. Sacked and replaced with professionals who work for the good of the community and records to be made accessible in future.</p> <p>We as rate payers should not be blackmailed by our own COUNCIL. It is unforgivable and needs to be cleaned up now</p>	No	vesco	totev
3585	<p>Dear Ipart,</p> <p>I strongly oppose the increase to our council rates as these current Councillors have proven their ineptitude, and I pass a complete no confidence vote in their ability to rectify again with my money this dire unprecedented situation we all find ourselves in. I do not consent to a rate rise for Central Coast residents whether that be to pay for the mismanagement of Council funds or the mismanagement of State Government in their oversight of Local Government. There are far reaching considerations of what this will mean to the social costs. I believe strongly in not rewarding these current Councillors (they should be sacked in my opinion) the ability to continue this flagrant disregard for our hard fought and earned resources, funds and infrastructure on the Peninsula and at Gosford which is touted as the capital of the Central Coast. Thank you for your consideration of this important matter that lies now in your jurisdiction to assist in rectifying this matter for all parties involved.Regards [REDACTED]</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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3586	As a Central Coast ratepayer I strongly object to the proposed 10 to 15% rate increase being imposed. On its ratepayers. This increase is above and beyond the regulated rate increase of 1 to 2%. This rate increase is not about securing our future but about the residents having to bail out a [REDACTED] mismanaged council and its employees. Why did the auditors not pick up this huge debt that had obviously been growing for years? The Central Coast is home to many retirees and low income families that simply cannot afford this huge increase in an already struggling economy due to Covid. Local council being a government entity should be accountable to the state or federal government who should ultimately be responsible for departments under their control. They should take financial responsibility for this disaster not the residents. How many local councils in recent times have been found to be mismanaged (Blue Mountains is just one example). The government cant just keep washing their hands of It and penalising the residents. I wonder if the government will one day put on special levies for residents for mismanaged Post Offices, services NSW offices, Centrelink offices etc. etc rather takin some accountability and ensuring they are properly managed in the first place. [REDACTED]. Rate payer.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3587	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3588	These proposed increase in rates is to pay for the mismanagement of funds by the Central Coast Council. I fully object to having to bail out an incompetent level of government that wasted our money in the first place what I'd really like to know is what safeguards are going to be put in place to ensure this mismanagement of funds ceases to happen again if this increase goes ahead?	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3589	I cannot believe we are being asked to pay more rates! Every time we get a storm our houses flood, yet nothing is ever done. Our waterways are a disgrace and have been for decades, and this is meant to be a tourist destination. We can swim and play in lakes just north of here, so why should it be any different here? What has Central Coast Council been doing all these years? They have certainly made a name for themselves 'the laziest council that ever was'. We are still waiting for an explanation to where \$80M went! How can we ever trust Central Coast Council to maintain this region after the mismanagement of funds which was made so public? With COVID still very raw and the loss of my job this is hitting below the belt. Why would you kick us when we are already down? If you haven't heard - there is a pandemic going on. How can they ask this of us?	No	Anita	Constantino u
3590	blaming the councils excessive spending on bushfires and coronavirus is a joke. just because the council has spent more then their budget why should the rate payers wear this extra cost? we will be paying more money to receive the exact same services we already receive. on top of the already ridiculous taxes and expenses rate payers already have to fork out	No	Thomas	Bowden
3591	This is going to hit us hard. A rate rise is not the answer. My partner lost her job last year due to COVID and we are barely scraping by. It is outrageous you would ask this of us during a pandemic. I cannot trust funds would be spent wisely anyway.	No	Luke	Mahy
3592	Central Coast has one of the worst roads, worst infrastructure, they have mismanaged their funds and State Government was also responsible for the mess. Rate payers have no role in current situation yet they are asked to pay for someone's fault. Miraculously it was no one's fault and rate payers were the beneficiaries of their incompetence. this is beyond joke and laughable. Please do not approve the rate hike, They do not provide same level of service for the public and I am already paying nearly \$2000	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3593	Good morning, Regarding the 'securing your future with a rate rise' options. I oppose both proposed options on the following basis: Why do I need to be punished for a 'crime/misdemeanour' that I did not commit? I liken it to being asked by a friend to take the rap for a speeding ticket because they have no points left on their licence or taking the rap for a serious crime leading to a prison sentence. The explanations provided as to how the poor financial decisions and budget mismanagement occurred are paltry and require further explanation please. Regards [REDACTED] Ratepayer [REDACTED]	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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3594	<p>2atiSlpontsoar9edm ·</p> <p>hi I don't know if I am wrong here ,but after listing to the administrators interview I am confused.I believe that the old wyong council had a rate rise of 7% approved for 4 years ,this should now revert to the old rates this has not happened did the amalgamation allow council to keep the increase or 1/ will it now revert to old rates or 2/ do they have to reapply to ipart again for this increases . the administrator is saying there will be a decrease in our rates yet here is a 7% increase .</p> <p>also he is floating a increase in council services [water and sewer] these are already included in your rates any other separate increases in these would count as another in crease in rates on top of the rate increase</p> <p>so it would be rates 15% +service charges = ? = more rate rise</p> <p>he also said some rates would go up based on you land value isn't this also a rate increase or a tax</p> <p>land tax + rate increases = ? is this creative accounting or just lies and deceit . lots of double speak going on here</p>	No	Anthony	Barrington
3595	<p>Read the above article sent by mail.</p> <p>I am interested in the previous mismanagement. What happened to the previous management?</p> <p>I hope they didn't get a golden termination payment!</p> <p>Is the administrator / council suing them for the damages caused? They caused the problem, they should pay to fix the problem.</p> <p>Regards,</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3596	I do not support such a huge rate rise from Gosford Council, the State Government should give financial aid seeing it was them who forced the merger.	No	CHERYL	Green
3597	<p>not really much good complaining about the rise in Rates. we, the Ratepayers, have to suffer because of the of the people incharge. stuffed up many years ago and yet he is still, was, on the Council. I bet his pockets arnt empty tis tim. Im on a Pension but luck enough to own my Home. God help the People who are still Payng their home off. And while im "complaing" how about doing something to the Road in . Like ripping it all up and re surfisng instead of patching. We do have a us going up and down every day</p>	No	Maureen	Coakes
3598	Confidential	No	Kim	King
3599	The rises are excessive.	No	Tony	Clear
3600	<p>I do no expect to pay any rate rise to CCC because I believe there needs to be an independent investigation, namely ICAC, into the mismanagement of finances and the debt incrued,, as a result of this before we have to pay extra.</p> <p>CCC residents should not be punished by increasing rates because they are not responsible or accountable for the debt blow-out caused by the CEO, administrators, and others. This was an amalgamation forced on Central Coast residents by the NSW State Government, so they should be accountable, as well. Forced amalgamation caused extra costs, and more staff, especially in middle management, thus increasing costs.</p> <p>Residents should not be penalised to pay for this debt, especially in Wyong where we have been paying increased rates, already.</p> <p>And there is no guarantee that this will not happen again, and we will be forced to pay increased rates to solve the problem, next time.</p>	No	Cecily	Briggs
3601	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3602	<p>I recently received an update from Dick Persson the Administrator, with my rates quarterly invoice, that a 15% increase will only equate to an average \$3.20 a week increase for residential rate payers.</p> <p>My current rates per annum are \$4950.00. A 15% increase equates to \$742.00 pa or \$14.27 per wk.</p> <p>This is major increase for me and I hope displays -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the fault in using averages to justify a major rate increase 2. The current inequity in Rate policy of CCC. 3 The considerable financial impact of a proposed 15 % permanent increase would have on my finances..... 	No	Jock	Mackay

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	<p>to whom it may concern</p> <p>In response to your letter dated 13th January 2021 re above subject.</p> <p>As rate payers for the past 60 plus years, including 20 plus years rate payers for the central coast council, we write to express our disappointment regarding proposed rate increase.</p> <p>As pensioners already struggling on a very tight budget an unjustifiable rate raise will cripple those barely managing to get by now, including ourselves. If the council continues to increase rates, they will need to create a new department that handles the resumption of people's family homes.</p> <p>If the rate rise goes ahead, it means every person on the coast will need to tighten their budget. Some people will not be able to tighten an already tight budget creating stress, hardship, family breakdowns and an impact on mental health and well being.</p> <p>The rate rise will soon be felt by less spending locally, higher costs for local goods and services, more retail closures and more unemployment.</p> <p>We believe the Central Coast Council is guilty of putting too much pressure on rate payers without any cause or concern for anyone.</p> <p>The impending rate rise is due to poor management and has to be addressed without delay.</p> <p>Council needs another restructure and/or cut wages, they are paid far too much. They would still be on a good wicket with their salary halved than the average worker. Saving in cutting salaries would be substantial.</p> <p>Council needs to look at their expenditure and make cuts.</p> <p>A pensioner cannot go to Scott Morrison and say I need an extra 15% increase to my pension each year to cover my costs now can they? So too should the Council no longer be able to say this to rate payers and increase the rates to cover their costs. They have to budget on what they have in the bank and based upon projected income like we do.</p> <p>The proposed rate rise is due to poor management and needs to be addressed.</p>			
3603	As pensioners and rate payers for 60 plus years on a very tight budget, we strongly disagree with the rate rise.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3604	Why should rate payers get increased rates because of councils mismanagement of funds and threatened with withdrawal of services if we don't agree	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3605	We will not be paying the proposed increase in rates of 10% or 15%. This Council has squandered money on non essential works, for their own glorification, instead of listening to what ratepayers require eg roads, paving, safe swimming areas etc. On top of that there is the question of mismanagement of funds. The Council put out a Survey asking residents their opinion. Of course they couldn't even get that right as even when you marked no increase you couldn't submit the Survey without choosing either 10% or 15% increase which is supposed to be a one off. It lasts 7 years?	No	Geoff & Nola	Thomson
3606	Confidential	No	Simon	McGregor
3607	Confidential	No	Scott	Burgess
3608	AS much as I understand that this increase may be required, I also believe that Council should be made accountable for the overspend. It is very frustrating that the individuals suffer and we will not see any return for it. YOu need to consider the amount of elderly that are on a pension in the area, how are they going to afford it with ALL costs rising?? Think carefully of the impact this will have on families. i would like to see a report how the councils intend to save money without it affecting the rate payers???????	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3609	I do not support a rate increase of 10% due to mismanagement of Central Coast Council funds.			
3609	Some services should be cut back and less infrastructure built - for example the walkway around the Haven at Terrigal is completely unnecessary.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3610	<p>I would like to express my dissatisfaction that council are wanting to charge an extra 1 off 15% rate increase to help them recoup some of the mis-spent funds.</p> <p>The wording of the survey was very deceiving and didn't explain the 2 options very well.</p> <p>If I had a choice between the two I would prefer the 10%option as this will be recalculated at the end of the 7 years. This was not explained this way in the councils SV letter.</p> <p>Council have enough assets to be able to sell off to recover the funds to fix an issue that council created. Not the ratepayers.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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3611	I do not agree to an ongoing 15% rate rise to cover the mismanagement of Central Coast Council's budget. Although it is true the region is increasing in size and needs improvements on infrastructure, the additional rate collection from new residents moving to the Central Coast should surely help offset some of the cost. The elected Council members were in a position of trust and responsibility...are they not at all liable to be held responsible for any of the financial debt?	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3612	Confidential	No	Vinod	Rao
3613	I strongly oppose the proposed rate increase of between 10% and 15% highlighted in a letter to me from Rik Hart, Acting CEO of Central Coast Council. I understand that the failure to properly and responsibly manage Council funds over a period of the last few years has resulted in a debt of approximately \$565 million. As a result of this mismanagement, councillors are now seeking to extract this deficit from us ratepayers by way of a rate rise. Every single councillor over this period, individually or as part of a sub-committee, committee or special project group has been responsible for this failure and should not only be publically identified, but ought to be barred from holding public office in the future in the interest of accountability.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3614	We the rate payers of the Central coast should not have to pay for the 'mismanagement ' of our councillors inept ilegal spending. The people who have done this should have to be accountable. Gosford council also had shortfalls and discrepancies too. Why should it happen again?	No	Carole	Compton
3615	Dear IPART, I have been following and read the information provided by the Central Coast Council on the extremely poor financial management of the council. While I think the actioned mentioned in the report were a good step there is certainly more to be done and in-depth analysis of expenditure and costs is required to find other ways to save money rather than bluntly ask rate payers to foot the bill of years of mismanagement. There are many activities that are simply over serviced. I will mention one example here. From the windows of my property I can see one public toilet (at the end of [REDACTED]). Last Monday, 1 February, I took time and counted how many times the Council truck was there cleaning; and between 8am-4pm and I counted four visits (it's fair to say there were more). That day, being weekday and outside of peak holiday season, simply illustrates the over servicing and a plain example of cost saving initiative (cutting down on number of visits) could be implemented without a detrimental effect to the public. I am positive there are many other examples of currently certain services being over serviced and over maintained. More auditing is needed to identify them. My vote goes to the temporary the lowest increase possible and certainly no more than option 1 (10%). I also would like to find out what will happen to the individuals or group of individuals, like CEO and other senior executives that have been responsible for those horrendous financial losses. What charges if any would they face? I fail to understand how a person who is financially inept be employed in capacity as a CEO? . We are talking about the basics here: Profit & Loss and Balance Sheet. What about process of auditing of the financial statements? There have been a lot of systemic problems that have been covered up by a large group of individuals. Best Regards [REDACTED]	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3616	I strenuously disagree with the proposed rate rise. The management of the council has left a lot to be desired, total overspending of money	No	Bronwen	Green
3617	Beyond the normal 'I don't want to pay for someone else's mistake', which is not an invalid thought, alternatives through loans, selling of assets and suspension of some services should be more thoroughly explored to bring back some of the restricted funds. Thrusting a rate rise on a region deeply affected by the downturn in commerce and employment caused by COVID-19, immediately following the cessation of JobKeeper subsidisation by the federal government, with everyone else piling on increases to try and return to profit is going to make it impossible for some to maintain house or land ownership. The state government can and should do more to assist in remediation. The increased revenue from house sale prices which have managed to continue to rise should have consideration to made available to the council generating a good result in this area. They don't have to take responsibility for the financial situation, but they can most certainly assist with a remedial grant. I do not believe enough thought, care or alternatives have been considered by the administrator. It seems as though that the easy way out of making residents pay for the incompetence of the previous councillors has been taken here. As a resident of the Central Coast Council are, I do not support the SV to increase rates by either 10 (8) or 15 (13) percent. Thank you for your time and consideration.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3618	We don't feel that we should pay for their negligence and misuse of funds. Most people are struggling to make ends meet, especially with the affects of COVID. I have also read that high council members who were stood down received a huge monetary pay out.. and yet we have to pay for their mistakes? It simply doesn't make sense	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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3619	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3620	Charging the people for for actions they had no say in is opening the door for future recklessness. Many will struggle as the job keeper and jobseeker come to an end. Cost of living on the coast is skyrocketing as homes become a bidding war so the first homebuyer is in much greater debt than previous.	No	Sharon	Naumovski
3621	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3622	I strongly oppose the application from Central Coast Council to raise the rates above the 2% peg. The council and representatives have been manipulative in the surveys that they have provided to the rate payers. Only including two options and in their second survey still including only two options and then having a separate question that relates to no rate rise. I believe they will manipulate the survey results to only include the responses from their two option question. I move that you disregard the misrepresentative data from CC council's surveys and rely on the data from the ipart submissions. The CC council needs to look within at the mismanagement of funds and the poor leadership and management of the Council. Since the amalgamation there has been an increase in jobs within council whereas there needed to be a streamlined approach and reduction of jobs in middle management. Relying on ratepayers to increase their revenue will not solve the issue.	No	Adam	Montgomery
3623	I can't afford a 10-15%. After harmonisation this could blowout to a 30-40% rise in one year. How is this a fair outcome. No talk about capping increase to help community, no investigation. Strongly apposed. Any talk of increases should be after harmonisation & investigations on misuse of funds	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3624	No rate rise.	No	Mark	Mindlin
3625	Old Gosford already facing a 10-30% rise? Now another 10-15%. No investigation, no public explanation. This is public money. After low income year and further uncertainty I strongly appose a rate rise	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3626	Confidential	No	Anthony	Vadala
3627	I strongly oppose rate rises for central coast residents which are being considered to recoup the debts created by an incompetent council.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3628	I do not agree with Central Coast Council Rate rise, just moved to the area from Sydney. Feel the local government should use the current rates & adjust their spending. Also current Council doesn't provide good services as is, not worth giving more money, so many bad pot holes is local roads, many roads don't have drainage or guttering never seen anything like it in Sydney.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3629	I disagree with the rate rises. Why are the citizens responsible for bailing out the poor decisions made by our local council. This is not acceptable.	No	Aashli	Dawson
3630	There is no way a 15% rate rise is justifiable. We already pay higher rates than sydney. Councilers should be taken to task over this debacle	No	Michael	Hodges
3631	I am in total disagreement to the proposed rate increases to repair the financial disaster that the previous council has left. We pay and pay and nothing gets done except a gross mismanagement of funds and disregard for the rate payers. I'm sick of bailing these people out.	No	Tracey	Turner
3632	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3633	I vehemently oppose any rate rise imposed on Central Coast Council ratepayers because of the ineptitude of the current Central Coast Council. There are still far too many aspects In the way this council is run that are a complete waste of money. They need a really tough good businessman to go through every department and eliminate the waste - like the person who who has been hired to "Promote Community Development." What a waste of money. Now the lawns, fix the roads, take care of the infrastructure snd stop wasting money on "feel good" projects which are already being addressed by existing local groups. This is just one example. I could give you more. But it's a big NO to ANY rate rises!!!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3634	I am shocked to see how this Council is communicating to rate payers. Yesterday I received my rate notice and a flyer explaining the proposed increase with a note at the bottom stating I could have a say. I went to the website noted on the flyer and the survey was already closed. It's been the same for the Stormwater Drainage charge I received last year when I don't even get any services from Council as I am on a rural property. They don't ever clean the drains on our road and I don't get water. The service state stormwater drainage - residential. This is not acceptable and I don't understand why we should be penalised when Council made the mistake. Previous management should be accountable and pay for the debt. The government should step in and help so we don't have to pay more than we should. I already pay over \$12,000 in Council rates for my business and over \$3,000 for my house...	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3635	Why should home owners be responsible for the criminal financial mismanagement of the council? Rates are already high and it has a severe financial impact particularly at this time. A better option would be to remove all council management that were employed during the time of mismanagement to save on wages.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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3636	<p>I am a rate payer of Central Coast Council, and as a Certified Practising Accountant have clients and associates also effected by the potential rate rise. I am a professional accountant, a member of RFS, an employee of NSW Health in mental Health services and an active community member of the Central Coast. From this perspective , expertise and experience I strongly oppose any rate rise in the Central Coast Council. The stalk holders of Central Coast are having their well-being threatened by the trauma caused through use of the language , blame and lack of consideration that both the Administrator Mr Persson and Acting CEO Ric Hart. They have rigged surveys to comply with requirements of community consultation that do not offer the community the opportunity to show their opposition to with 10% or 15% rate rise. Gross mismanagement and unlawful use of funds by the Central Coast council is the reason for the rate rise request. The lack of accountability and the dismissal of the stress and strain that community members are under is hugely disrespectful and threatening stability. Community can not trust a council, nor the powers that step in to govern (Administrator and A CEO) is no apology or accountability is set as a priority of action. I have written to State Ministers and ICAC to pressure action in this regard.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3637	<p>Why should we, the rate payers foot the bill for council's utter mismanagement? To be at a (potential) operating loss of \$115M screams total incompetence or absolute [REDACTED]</p> <p>At a time like now, with Covid-19 affecting our economy and the Jobkeeper package set to end in March do you really think it wise to be increasing financial pressure upon your residents and local business? There are a great deal of people in this community who have lost their jobs or are currently on reduced hours and relying on the federal government's payments to pay their bills. You propose that an option for a 15% rate increase is viable for residents and business? do i need to remind you that many industries are running at restricted capacity (i.e hospitality) or not at all (live entertainment)</p> <p>Then you have the audacity to send in the mail along with the bill for our current outstanding rates some propaganda featuring the smiling face of the administrator stating that he can fix this on our dime and everything will be fine? I for one am absolutely furious and if think the community will accept this without a fuss, well i'm afraid you may be living with your head buried in the sand.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3638	<p>I object the the rate rise [REDACTED].</p>	No	Lisse	Cornelia
3639	<p>[REDACTED]. If I stole that same money I would be jailed. Yet you [REDACTED] get away with it and to rub salt into our wounds even more you make us pay for it. We live in San Remo. There is no guttering our streets are disgusting full of pot holes you have rubbish washing down into the water ways including tar as well blocking our water ways. We ring to get it fixed only to be told you will put a request in. 6 months later still no action I ring again only to be told the same thing. Long story short you are [REDACTED] and should be [REDACTED]</p>	No	Adam	Mckinlay
3640	We say no to the rates increase!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3641	Confidential	No	Robert	Findley
3642	<p>The 15% rate rise proposed by the Administrator is pushing for is permanent, and another 2.5% added as per normal rate increase in addition to the harmonisation of rates between Gosford & Wyong councils. This is obscene to think that mismanagement of funds can only be fixed by further mismanagement of funds & preparing to secure more funds on a permanent nature anticipating mismanagement is the only option available to the community.</p> <p>Of the poor options open to the community, The 10% option is the better choice as it will remain in place for 7 years and then revert back & give rate payers an opportunity to get a semblance of value for money in the distant future.</p>	No	Simon	Eyre
3643	<p>Why should the rate paters be slugged for the ineptitude and mismanagement of the previous Management of the council. The reason behind amalgamation was to cut costs, so why were so many new staff employed.. In my opinion a [REDACTED] investigation into the Council and the senior management needs be conducted. For too long people in positions of power are too busy feathering there own nests instead of doing their jobs and looking after ratepayers</p>	No	GUY	SPACKMAN
3644	We should not have to pay more for other people's stuff up charge them for [REDACTED] transactions	No	Rod	Rowcliff

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3645	<p>I'm happy for a 13% SV rate rise, but only if:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Funds raised from the SV rate rise are only directed at debt reduction and the SV rate rise is abolished once the debt has been paid off. 2. Council identify and implement ways to reduce expenditure in order to free up funds for debt reduction. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Council to significantly reduces expenditure on social and cultural programs, in order to free up funds to repay debt. For example, various "free" festivals that primarily benefit non rate payers (tourists) should be abolished or should involve a "fee for service", the number of libraries in the former Gosford LGA should be reduced. b) Council to focus its infrastructure spend primarily on maintenance of existing facilities, rather than creating new facilities. For example, instead of installing expensive and new playground equipment (latest fad), focus spending on basic and on-going maintenance of playground equipment (which is an on-going problem). c) Council to identify and reduce bureaucracy in its administrative processes. I previously worked for the Commonwealth Government and know that 'management by committee' comes at a large cost to the tax payer, for questionable benefit (I'm sure Council operates in this fashion). 3. Council to identify ways to increase 'service revenue' in order to provide funds for debt reduction. For example, reintroduce fees for access to Council owned tennis courts, find paying tenants for vacant Council owned properties. 4. Conduct an independent review to determine whether splitting Council into two or more smaller councils, would result in reduced operating costs, in order to free up funds for debt reduction. 	No	Julian	Richards
3646	<p>Securing “my” future with your rate rise?</p> <p>This is clearly spin, wordplay and demonstrable nonsense from Central Coast Council.</p> <p>The liability for any rate rise belongs with a state government that forcibly merged 2 previously existing entities for ideological reasons, and against all reasonable advice with significant “pushback” from residents and other commentators.</p> <p>The inefficiencies of the larger merged Central Coast Council also played a major role but against the backdrop established by state government errors.</p> <p>This current state government has made repeated mistakes and underhand decisions in favour of hard-core Liberal Party ideology and/or the developer sector, the council merger can be added to the list which includes the sneaky quiet sale of the Land Titles Office for arena redevelopment that didn’t proceed, the proposed moving of Powerhouse Museum, redevelopment of Parramatta and destruction of heritage materials, dodgy grants for political purposes etc etc</p> <p>Please consider this a strong objection to any rate rise based on the on the grounds that we the residents should “carry the can” for others mistakes.</p> <p>That is profoundly wrong and inequitable - the liability lies elsewhere and the “securing of my future” should lie with those responsible. Given that the same types of verbal spin have been used at local, state and federal government level every time the public has to fill in the gaps created by others mistakes surely it’s time responsibility is born by those that deserve it.</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3647	The inadequacy in how council ran the local area, must not be suffered by its locals.	No	Marina	Danaskos

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	<p>This is regarding "securing your future with a rate rise"</p> <p>Even though we are very against taking a rate rise due to poor financial management by the Central Coast Council, we understand that this issue needs to be resolved by the Administrator.</p> <p>As rate payers in the area we vote for Option 1 - Temporary Fix Option - 10% Totally disagree with taking a permanent rate increase as suggested in option 2 as we know rates will go up in the future and we know that with the other measures being considered by the Administrator or put into place should recover the deficient in under 4 years.</p> <p>We will take the rate rise and pay 10% however we need to see something extra for this - our request is for either of the following be implemented in the Central coast area: 1. A permanent weekly recycling bin collection. or 2. Be supplied with an additional recycling bin</p> <p>The service is not adequate to support 100% recycling for most households.</p>			
3648	Thank you.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3649	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3650	<p>I feel that the northern section of the Central Coast Council should not have a rate increase.</p> <p>As part of the former Wyong Council we have been paying a higher rate than the former Gosford Council area for a number years, having previously paid a special levy for Wyong Council, this seems extremely unfair. Perhaps the current council should look at a level playing field for both former council areas.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3651	<p>I do not agree with the rate rise application it will cause hardship to many families, individuals and businesses. It is unfortunate that council has mismanaged the rate payers funds but during such a difficult year for everyone with COVID 19 effecting so many I think it is very unwise to put financial pressure on so many. Maybe council will have to do what many ratepayers have needed to do and cut back on spending and pay down debt.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3652	<p>I strongly oppose a 10% or a 15% increase in Central Coast Council rates as a result of their financial mismanagement.</p> <p>My rates are already almost \$3000 per year and being a self funded retiree with minimal income I would struggle to find an additional \$300 for my rates.</p> <p>Central Coast rates are already some of the highest in Australia. With Sydney interest in property sales pushing the values up, our rates have already increased substantially and that should be sufficient rate increase for Council.</p>	No	Brett	Riley
3653	Not in favor of rate rises to fix council mistakes	No	Cassie	Moore
3654	<p>I would like to see Central Coast council be able to continue to maintain and improve services available to the electorate. I would be in favour of a rate rise to see this occur. I would be in favour of option 2. 15% rate rise.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3655	<p>I do not agree that we the taxpayers of the Central Coast should have to pay extra in our rates because of the Central Coast Councils neglect use of funds. The Central Coast Council board of directors need to be held accountable for the actions that they have taken, if any other person done this kind of neglect they would be jailed on fraudulent charges</p>	No	Graham	Stacey
3656	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3657	<p>I am appalled at the idea that the only option the administrator has up his sleeve is to slug ratepayers with a 15% rate hike to make amends for the incompetence of both the elected councilors and the employed staff.</p> <p>The amalgamation of Council was forced upon us by the Liberal government yet they now refuse to either acknowledge this or provide any assistance.</p> <p>Why should we as ratepayers be forced to accept this as the only option when NONE of this financially mess can be directly attributed to us ?</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3658	<p>As being on a pension, with a mortgage isn't hard enough, the rates rise will destroy me.</p> <p>Surely the rate payers shouldn't have to pay for the mismanagement of these councillors who we trusted. As a lay person, it's simple, terminate the top heavy employees, no payouts.</p> <p>What they did was [REDACTED] it's called insolvency</p>	No	Therese	Borg

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3659	<p>I strongly disagree with the proposed date rise!!! This should not happen....</p> <p>I have been a central coast resident all of my life.... Living in the Wyong area....</p> <p>The condition of our roads are appalling... The entrance channel dredging is never completed properly.... Parks are left to fall apart.... Most areas still have no curb and guttering....</p> <p>Not to mention how the [REDACTED] council leaders misused our rates payers money.... They committed [REDACTED]... A serious [REDACTED]....</p> <p>We... The rate payers... Already pay high rate fees... And receive terrible services in return...</p> <p>Let alone the fact that everyone is suffering and going through financial hardship due to covid-19 and loss of income..</p> <p>The rate rise should not happen.... The rate payers should not suffer because the council wasted our money and went into debt.. that's their problem.... Not ours.</p> <p>I do not agree with the rate rise at all..... It's insulting that the proposed rate rise was even considered in the first place</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3660	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3661	Confidential	No	Chris	Adams
3662	Confidential	No	Steve	Robinson
3663	<p>Government to address the culpability of all CCC employees that were involved in the mis use of funds.</p> <p>No extra rate rises apart from the 2% (?) normally permitted.I have not received any income increase and council employees should be treated equally until it can be shown that the council can operate within the normal income.</p> <p>Councillors are supposed to act in the interest of the ratepayers, therefore no expenses or income until a balanced budget,</p>	No	John	Haymes
3664	I find it despicable that the public are likely to pay for the mistakes of the council. When we have very little say on the area we lived in, it's not fair that we face an increase.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3665	<p>This is outrageous!!!. Incompetent council have managed to [REDACTED] half a billion dollars of our rates. Why should we have to pay for their complete and utter failure as a governing body. I honestly believe it's verging on criminal behaviour!!!. I refuse to pay the extra and any interest incurred on the outstanding amount.</p>	No	Andrew	Cha
3666	<p>I have just moved into the area of Central Coast and have been hit with the report that the council is broke, that all the funds have been misappropriated and now hear that we the ratepayers have to pay increased rates to fill the coffers. My partner had to sell up from our home in Ryde so that we did not have to live on a full pension, and moved up here. Being part or full pensioners does not matter, the fact is that we cannot afford the high rate increases that CCC notices are inferring. We are already paying \$200 more a year that in Ryde, and with another \$300 per year, it is a massive impact on our living situation. Please stop this stupid idea and remember that most of the CC has pensioners living in the area.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3667	I vote for the temporary 10% rate rise for seven years. I strongly oppose the 15% permanent rate rise as this will have a significant financial impact on myself and many other local residents. The financial mismanagement of funding is unfortunate however this is going to have a huge impact on the residents and this needs to be considered	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3668	Against paying extra on rates	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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3669	<p>GOSFORD HARMONISING 26.9% RISE 2020/21</p> <p>I have been informed that the old Gosford LGA residents are due to have a 26.9% increase for harmonisation with the Wyong LGA.</p> <p>I do not believe that the current administrator or IPART is taking this rise into consideration.</p> <p>This hefty rise alone would surely pay for the bungled finances of the Central Coast council without the burden of a extra increase of 15% to all residents.</p> <p>I have been finding it difficult to comprehend the proposed 15% increase and have had serious and disturbing thoughts about affording to stay in my home. My finances are fully stretched already.</p> <p>Now I am facing a rise of 41.9% ! There is no way possible for me to cope mentally with this thought.</p> <p>Please consider this 'harmonising' rate over the entire Gosford rate payers of 26.9% to come into effect 2021/22 before allowing another 15% on top of this.</p> <p>The amount of money raised due to this harmonising, has to be enough for council to recoup. Residents are going to suffer enormously and I am concerned with financial stress and mental health of myself and for many others.</p> <p>The administrator has failed to tell residents of this 26.9% will be on top of his 15%</p> <p>The information sent out to me states that my rates would rise \$3.20 per week. This is not true at all.</p> <p>Nor has he factored the revenue raised by harmonising it in his calculations.</p> <p>I plead with IPART to block this other 15%.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3670	No rate rises for Central Coast residents.	No	Greg	Peters
3671	Pendionets can't afford to pay for incompetent councillors or senior management and the CEO.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3672	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3673	<p>I wish to voice my displeasure at the Gosford Council rate rise. This is the second recent mismanagement of public money and this time it seems deliberate. I strongly reject being forced to bail out officials who should be sacked and investigated for [REDACTED] If we are forced to bailout the Council they will do it again. I reject the rate rise.</p> <p>The rate increase is unacceptable. The central coast council is effectively threatening home owners for a fault which is not theirs. Ideally the council needs an inquest and those responsible for this need to be reprimanded. The stand over tactics being used are disgusting and should not be tolerated.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3674	Confidential	No	Adam	Newland
3675	<p>In theory I don't have an issue with the rise as the money needs to be paid back and has to come from somewhere. Unless there is the proper governance in place I strongly disagree with any rate rises. I'm less than happy that it has come to this as it shouldn't be the rate payers bailing out council as a result of their negligence/incompetency. I have major reservations with the fact this may happen again given the lack of governance. I would like to make sure there are processes in place so it doesn't happen again- major over sight by the likes of a risk and audit committee etc. I'd also like the councillors to have some sort of action taken against them for letting this happen- at a minimum they should be banned from holding such positions. This position didn't happen overnight and adequate questions were not asked (which I blame the councillors for). I look at the councillors to be like a board where the scrutinise things and make decisions- they have fallen very short on their duties. I would also like to see the rates being consistent across the board and charged fairly. All people access the infrastructure - rates for units where people live should be cheaper based in the land values but they need to adequately contribute to all the other services- a minimum fee of \$200 or so in rates is ridiculous as the balance of the ratepayers are subsidising this. The rates need to be fair across the board, with all rate payers contributing in a similar manner.</p>	No	Christina	Collins
3676	I am not happy about a rate rise. Why should the residents pay for the councils stuff up. I personally think they need to do [REDACTED] time	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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	<p>Central Coast residents and ratepayers should NOT have to bail out the council's dishonesty, negligence and downright very poor management of its business and services it provides. To advise to ratepayers we have to have a one off rate increase to bail them out is ridiculous.</p> <p>Realistically any private business that did this would be wound up and if the service/opportunity still exists, another business fills the vacuum.</p> <p>Surely there is a way to "wind up" all those who were incompetent and replace with with another "council" that would be able to apply sound mind and business acumen to actually look after the central coast, and not their pockets.</p> <p>All councillors that allowed blank value signed cheques to be issued need to be sacked and sent back to secondary school level education to better understand that the world works on money not signing for breath of fresh air.</p> <p>It's absolutely disgusting that a Council can lie and try and dig themselves out of this when there are families out there suffering financially and this would cripple them.</p> <p>I refuse to pay for what is clearly a "yes" culture within this current corrupt Council that doesn't think beyond its own doors and examine consequences of clearly massive over budget and over spending.</p> <p>They are not a federal or state government and do not have the capacity to borrow like this and to think they could simply just cover this up is an absolute joke and severe disappointment.</p> <p>They all need a good look at themselves in the mirror and quite frankly blank cheques should be treated with criminal charge suspicions.</p> <p>Throw the book at them all.</p> <p>We all don't want any rate rise they propose to "survive". They would be better off dissolved and the NSW government should act accordingly to install a brand new council with completely new members top to bottom in the admin, finance, and he departments. All senior positions are untenable and should remain in administration for the foreseeable future until the above is actioned.</p>			
3677	Again No rate rise, make all senior staff who clearly benefited - pay it back.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
	Our local council has squandered our money. They have not fixed vital infrastructure such as roads, parks or public areas but have instead put millions into dodgy projects.			
3678	I do not consent to a rate rise above 2% to pay for their inability to stick to a budget.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
	I disagree with the rate rise requested by Dick Persson, Administrator. CCC has mismanaged Ratepayers/Shareholders money and should be brought to justice. Mr Persson has also advised that he has secured a loan from one of the top 4 banks and a condition of the loan is access to the rates if the loan is defaulted. NO WAY! In his discussion last night at Gosford Chambers, [REDACTED]. Minister of Local Government should be ashamed, not all ratepayers have the luxury of high wages and are able to pay the forced rates and water rises. Please hold the ELT accountable for their blatant mismanagement.			
3679		No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3680	I will not pay for councils incompetence	No	Keith	Taylor
	<p>I'm very much against Central Coast Council asking myself as a rate payer to assist with their bailout / increase of rates due to their mismanagement and financial crises they've got themselves into.</p> <p>When COVID hit early 202 i was asked to take a 20% pay reduction due to the downturn in revenue as a family of 6 including my elderly mother who we care for we've had to defer a number of things including our mortgage, my 20% salary reduction will be reviewed at the end of March with no certainty and on the back of all this which many others have had to face i'm now asked to help assist in the councils debt.</p> <p>Where was the council when i needed help with my financial situation???</p>			
3681	I think it's unfair to expect people to be happy about either a rate rise or one off payments.	No	Phillip	Rooke
3682	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3683	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
	It's not fair that people on the coast who are low income which are good part of our coast have to pay for the mistakes of the council should be away to work out how to make money without using that extra money from the rates because if I can meet up with the counselors and have a good discussion and look at all the paperwork to discuss weather community how we can get some type of income in from somewhere where it won't cost the community with their rates there's always away we have to think seriously and alternatively about the things hi ran a small business for 20 years also was working with Gosford athletics as their present for a short time the sort out their problems and I did very well in business has a small operator very careful with my money and now work in the health system if interested just contact me on this site			
3684		No	Derek	Morrice
3685	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3686	I do not accept the councils proposal of a 10-15% rate rise to cover their incompetence. This is outrageous!	No	Narelle	Muxlow
	The acting Voluntary Administrators for the Central Coast Council have proposed two rate increase options to enable financial obligations to be met and continued solvency. While this may be correct as a whole number, the matter is grossly inequitable in that Pro rata the rise in the old Wyong LGA is marginal (approx. 3%) yet the rate rise in the Gosford LGA is nearer 20-25%. This proposed rate adjustment is a blatant misrepresentation to the residents of the Central Coast and must be corrected and acknowledged at that residents can understand what they are agreeing or disagreeing with.			
3687		No	Clive	Blunt
3688	I am against a rate rise as the people who caused and overlooked the mismanaged funds of Central Coast Council should be held responsible.	No	Yvonne	Gariano

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3689	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3690	Given that residents of the previous Wyong Shire paid rates well above the peg to fund upgrades to the water supply in the very recent past, and that many residents are still struggling with reduced income due to the covid 19 pandemic, and besides the fact that this enormous proposed rate increase is absolutely unfair, please unequivocally reject this application	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3691	<p>I've been advised by Central Coast Council that the amount a household pays for rates is determined on land value. The more your property is worth, the more rates you pay. Last year my rates went up but my land value went down. Go figure!</p> <p>I live on 2.5 acres on a private access road that I share with five other properties. We pay for this road ourselves including bitumen and maintenance. There is no other way to access our properties. The main road (Council owned) that the private road comes off has no street lights, no curb and gutters, falls away to steep inclines and is riddled with potholes. I live 1.5km from the local high school yet my children aren't able to walk to school because the road leading off our private road is so dangerous and can't be safely navigated even by adults.</p> <p>I am on a septic system so do not rely on public sewerage. I have 60k litre water tanks so do don't rely on public water yet I have to pay a levy to use my own water. This levy was introduced approximately 12 months ago.</p> <p>The only service Council provides me with is garbage collection yet I pay \$860 per quarter. How is this fair?</p> <p>And now Council has given me the option of paying 10% or 15% more on my rates! I can't even fathom how they have the audacity to do this.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3692	<p>Hello</p> <p>Hope all is well .</p> <p>After reading about the rate increase, it is very disappointing.</p> <p>We pay more than our share and I don't feel we should be paying 10% more .</p> <p>An increase should be in the 3% - 4% rang So people can afford it .</p> <p>We are not happy and don't feel we should be paying that much more .</p> <p>Berkeley vale resident</p>	No	Willow	Slootbeek
3693	<p>Rate increases to 10% is an outrageous proposal.</p> <p>A 2% increase is some what affordable, people have to live and 10% is a big jump when we already pay allot .</p> <p>We oppose!!</p>	No	Marcel	Soares
3694	No rate rise to cover incompetence. Sack the senior managers and put in people who can manage a budget. Stop useless , expensive discussions and panel groups that amount to nothing. Get proper quotes for projects and ensure the budget is adhered to.	No	Linda	Baker
3695	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3696	I request, as a rate payer living in the area of the Central Coast Council that you do not grant a rise in our rates beyond the rate peg of 2% already granted for the year 2021/2022.	No	Christopher	Jesson
3697	I believe the 15% rate rise has been accepted, from what I read there was no end date, there must be and end date and 4 years should be the maximum length	No	Paul	Beech
3698	<p>Disgusting that i and so many others now have to pay more for rates because some [REDACTED] who was paid \$10k per week who screwed things up to the tune of half a BILLION dollars!!!</p> <p>I'm a single dad with a mortgage. Wheres my \$10k per week??? [REDACTED] ridiculous!!! [REDACTED]. Rich get richer and the hard working class yet again [REDACTED] and we have no choice but being told we need to pay real money for someone else's mistakes. How is that fair?</p>	No	Shaun	Ag
3699	It is disgusting to see the community have to pay for the ignorance and misappropriation of funds of the council, this mistake must not be transferred to the community in the form of a rate rise. The council doesn't have to pay the money back in one swift move, make the money back by a one off rate payment, like the government does with the bush fires, please do not do this to our community think of the people, think of the families, think of the ones who didn't make the decision to spend the funds	No	Amanda	Skinner
3700	This rate rise is massive. Extremely unaffordable in today's climate	No	Kausal	Naidu

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3701	<p>CCC should not be granted any special rate rise above the gazettes 2percent.</p> <p>Rates are set on land value and should not be able to be varied due to overspending, prior mismanagement or any other reason.</p> <p>Rate formulas need to be equitable across the state and not disadvantaged any particular region more than others.</p> <p>CCC already reap one of the state's highest yields from rates. They need to manage within the current rate structure.</p> <p>Please deny any variation requested for region. I personally and many others have been severely disadvantaged financially due to the mismanagement of the waterways which resulted in flooding of my property in February 2020 and to a lesser degree n 2015.</p> <p>Even with the gross mismanagement of funds and the huge amount of revenue from rates CCC still don't manage the day to day functions well.</p> <p>I have been trying for over 3 years to get bamboo on council land cut down but to no avail. It is now 3 years of growth worse snd frames a waterway causing huge amounts of leaf litter in the lake. Just one small example.</p>	No	Cheryl	Feeney
3702	<p>Why should us ratepayers get an enormous hike to fix their stuff ups, then they threaten that services will drop otherwise. Instead of releasing ground workers, release the leaders in charge that are on twice as much as the ground workers. \$450mil pa average in land rates at 300,000 homes on the coast, and yet this is the best option. Dream on. I AM AGAINST A RATE RISE!!</p> <p>Even the northern beaches have less in rates and is classed as a richer suburb.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3703	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3704	<p>Central Coast Council thought it was alright to spend our rates plus a lot more and put council in astronomical debt, take absolutely no responsibility for their actions, then expect us, the ratepayers, to pay off this debt, this is not on and i thoroughly disagree with any increase whatsoever. ZERO RATE INCREASE FOR CENTRAL COAST COUNCIL RATEPAYERS.</p>	No	Allistair	McLean
3705	<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>As I missed the very short period of community consultation allowed by Central coast council for such a significant increase in rates I write to you today.</p> <p>I firmly reject the notion that as a rate payer I should have to contribute to councils extravagant spending and largesse. The main reason for this is not the overspend that was made but rather what it was spent upon - there has been a recent history of very expensive roadworks which contribute nothing to the liveability or sustainability of the Central coast including some very expensive roundabouts in Ettalong. This is against council liveability benchmarks and to the detriment of the community as well and provide no tangible improvement to life or the environment or even traffic flow. These projects takeaway funding that would have been otherwise spent on farm Ward important and environmentally focused projects that could improve the quality of life and the profile of the region and it's residents.</p> <p>Prior to any proposed rate increase I thoroughly suggest that an audit is made of all of the councils spending in the last 10 years (or pre-amalgamation era) if required to ascertain where this amount of spend occurred and refocus future spend towards priorities that the community actually want and make the Central coast a wonderful place. While a case could be made that this is a similar ratio of spend to other local councils this would be good to know for sure (this has not been provided) however now is not the time to spend on road infrastructure. It sucks up the most money and is not urgent. I repeat road infrastructure is the most capital cost benefits only certain locations and does not prevent value for money when the tightening of the belt by council should be really considered. thank you.</p> <p>Simon Kilbane</p>	No	Simon	Kilbane
3706	<p>I am an aged pensioner who lives from fortnight to fortnight and I am finding it difficult at times to live on the pension especially with costs on everything continuing to rise.</p> <p>This is a disgusting situation with the central coast council's mess and I feel that those who were in charge should be made to pay this money back because it wasn't the ratepayers who racked up this debt and therefore these people are responsible and should be punished severely for their incompetence!!!!</p> <p>The money some of them were paid is obscene and should NEVER have been allowed to happen!!!!</p> <p>They all should go to gaol also and forego any assets they may have accrued to help pay for this humongous debt!!!!</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3707	<p>Why should we have to pay for the Councils many mistakes! Why was this not realised years ago! How did they get to over 1/2 a billion dollars in debt and nothing done about it until now? The people responsible should be held accountable, because if it Was just your average jo blow with his little businesss, I can bet your bottom dollar he would of ended up in jail.</p> <p>Not good enough and now we will have a rate rises and all our services will suffer still anyway, because how are they going to be able to recover that sort of money is near impossible and will take many years and it's the ratepayers that will suffer ten fold! Disgraceful</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3708	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3709	I am appalled that we are asked to pay for the mistakes of Gosford Council!	No	Chris	Holloway
3710	No special variation for rate rise.2% only.hold an investigation into misappropriation of funds from central coast counci.bring legal action against responsible parties.	No	David	Quick
3711	<p>Paying for other people and their [REDACTED] dealings is not part of the rate-paying agreement. Money owed should be taken out of the counsellors pay-outs, as they are the ones who engaged in [REDACTED] practices NOT the ratepayers. I believe the CEO received a \$300,000 payout. He should receive no pay-out if it is proven that he used taxpayers money to engage in behaviour that did not follow protocol.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3712	It's disgusting that the ratepayers of the Central Coast have to pay for the ineptitude of one rich [REDACTED] who gets a golden parachute.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3713	Confidential	No	Amy	White

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3714	<p>I am writing to convey my disgust at the proposed increase in rates over the pegged rates as proposed by Central Coast Council . By their own admission this has been caused by unlawful actions . I am NOT convinced that they have persued all avenues of savings . The administrator has stated that they have cut staffing levels to near the same levels at the time of merger . Surely staffing levels should be significantly BELOW, as would occur in any decently run private organisation when mergers occur.</p> <p>Have they looked at the over generous and superfluous sick leave , superannuation , pay rates , council supplied cars with ongoing insurance maintenance and fuel , paid for by the rate payer ?</p> <p>How deeply have they looked at superfluous services and expenses ?</p> <p>Nothing short of FULL transparency is acceptable. After all it was a disregard of the ratepayer and lack of transparency which led to this problem.</p>	No	Gary	Oakes
3715	<p>not only does this council want to increase rates but they want to sell assets and reduce services.surely the overspending can be redressed by putting a halt on the most expensive capital works until the money is made up. what needs to be looked at is what happened to the promised savings that were to come from the amalgamation. the problem seems to have come from abysmal council management. should not this be addressed before any rate rise is considered.</p> <p>thanks for your time</p> <p>brian pickering</p>	No	brian	pickering
3716	<p>I am a ratepayer in the Wyong end of the Central Coast. I have had no problem with the Central Coast Council in the past (even though my rates are already hugely higher than the Gosford end) but heartedly object to an increase of rates due to the Councils fiscal irresponsibility. I am happy to pay my rates for the services provided but refuse to bail out financial incompetence, especially when there is no intention by the Administrator to actually do anything to restore an even keel other than reaching into the ratepayers pocket.</p> <p>If I overspent my budget I would not expect others to come and pay for it. Tighten the belt, live within our means for a while.</p> <p>I stand firmly against ANY rate rise and am offended that consultation appears to be just a sham as the Administrator has said the rate increase WILL go ahead.</p>	No	Cathy	Cole
3717	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3718	Confidential	No	Jamie and Rebekah	Greene
3719	<p>I am very concerned at the state of the Local Council. I remember when the previous Wyong council was broke. They raised our rates and council was put back into a good financial position. The Government then amalgamated us with a financially unstable Gosford council. Why should us Rate payers have to foot the bill for incompetence and mismanagement again. I'm am really considering moving out of the area. We already have the highest rates in The State. It's just not fair and we cannot afford another rise.</p>	No	Darrin	Hill
3720	<p>As a resident of the Central Coast I am quite infuriated by the suggestion of a rate rise of 10% - 15%, this being as a result of the incompetence of the outgoing council and there negligence in overspending and lack of financial control, surely there are ways of limiting the ongoing losses without a massive rate increase, my suggestion would be the employing of experts in the financial management of the business sector, a full audit conducted in the areas of overspending in wages, losses due to overspending where no outcome has been achieved such as the so called Arts Centre in Gosford, lack of promoting the Central Coast in terms of the foreshore and other areas. I as a resident am totally annoyed by the lack of progression on the Central Coast in terms of development, so many times investors have been keen to develop the area only to be halted by the council and its gothic ideals, now we have lost the interest of those investors such as [REDACTED] and developer [REDACTED] who is planning to sell up his property assets on the Coast and walk away, I would imagine with such a deficit in finances the council would welcome these investors in to the Coast and support them to the fullest but no, roads blocks and hindrances at every turn, surely common sense would tell you that we need these people and the development to be financially stable. How can a submission be made to increase rates without a full study being conducted and the results being published, the residents are angry due to the lack of transparency of our council, it appears that these losses have been kept secret or this is a case of reckless mismanagement in the highest order, I feel that a council member (Greg Best, independent) who has seen this mismanagement from the inside, and brought them to the fore at council meetings, be consulted by the specialists in regards to where these things went wrong and how to improve in those areas, maybe then come up with a rate increase if need be and make those findings transparent to the residents..</p>	No	Kelvin	Daniels
3721	<p>I object to the rate rise proposal from central coast council - staff and councillor incompetence and severe mismanagement led to this mess - find another way to fix it. I have worked for local council for years so I know how much money is wasted. Council will just need to run a bare bones service for the foreseeable future. Also why is the rate rise permanent when the situation is unlikely to be.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3722	Confidential	No	Mary	Daly

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3723	<p>The current application for a 10 to 15% rate rise proposed for the Central Coast Council should be postponed until a full and complete Judicial enquiry is conducted into how the council has accumulated debt of a reported \$565 million, accumulated losses over the past 4 years of well over \$200 million and performed unlawful and unauthorised use of Restricted Funds. Ratepayers cannot be expected, nor can afford to pay into an organisation where losses of this magnitude have occurred so quickly. Unless such an enquiry is conducted into the circumstances of the losses and actions taken from the outcomes of an enquiry, there is no such guarantee any rate rises will effectively mitigate further losses, necessitating possibly even further rate rises into the near future. Rate payers cannot be expected to pay continually and with proposed significant increases into a loss making organisation.</p> <p>Further raising rates of 10-15% in the current economic climate during and post the COVID-19, when many people are out of work, on reduced incomes and many businesses are struggling, with no income increases or significant business improvements in the foreseeable future, would be both economically and socially damaging for the Central Coast region.</p>	No	Rob	Milne
3724	<p>I am a ratepayer in the Central Coast Council area, and I support the 15% rate rise proposed by Council (known as "Option 2 - Securing Your Future Option"), which will allow existing services to be maintained.</p> <p>I request that IPART approve that Option.</p>	No	Laurie	Allen
3725	No rate increase, costs need to be reviewed, other councils are able to manage, maybe ours need some guidance.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3726	Why should I have to pay an insane and incentive rate rise due to utter incompetence by elected and possibly [REDACTED] underachieving officials	No	Carl	Roseworn
3727	I object to paying for councils misconduct and failures in managing rate payers funds.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3728	I'm not paying any rate rise, due to your incompetence staff who are so rich from helping themselves to the money and you give a pay rise to all those twits and a massive payouts to the twits who have [REDACTED] with our previous rate payments # [REDACTED] #	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3729	Absolutely no rate rise at all. Sack all the management, middle management and all extra staff that were hired when they should not have been employed in the first place. Make the management and middle management responsible for their incompetence not the rate payers	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3730	Confidential	No	David	Bennett
3731	<p>Hi, My family and I are rate payers in the Central Coast Council and understand they are requesting hard working residents to again foot the bill for their continued financial misconduct in the form of a 10 or 15 % rate rise.</p> <p>The people responsible for the previous misconduct need to be prosecuted not rewarded with severance pay.</p> <p>The residence should not be subjected to a rate rise at all. The administrator needs to sort the problem with long term plans not with additional rate charges. All capital expenditure needs to stop and whoever is pulling the strings need to figure out how to spend as little as possible over the coming years while still looking after the residents and workers (not staff). Critical services such as rubbish collection, water, sewage, roads and the like obviously need to continue but we can go without new play grounds at the end of every street. Even now I'm still reading about upcoming infrastructure projects on our councils website while being told they need us to supply more money to pay back over spending. We are \$500M in the hole and administration is asking an additional \$25M this year and are saying they will sell assets and sack people. The trust is lost. The answer is NO.</p>	No	jonathan	moore
3732	Why we have to pay 15% more council rate because this people in the council have no brain.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3733	<p>Central Coast Council was a merger of Wyong and Gosford Shire Councils initiated by the NSW State Government. Wyong rates have been much higher than Gosford's but in 2021/22 the rates are being harmonised. That means for example that if the highest option "securing your future" is adopted it would mean a 25% increase in rates for Gosford residents or even worse 33%, yes 33%, for Gosford pensioners. This is unacceptable and a return to separate councils would be much preferable. Rather than being held in Gosford, on 8 February 2021 Central Coast Council is holding the meeting for this topic in Wyong. This is obviously intended to minimise objections and Wyong holds 60% of council seats so can bully Gosford.</p> <p>Why should Gosford ratepayers be punished for council financial mismanagement? There needs to be staff sackings.</p>	No	Richard	Lane
3734	<p>Past and present councils have made decisions that have wasted millions and millions of dollars so before any rate increase is approved every possible avenue needs to be explored to recoup these massive losses caused by incompetence, ego, political persuasion and personel greed. We the rate payers of the central coast already pay to much for what we receive just look at the unkept public areas, graffiti, roads that really should be called potholes. The ratepayers should and some cannot afford to pay for the forced amalgamation that perhaps wasn't all the reasons for the mire of debt we are in but it certainly was a major factor.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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3735	<p>I would like to submit this information as my part in the ratepayers against the SV rise proposed by Central Coast Council.</p> <p>I invite you to watch this video showing how some people incl [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were warning the council about their spending from back in 2018. [REDACTED] tells how they were treated if they were brave enough to speak up. At least 2 councillors resigned over this.</p> <p>I accidentally closed my original application, so this one is brief, but instead of highlighting some points from the video from [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], it would be better for you to watch. I urge you to watch more than once and take note of the utter contempt these 2 in particular have for us ratepayers.</p> <p>https://www.facebook.com/groups/1108607442908728/permalink/1134708470298625/</p> <p>I also urge you to watch the faked video of the Mayor [REDACTED] in the link below, and I have added a couple of comments of that video, but you can see the rest.</p> <p>https://fb.watch/3tWruc-zqk/</p> <p>Comments:</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>During the meeting there was an adjournment at around 930, after it resumed around 20 minutes or so the Mayor [REDACTED] - The Entrance Ward seemed quite rattled for some reason. I thought she was going to cry as she had to have another call the deferrals for the mayoral minutes</p> <p>It was at that boring time a grabbed my phone and hopped on her 2 fb pages she had cleaned up & deleted all of the post since the weekend...</p> <p>Perhaps she had had a dressing down by someone something or maybe the reality had set in that she was thrown under a bus by her state counterparts in regards to the area being declare state of disaster or maybe [REDACTED] had realise she's just dodged a bullet</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>FAKE NEWS- she filmed this in a neighboring street because the flood water had subsided in her street. She's also heading the wrong way down the street according to residents.</p> <p>As a part time worker in aged care, I cannot afford a rate rise. I was looking forward to it decreasing to be honest after the last SV rise ends very soon.</p> <p>Thank you for taking the time to read this, and I do hope that everything the ratepayers submit is viewed and considered carefully.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3736	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3737	I am totally opposed to the proposals. Why should we pay for gross mismanagement. The State Government should have known and audited the Central Coast Council.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3738	There should be no rate rise to recoup the debt incurred by an incompetent and dishonest CEO, CFO and some councillors. Also the NSW Government is largely to blame for this situation, firstly for forcing the amalgamation against rate payers wishes, and secondly for not assisting financially with the amalgamation or for not closely monitoring CCC financial situation and management since amalgamation. NSW government should resume CCC from this debt, not rate payers.	No	Glenn	Brewster
3739	<p>I do not believe rate payers should be responsible for the Council's mismanagement of constituents funds! Paying a severance of over \$300,000 to the CEO was absurd knowing Council was in such a disgraceful debt. NSW govt should be bailing the Council out and ensuring this situation does not occur again for the third time. The first time being the 2008 financial crisis where council again lost funds on investments! There are many rate payers who have struggled financially throughout the current pandemic and adding an extra burden is unfair and morally wrong! I do not support a further increase in rates! Sell off assets such as the current Gosford council building and any other assets that are not being used!!</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3740	<p>This is The Central Coast NSW council.</p> <p>Residents are being forced to foot the bill for historic mismanagement of funds in one of the highest grossing councils in the country. Huge purposeful mistakes made by senior management who had passed a pervious audit in 2018. A serious criminal focused investigation needs to take place and the NSW Government need to assist in the recovery of a lower socioeconomic region suffering massive job losses and expanding wealth gap. Our children will be burdened with paying back money this council was wasted, mismanaged and squandered away on personal project aimed at bolstering their financial and political standings.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3741	If I overspend, I have to pay the money back with interest. I don't get to load up my neighbour with my debt. Central Coast Council has no right taking from ratepayers that which they're responsible for. As well they need to live within their means like the rest of us. There is no justification for rate-rises - that the council thinks the ratepayers should pay off their debt is highway robbery. I strenuously object.	No	Penny	Bell
3742	Confidential	No	Cherelle	Castle
3743	I think this is a disgrace we are paying for your stuff up I think you should all be sacked and we should have a election can't be worse then what we have	No	Mark	Robinson

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3744	Council has stolen over half a billion in dollars from the tax payer. These funds neglected our local lake which then flooded and caused over 50k worth of damage to my house. Why do I as the tax payer have to subsidise my wage to replace the money that the community had stolen from them? This is the governments problem not the locals. The figures that council say as an average are wrong for current rates compared to the increase. We pay over \$2000 in fees a year as it is and getting nothing for it. Not going to pay more just because greedy people in council wanted to help themselves to funds.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3745	Confidential	No	Janice	Taranto
3746	Don't lift our rates, make the councillors responsible sell their homes and all assets, [REDACTED], they've ruined the coast and need to be held accountable, it is not the responsibility of the rate payer to cover the [REDACTED] storm that has been left by an incompetent labor council. IT IS NOT THE RATEPAYERS FAULT.	No	Shannon	Dransfield
3747	I live on Tuggerah Lakes Toukley. I have lived here for 3 years. I have been coming to the area frequently for 30 years. In that time the lakes and surrounds have been in decline, As of late the Council have not been near them to clean up weed and sludge, the smell is horrible, bird life and fish are suffering. These lakes should be a fabulous attraction for tourism, we get bypassed as most people are aware of the state of them. I don't think it's fair to ask us to pay more in rates when we see nothing for our money now. I'm so disappointed in this Council, I'm thinking of moving further up North. Such a waste of what could be a great revenue raiser	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3748	No, as a single dad of 3 daughters I can definitely not afford a rate rise of this size and continue to feed clothe and house my family. No to any rate rise above the peg.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3749	Confidential	No	Adele	Pearson
3750	I do not agree or excerpt raise. We are not responsible for misusing our money.	No	Anna	Radmanovic
3751	I object to the rate rise. Why should we pay for incompetence.	No	Joe and Lyn	Laws
3752	I disagree with the council increase. Where has all our money gone.	No	Jillian	Lotze
3753	I do not give permission for central coast council to increase land rates as we already pay more than Sydney!! [REDACTED], if the average Australian did this we would be put in jail!, are they better than US?? No they are NOT!! I can barely afford to live as it is! Those thief's get more money than the prime minster! Pay it back and yes send them to [REDACTED] Leave us battlers alone!! We live pay check to pay check, maybe they could pay the rise in cost for the central coast residents!! From their own back pocket!! But no the little Australian battlers pay for a greedy corporation that robs people blind!! [REDACTED] NO RATE RISE!! So disappointed!!	No	Lindsay	Arter
3754	There needs to be a High court hearing to determine where the \$568 million went to satisfy the community so someone is held responsible. Otherwise this sort of thing will continue to happen and the citizens should not be held accountable. This is more than a miss calculation [REDACTED] [REDACTED] This can not continue to happen and I am surprised a Royal commission has not been involved already? Isn't the Federal and State Government curious to know where all the millions went?? I think you should go way back to [REDACTED] surely this is where you'll find the [REDACTED] ?	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3755	This increase is very misleading. I live in Gosford and Central coast council proposes to harmonise my rates with the former Wyong rates and then apply either a 10% or 15% rate rise. My father and myself have sought and received clarification from council as to what this means for our individual properties. Effectively it amounts to a %38 rise for the 10% option and a 42% rise on the 15% option due to the harmonisation. Council has sent out a letter to residents stating that it will be an average rise of \$3.20 a week for residential rates. The reality is it's closer to an \$8 or \$9 a week rise for Gosford residents. The administrator even admitted to a public gathering out the front of council chambers on the 3rd of February that Gosford residents would pay about \$8 a week more. The written advice to residents has been deliberately misleading and a 38 to 42% rate rise on what is currently being charged is completely unjust.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3756	Copied & pasted.. If you are interested enough to make a submission to council about the rate increase proposed for Central Coast residents then please also make a submission to the decision makers at IPART. IMHO the Council survey is inappropriate and carried less weight than the IPART call for submissions. Here is the link you need to really have your say. https://www.ipart.nsw.gov.au/Home/Industries/Local-Government/Reviews/Special-Variations-Minimum-Rates/Special-Variations-Minimum-Rates-2021-22?fbclid=IwAR0EIQ86kp866I5UWLLfRKF1YV3IyboDFACHbIxb8H20KWPOCEI8X02cR0M	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3757	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous



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3758	I do not support the rates rise in my area,and hope that those accountable pay back every cent they spent [REDACTED]	No	Neil	Watson
3759	Confidential	No	Steve	Nolan
3760	Confidential	No	Mark	Johnson
3761	Central Coast residents should not be expected to reimburse 'unlawful' spending of council funds by those employed to responsibly manage these funds. The residents have already contributed substantial rates and fees. The council does not have a revenue problem, it has a fiscal management problem. Councils should not go beyond the basic remit of community services - basics like garbage collection, curb and guttering and footpaths are all most residents want - yet these basic provisions are sadly lacking while councillors waste millions on consultant fees; pie in the sky projects that never eventuate, and pet causes. Deny their application for rate rise please. End this debacle. We have socio economic disadvantage and employment insecurity in our area. The residents cannot afford a preposterous 10 -15 percent rise. Say no and say it decisively.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3762	I am having to bail out my daughter as she's lost income due to covid. And now I have to pay for the negligence of the Central Coast Council. Where's the justice in that? We had no say in how the money was dealt with, so why are the locals having to bear the brunt of blatant corruption?	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3763	I object to being made to pay extra for the systematic failure of Central Coast council to administer funds without making the region bankrupt. The use of protected funds was illegal and as such demand a judicial review into the people responsible and if found guilty should be given a prison sentence to reflect their fraudulent actions.	No	Robert	Clark
3764	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3765	I do not believe a rate rise is the best solution to council's financial troubles, we need an enquiry as to how this happened and who is accountable, be transparent with us, then discuss a rate rise later	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3766	I am a struggling single Mother. Why should I have to pay 10 or 15% more when the Central Coast Council has been grossly mismanaged or corrupt or both? They have spent with no restrictions on pet projects that have zero to do with providing services to the Community. DO NOT RUBBER STAMP THIS INCREASE. NOT 5% COMPROMISE. PEG IT TO THE SAME 2.2% WHICH IS TOO HIGH AS WELL AND AND WAY ABOVE CPI.	No	Suzanne	Farmer
3767	I object to any extra Land Rates Rise except for the normal indexed rises with inflation.	No	Karen	George
3768	When injustice is the norm, impunity reigns. Impunity has reigned too long on my Central Coast.	No	Shane	Williams
3769	I am writing to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) to strongly oppose Central Coast Council's 15% rate rise. Unfortunately I have no control over whether a rate rise happens or not. However, as a ratepayer myself, I am furious that our community might be forced to pay for the mistakes and failings of a group of Councillors and Council senior staff.	No	Rebecca	Meisner
3770	I am a rate payer in the Central Coast Council area (Narara). I wish to make a submission relating to proposed rates increases. There are two options suggested. A one-off single special variation at 10% including rate peg of 2%, or a permanent rates increase of 15% including rate 2% rate peg. I note having read your information on rate pegging and special variations that councils may apply special variations for financial sustainability, as my council is seeking. However, you also indicate that variations may only apply under one of two conditions. The first as a single variation. The second applied between 2-7 years over consecutive years. Council seeking a permanent rate rise significantly above rate pegging and beyond the 7 year maximum period appears both unfair and unlawful. I also note that an independent advisor engaged prior to merger in 2015 suggested amalgamation would yield net profits between \$101-196M over 20 years. Council in their leaflet proposing the increase suggests their annual profit over existing rates will produce annual profits of \$25.9M. It is apparent that poor management of council funds, which have not apparently been investigated for possible criminal offences, have now been deferred to the ratepayer without any assistance sought from the NSW Government for assistance. I would accept a single special variation of 10% as council's 'temporary fix option'. I am against the second option which is outside of legislation.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3771	I do not agree that we ratepayers should pay for the incompetence and mismanagement of central coast council funds. I believe what happened was illegal, and as such should be subject to an ICAC inquiry. Those found guilty should be prosecuted and none of the guilty should walk away with any remuneration or bonus. The former CEO golden handshake of \$300k should be frozen until it is proven he was not responsible for any mismanagement in the council's dreadful half a billion dollar plus deficit. As a rate player I am extremely angry how this council has been so reckless. I appeal to IPART to step in and get to the bottom of all illegal financial dealings and encourage an ICAC enquiry. At the same time I appeal to IPART that our roads must be maintained to keep the community safe. The pot holes are outrageous. If not dealt with may cause serious injury. Many thanks ☺	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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3772	I object to this high rate rise within our community, due to mismanagement from CEO and management for many years. They have not just over spent, we the rate payers have received nothing for our money in many years. They have spent all our restricted funds to. And now they expect us the rate payers to pay this bac, while these managers have walked away free of liability and their 3 hundred thousand dollar fedumdancy payouts for their failures. We would be charged and or disqualified to work again in this field if we did such a unlawful act. There should be an independant enquiry into this. The Central Coast will have the highest homeless rate in NSW if this rise goes ahead	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3773	<p>The state government appointed administrator Mr Dick Persson has told ratepayers of Central Coast Council that they must pay an exorbitant increase in rates to pay for what amount to gross incompetence on the part of council. Mr Persson has offered no alternatives despite widespread anger amongst ratepayers over the process that has led us to this point and the lazy conclusion that requires a minimum 10% rate increase. I implore IPART to throw this SV request back at Mr Persson and ask him to come up with other alternatives.</p> <p>The Central Coast Council precincts are filled with low income families who are really struggling, particularly during the pandemic. We are also faced with the cessation of government pandemic assistance in the coming weeks which may see many of us unemployed. Not a great time to be slugging us with a massive rate hike which, after all, will be passed on by landlords to the community's most vulnerable residents.</p> <p>There has been no attempt by Mr Persson to recover the outrageous amount of ratepayer's money given to the departing CEO who Mr Persson holds responsible for the debacle. There are also loans taken out by Mr Persson without full disclosure to Central Coast Council ratepayers as to whom we are borrowing money from.</p> <p>It's obvious to us (the ratepayers) that Mr Persson has taken the easy route to wrap this thing up quickly, presumably so he can claim his fee and move on. Please don't allow Mr Persson to get away with this, he must disclose ALL options available to ratepayers. In the interim this SV must be disallowed.</p>	No	Harold	Brown
3774	<p>Dear IPART,</p> <p>As a land owner in within the Central Coast Council LGA, I do NOT support a rate peg above the standard rate. The Central Coast Council, and all other councils, need to operate within their current budgets, especially during this challenging economic time. Failure to strictly hold councils within their budgets, will see see an ongoing increase in costs associated with Local Government - as local members continue to disregard the need to firmly bear in mind that the promises they make to gain their positions, must be deliverable under the current budgets. Essentially, they promise more than can be afforded and redirect funds to cover shortfalls and then apply for rate rise when shuffling the funding allocation can no longer achieve there outcomes. There will always be a need for infrastructure builds and renewals. There will always be bush fires and droughts and erosion. Existing budgets already recognize these budget stresses. They are a base requirement for a stable allocation of funds year in year out. not an excuse to apply for an increase in funding. I have tried to have my say in the councils survey, however, the survey has a question that forces me to provide support for a rate rise. The question is worded loosely as "If you had to make a choice between the rate rises above the standard which would you support.." and you can't submit the survey unless you answer the question - essentially forcing you to support one or the other. I appeal to you as the independent body, to do what all other cannot. Stand fast on a need for strong fiscal management of allocated budgets, and, in doing so, send a clear signal to all local council members that promising more that you financially deliver is a behavior that will end in a failure to retain an elected position.</p> <p>Your sincerely,</p> <p>Rohan Wilson</p>	No	Rohan	Wilson

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3775	<p>My Name is Pamela Avery, I pay rates for my residential property at [REDACTED].</p> <p>I am an Aged Pensioner and have lived in the above property since 05/07/2011.</p> <p>i find paying rates at the current level is currently a struggle financially as I am also suffering from cancer and my medications and treatments also impose a financial drain.</p> <p>The current Council Managers and Councillors should all be dismissed and a Financial Administrator should be appointed to manage ALL Council matters until the appalling Mismanagement debt incurred by the current Councillors and Council Management is entirely discharged.</p> <p>Because of my restricted income I implore IPART to deny both the 10% and 15% Rate rise solutions the have been submitted for IPART approval by the current administrator. Please maintain the rate increase to the pegged rate of 2%.</p> <p>There are many retired persons residing on the Central Coast who are also surviving on similar restricted incomes as is my own situation .</p> <p>Because of landlords imposing rental increases and low Bank Interest Rates ,Struggling Businesses, Self Funded Retirees and Renters will also suffer if exorbitant Rate rise variations are approved.</p> <p>I am strongly opposed to residents on the Central Coast being exposed to extreme financial stresses because of impossibly high Rate costs.</p> <p>Yours sincerely, P M Avery.</p>	No	Pamela Margaret	EVERY
3776	<p>As a ratepayer, I am against a rise in the basic rate.</p> <p>Council is entrusted to supply services to us, but is also responsible to be financially as to how much they can spend. In the private sector, heads should roll. There is no excuse for not knowing cash flow limitations. How a CEO can be paid out such exorbitant sum when it is obvious he and the rest of Council management team were so negligent in their duties.</p> <p>I think the majority of ratepayers agree, and that serious consideration must be taken into account in IPART's decision.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3777	<p>We are home owners in Terrigal and fully oppose the suggested rate increases that have been put forward by an incompetent and irresponsible Central Coast Council. There should be an inquiry into this councils disgraceful conduct and use of funds.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3778	<p>I'm on a pension & just moved to Chittaway Bay I am against any rate rise because of the incompetent Council. Too many Chiefs</p>	No	Jennifer	Horsfall
3779	<p>Everyone has had an extremely tough year in 2020 and with things not improving much for 2021 with job losses and financial struggles due to COVID it seems almost cruel to enforce such a high increase for the residents of the central coast to pay for the mistakes of the council in this way. We are left with streets full of pot holes and other maintenance required which this money wasn't spent on and yet now we are expected to pay more for less. I feel fortunate to live on the coast and to receive the support we do with waste etc. however this increase is going to cause people to lose their mo way and make already struggling house holds just not be able to make ends meet. Please do not apply more financial pressure to those already struggling in the middle of a pandemic.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3780	<p>Central coast is already the highest paying rate area, i pay \$4900 a year in rates to cc council, they should be stopping the wasted money's instead, the area has a large percentage of retirees in which could not afford the rise</p>	No	Belinda	Pollock
3781	<p>We are already on the road to a "rate harmonisation" of approx 26.5%. This is before any special variance CCC is requesting to bail themselves out of the mess that they have imposed on us. We have no footpaths for our kids to get safely to school, our roads are a shambles, barely any curb and guttering and the water is brown more than not. Has been the case for decades.</p> <p>Central Coast Council is attempting to force a 15% rate rise on ratepayers in order to recoup money wasted due to their own financial mismanagement. CCC has a history of ineptitude going back decades. The NSW Auditor General has indicated discrepancies going back to at least 2001. Essential services have never been their priority. Roads, garbage, sewerage should be the priority, not the replacement of perfectly good street signs and suburb signs at huge cost. Nothing has been done to assure us, as Central Coast ratepayers, that this cycle of careless fiscal mismanagement will cease. The lights are on 24/7 in the council building once again at a cost to us. [REDACTED]. Lawyer Speak. All semantics when it applies to a \$565 million debt. We therefore kindly request an ICAC investigation into the Council. The CEO was not sacked rather given a massive \$380k golden handshake. If any of us did this in our business or workplace we would be fired and/or sent to prison. Please, please we need someone to look into this and ensure we aren't penalised for the gross mismanagement of our already high rate monies.</p> <p>Thank you for your time.</p>	No	Adrian	Tarr

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3782	<p>I object to the CCC proposed rate rises on the following grounds:</p> <p>1. There has been gross mismanagement of the funds by Senior management e.g. The 17 million paid for Kiar Ridge 'airport' land at a very over valued price (c 17 million for 2 parcels of land) and which was not valued openly or transparently. The Director who signed this off and the councillors who voted for it in 2016 need to appear before ICAC or a judicial enquiry. And this is just the tip of the iceberg!</p> <p>2.If there was corruption involved (and most certainly there was) then it is not up to ratepayers to make up the Council's loss.</p> <p>My mother is 92 and lives in Wyong.I live in Ettalong . Never has my mother [REDACTED] been late with her rates. She is a full pensioner; if she were to be late with her rates she would be penalised therefore the CCC should be penalised not their residents.</p> <p>The NSW state Government could write off the debt or move money around to cover the losses.</p> <p>3.I live on the Peninsula and my street, [REDACTED], has neither a footpath nor guttering yet money was illegally spent on upgrading the Wanervale airport/ landing facility. The operative word is " illegal" . Also the Chinese university and theme park need to be investigated with forensic accounting and translation of the Mandarin which mentioned/ " promised" residency visas.</p> <p>I am honest and I do not believe that rate payers should have to pay for dishonest actions by some Directors, and perhaps property developers.</p> <p>Which Director approved the [REDACTED] upgrading of the airport tarmac. He (and it was a man) should have to appear before ICAC.</p> <p>4.There are many other examples including the previous Manager not even addressing the staff or meeting the new administrator, Dick Person. The previous manager /CEO was paid c. \$500, 000 per annum to take responsibility but he did not take one iota responsibility. Therefore he should have to forfeit his \$300, 000 payout.</p> <p>It remains to be seen whether the Administrator Mr Persson has the nerve, the integrity, the backbone and the tenacity to be not only an administrator but a whistle blower.</p>	No	Jennifer	Vaupel
3783	I just can't afford this this terrible rate rise. My old age pension is taken up with house payments, electricity, water and land rates. This was caused by greedy council councillors. They did this they should be held accountable. If this goes through I'll lose my house and another pensioner on the street. When I retired I was living comfortably but now with all the increases in the price of living I am living on the poverty line all because of greedy councillors. Also there was no CPU on my pension in October, 2020.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3784	I do not agree to a special increase in rates due to council's mismanagement of our monies and the debt of \$500M plus caused by them. I ask for a full enquiry, legal action against those who used in an unlawful manner. I have been a ratepayer in Wyong shire for 19 years and struggle to pay the already increased rates. I am on a disability pension.	No	Christine	Warren
3785	Council mismanagement of funds not because lack of council income. Rate payers should not have to bail out this mess. Councilors need to be responsible for this mess and held to accountability	No	Luke	Johnson
3786	<p>Normally I sympathize with increases, however, this increase is beyond fair.</p> <p>Our roads are so full of pot holes that wheel alignments are done on a regular basis.</p> <p>If I could see something for my money, I wouldn't be so irate.</p> <p>Parking is a joke.</p>	No	Sue	Wells
3787	I believe the rate rise of 15% is outrageous. I am a pensioner and feel this will be detrementa to my living standards. Also my suburb is mostly neglected by council, as it sits on the very edge of the boundary with lake Macquarie. I have lived at my property for 29 years and we are still without curb and guttering, I also have a large open drain and had to supply my own concrete pipe to gain access to my property.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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3788	<p>I am opposed to the Central Coast Council proposed rate rise of either 10% or 15% for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Need: the Council has, so far, failed to explain to the community the need for such an increase, other than to make up for the financial mismanagement and incompetence of senior Executives, the majority of whom are still at Council. The community has not seen or been presented with a detailed plan showing all fully costed options of generating revenue (through a full, detailed assessment of asset sales and likely income) or efficiency savings, (apart from staff reductions, without any clear plan as to where these reductions are coming from). A few, high level and vague indications around these have been given out, but nothing of substance. Instead there has been a scaremongering campaign threatening the community with dire consequences if the increases are not accepted. To date, the main need has been described as necessary because the recent bank loans required it. I'm not sure it is lawful to base a bank loan request on projected income that may not materialise, so the assumption that IPart will simply nod through the 10% or 15% increase is dangerously presumptuous at best and open to legal challenge, which puts Council and the community at greater financial and reputational risk. - Awareness: for the majority of the community consultation period, ratepayers were given just 2 options on the Council survey: 10% or 15%. Even on the modified survey, ratepayers still have to choose one of those options before being given the chance to state a preference for no rise other than the annual 2%. For those who wanted assistance with the survey, the original Council notice gave a contact telephone number of the garbage contractor. As noted above, there has been no costed plan with detailed explanations of modelling and service levels and the communications from Council has been scaremongering and threatening rather than reasoned, costed and clearly presented. - Impact: the Central Coast is one of the poorest regions in NSW, with one of the highest levels of domestic violence, child neglect and drug/alcohol dependency. With retail as the second biggest employer, which has been significantly affected by the COVID crisis, the region is now in deeper recession than before. OLG's own latest comparative data available (for 2018/19), shows the region has the second highest unemployment rate in the 'metropolitan fringe' classification group 7 (lower only than Campbelltown) and the second lowest taxable income (again just ahead of Campbelltown). Council has done no modelling on capacity to pay, likelihood of increased rates defaults or the social impacts of the increase in rates which, for many in the community, residents and local businesses, will be devastating. - IP&R: the community has not been presented with updated plans on financial, asset management or workforce planning. Until Council can demonstrate its capacity to produce these fully costed plans, and prove it can implement them and manage them economically and efficiently, then the community should not be expected to trust council with any additional ratepayer' funds. - productivity: since sending out a biased community survey asking ratepayers to choose 15% or 10% there has been closure of Terrigal lagoon with sewerage overflow (twice), closure of Canton Beach and McMasters Beach for similar problems, a flawed survey issued with an incorrect telephone number and a damning TV report in which the Administrator was shown to be rude and dismissive of ratepayer concerns. Further, additional senior staff, who have worked with the Administrator or CEO in the past, have been brought in without any transparent recruitment process and on significant salaries and benefits. Until Council can clearly demonstrate that they have strong governance, can be trusted with additional funding from the ratepayer, and that such funding will be channelled towards a clear, direct benefit to the community rather than individuals, then no such funding should be permitted. Council should be given 12-24 months to overtly demonstrate that they can manage and deliver services effectively, improve efficiency and be financially prudent and have carried out some clear, sustained and detailed financial modelling. Then, and only then, should the community be asked to consider a rate increase and be engaged in a discourse as to what level would be reasonable. 	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3789	<p>I completely object to a rate rise when the council mismanaged the funds they had, the don't have a revenue problem but a fiscal management problem and I fear it will happen again</p> <p>,I strongly object</p>	No	Louise	Gledden
3790	<p>I really just want you to know my utter disgust at a rate rise so that residents can pay for the mistakes of the council. Why should I pay for their mistakes when we can't even get a road fixed. Every time there is a pothole they just fill it with hot mix that comes up next time it rains. They can't even make it smooth, it just creates another lump in the road. The roads around Wyongah/Kanwal/Tuggerawong are atrocious. Every year when we register our cars we have to prove that they are roadworthy yet the roads are not car worthy. The only reason I pay my rates is to have my rubbish collected. It would be cheaper to take it to the tip. I can't wait to move from the area, the council adds no value to it and do not deserve my money. They really should get rid of all local government. It isn't needed.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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3791	<p>Thanks for the opportunity to comment on the proposal to increase rates to reimburse the restricted funds that the Central Coast Council unlawfully accessed.</p> <p>While I am pleased that the new Council has a plan to repay some of those funds via selling assets, workforce reduction and spending reductions, I do not see the need for a rate increase. Projects scheduled for future years have already been delivered and do not need to be funded in future years.</p> <p>The Central Coast Council has already increased rates on a number of previous occasions since its creation by the NSW government after the dissolution of the individual Gosford and Wyong Councils. No ratepayers have seen any direct benefit from any of the CCC's services to date, and can hope for no improvement based on published information.</p> <p>I am also of the view that the initial illegal access to restricted funds by CCC management represents a gross failure of governance at the Council and NSW State Government levels. If anything, repayment of unlawfully accessed funds should be recompensed by the NSW government, not the CCC ratepayers.</p> <p>In short, I object strongly to the recovery of funds allocated to future project by simply increasing the ratepayer rates. No one other than recently elected council members have been stood down. No one at the Council or the NSW State government has been held accountable, and governance has not been improved that would prevent a re-occurrence of the illegal funding access.</p> <p>Sincerely</p> 	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3792	Confidential	No	Lauren	Church
3793	<p>This variation is unacceptable, in a community that is already financially struggling. Our community will not accept either of the variations sought by council.</p> <p>It is grossly unfair that this council expects us to prop up their unlawful actions and it certainly sends the wrong message to other councils if it does get approved</p> <p>There will be an uprising on the Central Coast if you approve this application</p>	No	Dave	Towell
3794	<p>The announced rate increase being proposed by Central Coast Council is unwarranted and excessive. Illegal actions have taken place with at present no legal proceedings against those involved. There has been no plan for the reduction of services and staffing levels to better reflect the basic role of council. Until there is accountability for the financial running of this council they should fund their own operating shortfalls. If nothing changes they will be after rate variations on a regular basis.</p>	No	Peter	Lindley
3795	<p>It's simply not a fair go...a hefty rate rise to cover the failed FORCED amalgamation of two councils by the NSW Government.</p> <p>How does that work?</p> <p>What a dumb idea to take one council in financial straits, tack a second viable council onto it, fail to rationalise assets and staffing and make one huge council in financial straits.</p> <p>There's good management for you.</p> <p>The State Government should bear the cost of any losses incurred by what some may describe as politically motivated actions in the amalgamation. If I remember correctly, there was plenty of push back from ratepayers against this amalgamation, especially from the Wyong Council area which was, at the time, financially OK. The problem as I recall was poor investments by Gosford Council and the whiff of corruption.</p> <p>The entire fiasco is accentuated by the fact that much of the former Wyong Council area doesn't even have kerbing and guttering or footpaths and the roads are in atrocious condition verging on dangerous.</p> <p>The notion (threat) that services and works will have to be cut without a rate rise is laughable given the current paltry level of services and infrastructure in the area. What will be reduced, the garbage collection...</p> <p>Perhaps the council (Central Coast Council) should look at selling assets (land) if financial support from the State Government is not forthcoming. That would be on the proviso that potential developers provide all infrastructure and services at an acceptable level including decent roads, paths, drainage, lighting and other public amenities.....</p> 	No	Peter	Barnwell
3796	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3797	<p>No rate rise should be considered outside of the 2% recommended especially during these tough times. The state government is responsible to bail out Council as it was they that imposed the amalgamation of the two councils, destroying a very solvent Wyong Council.</p>	No	Glenn	Donovan

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	<p>As a rate payer on the central coast I object to any rate rise for the following reasons</p> <p>. Central Coast council has never had a sustainable financial strategy. They have been in financial trouble numerous times over the years. They have been bailed out, only to be in trouble again. If they were to be successful in the quest for a rate rise, what evidence is there that in a few years, we will not be back in the same situation. The rate payers have been given no assurances that this will not happen again...and again.</p> <p>- There is no clear history of well documented productivity improvements. Large areas of the central coast have no kerbs, footpaths, storm water drainage. Here on the Woy Woy Peninsula we have roads that constantly flood in the smallest amount of rain. Our roads are in terrible condition with large potholes. Our water is brown which stains clothes and it also means that we have to run it for a a while until it clears, which then increases our water rates (the cynical side of me thinks that may be their reason for not fixing this problem). These issues are not new and have not been rectified in years.</p> <p>- Central Coast council constantly expect the ratepayer to pay for their incompetence. Over the years we have had increase in rates, increase in water rates, increase in fees and charges. All to fix their mistakes. A lot of the ratepayers on the central coast are pensioners who are already struggling due to increases in the cost of living. Also some rate payers have had their income affected by COVID and are also struggling to keep a roof over their head. A 10 or 15% rate rise, could break them.</p> <p>And the bottom line is, why should we, the ratepayers, pay for the councils spending spree. Where is their accountability. Paying the CEO a \$380,000 hand shake, once the issues were brought to light, then making the rate payers pay for that. Enough is enough.</p> <p>Before you approve this rate rise, think about how it's going to affect the rate payers on the central coast and also consider, how is it fair to ask us to pay for this mess. Also please consider the fact that the council have provided it's rate payers with poor, if any services (apart from garbage pick up) for a number of years.</p> <p>Take a drive around the coast. Look at the condition of our roads, it is clear evidence that the central coast has a long an ongoing history of poor financial management and lack of productivity improvements. This is not new and will not be resolved by hitting the ratepayers with another rise in fees to pay for their ongoing and longstanding incompetence.</p>			
3798		No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3799	Most on the Central Coast cannot afford this huge rate rise!	No	Cheryl	Donovan
	<p>Rate payers cannot afford 15% hike in rates.</p> <p>The mayor got us into this trouble by using restricted funds but is allowed to get away with it Scott free. People on the Central Coast have been putting up no water or sewerage to properties damaged roads and median strips and parks not kept for over 12mths but they want to slug us to get monies back .</p> <p>It's time the little man won a round against a corrupt administration</p>			
3800		No	Georgina	Sullivan
3801	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3802	I do not see why the rate payers of the Central Coast should have to bail council for their bad management	No	Rau	Sullivan
	<p>Dear Sir,</p> <p>I wish to voice both my disgust and fear at the prospect of a 15% Rate rise as outlined by Central Coast Council and due to their own mismanagement. As a Rates payer, whose employment was dropped to 3 days during March 2020, it is a struggle to pay my rates each quarter as it is- let alone with a significant increase. Added to this, Council has announced it will not be renewing their lease of Kibbleplex - Gosfords only free parking station in the CBD. Am i expected to now pay for exhorbient private parking or Councils' paid overpriced carpark ?</p> <p>Please do what ever you can for the people of the Central Coast. We are struggling - and the criminal mismanagement of our Council should not be our burden,</p> <p>thank you</p>			
3803		No	Anonymous	Anonymous
	<p>Council should initially be forced to cut back on its largess and overservicing in "soft human services" areas and concentrate on the basics particulary infrastructure like non existent kerbing and guttering.</p> <p>Council should not be rewarded for it's excesses by being bailed out by rate incrtreases - it should have to live within its means.</p> <p>DEBT should be financed by medium to long term loans with a clear debt reduction program which will put a brake on immediate future profligacy of our past and probable future financially irresponsible elected officials an overpaid Council management.</p>			
3804		No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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3805	The ratepayers of CCC in the old Wyong shire are already paying for that previous councils incompetence and yet again after amalgamation the new council is bankrupted witching 3 years. This is not fair to the rate payers the reports state that senior management and councillors acted unlawfully and incompetently with public money. The minister for local government would have been aware of the CCC on the verge of bankruptcy given all the audit reports showing it. This council was trading insolvent and isn't that illegal? I believe if this council is granted the requested increase many residents will suffer badly as they can't afford such a high increase. The social demographic in many areas just don't have the income to tolerate high rises like those proposed. The rate payers need to be treated fairly and the bankruptcy of the CCC was caused by poor management by senior management and councillors this whole matter should be handled by the Local govt. minister and the state should pay the CCC debts.	No	Robert	Manca
3806	CC Council wants to raise our rates 10-15%. I feel that this is unfair and unaffordable to the majority of residents; especially given the current climate with covid. Many people in tourism and hospitality have list their jobs and I feel a rate rise will ge the straw that broke the camels back, so to speak. We are a beautiful region with caring people; we've been taken advantage of by a greedy and lazy council that has no care for its region or its residents. The Council has been abusing our trust and has wasted our money, and there are no consequences for those responsible. It is unfair for the people who trusted those in power to foot the Bill. We have streets that have no kerb and guttering and places that have no basic sewer or water, we pay some of the highest rates in the State and we are expected to put up with this situation. It's just not right.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3807	I object to a 15 percent rate rise. It's not fair for ratepayers who had no say in how the council squandered \$500 million. I don't have kerb and guttering there are no footpaths in my neighbourhood and I can't see that there ever will be now.	No	Denice	Barnes
3808	I am appalled at the abuse of power by this Council. How can such overspending go unchecked to the extent it did? What safeguards are being put in place to make sure this never happens again? The easy solution is to raise rates. Why cant there be an investment on the sale of assets? Money raised from the interest on vestments would be one way to raise funds. I would immediately stop outsourcing all work. Saving money instead of reckless spending is the cornerstone to responsible government.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3809	I would like to strongly object to both Central Coast Council proposals for special variations. It is my preference that Central Coast Council focus on their core responsibilities and reduce any non essential expenditure. Many businesses and households are struggling with the financial impact of COVID19 and are having to limit their own expenditure; it is unreasonable to expect them to wear such a significant rate increase at the same time.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3810	More money is not the answer. This council will just spend whatever money they get. We need good management that are prepared to make cutbacks and stop bending to the minority groups.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3811	Hi I have made submissions in response to the Central Coast application, and I wish to further add to a previous submission to the issue of responsibility . The Central Coast Administrator continually lays the responsibility of the financial downfall upon the ratepayers of the Central Coast. He even has the gall to continually refer to ratepayers as 'shareholders'. I have made repeated request for a reply to the following NSW Local Government Act 1993, especially to point 1. where 'council is a body politic of the state'. Local Government Act 1993 s. 220 Legal status of a council (1) A council is a body politic of the State with perpetual succession and the legal capacity and powers of an individual, both in and outside the State. (2) A council is not a body corporate (including a corporation). (3) A council does not have the status, privileges and immunities of the Crown (including the State and the Government of the State). (4) A law of the State applies to and in respect of a council in the same way as it applies to and in respect of a body corporate (including a corporation). yours truly Nick Jacomas	No	Nick	Jacomas
3812	I object strongly to any special rate increase because of the councils bad management of our rates. I am a pensioner and the Central Coast has the highest amount of pensioners in NSW. This will impact on some of the most vulnerable people in our community. Our Council needs to look at their work force in our community who get paid very well for at times doing little work and the people who are complaining about trivial matters wasting Councils time and resources. Over the last 45 years I have seen many incidences of wastage of Councils resources and I am willing to advise of this if required.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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3813	<p>Dear Sir, Madam,</p> <p>I am writing on behalf of [REDACTED] & refer to your letter dated January 13th 2021: Securing your future.</p> <p>Your proposed changes to rates are absolutely & completely unacceptable - 15% is outrageous.</p> <p>I wonder what you / the law are doing about those who "unlawfully accessed" restricted funds. Further to threaten to eliminate services is absurd.</p> <p>As residents & ratepayers for over 30 years we still have no kerb & guttering on [REDACTED] - why? Where has the money gone?</p> <p>Thank you for kindly pointing out that these proposed rate increases will be "particularly difficult news for our pensioners" - what possible use is that statement to us? We are self funded retirees who worked a lifetime to provide for our family & 15% increase is material & harmful to our finances.</p> <p>Your council made the mess & you are responsible to fix it. You have many locations within the council area that are tourist destinations - place a surcharge on holiday rental accommodation - do not punish long term residents.</p> <p>We do not accept any increase in rates.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3814	<p>We do not want a Rate rise as it has put our Rent up!! We are on a Pension and simply can not afford it!! We can't see our grandkids because we can not afford the Petrol to get there as the money has now gone in the extra rent because of councils money grubbing thieving antics !! [REDACTED] Make them accountable for the extra stress that they have put US and the central coast residents under!!! If the average person done even half the things they have done we would be in JAIL!! Why aren't they???? Make them pay the rate rise for us all out of their own back pocket!!! I use to be a proud central coast resident but now well not so much!!! [REDACTED] and make them pay the money back!! NO RATE RISE !! [REDACTED]</p>	No	Kevin	Rowcliff
3815	<p>We find very hard to come to terms with the proposed rate increases, very briefly, this is why.</p> <p>Go back 20+ years, Major property developers walked away from the Central Coast because Gosford Council were so difficult to work with.</p> <p>We had the GFC which wiped out the accumulated savings. The public had no say regarding the investments.</p> <p>More recently there was the so called amalgamation which resulted in larger personal empires less efficiency and more bureaucracy, why, because the councils didn't want it to happen.</p> <p>This is the second time in recent years that an administrator has been appointed, to what end one might ask! Nothing changes, the public at large have no control over the actions of council, the mismanagement and incompetence will surely continue.</p> <p>Pouring good money after bad has never been a sound strategy, let's see real improvements then we may be prepared to inject more funds.</p>	No	Michael	Bruce
3816	<p>I do not think a rate rise is an acceptable solution for the councils mismanagement of funds. In the council's letter it states one of the reasons as Covid 19 - this is a reason why you should not push a rate rise on residents right now. We are all struggling already one way or another. Many have lost jobs and hours or had a freeze on future pay rises such as my husband and myself. When salaries are not increasing with inflation it is not fair to increase our rates. And finally the letter from council also states that if we do not accept a rate rise our services will be cut/reduced. This is bullying. I will not be bullied by council. The services are sub par already- our area doesn't even have curb and guttering and the roads are in the poorest state. What am I actually paying for? Perhaps more assets can be sold off or the council members be held accountable for the actions.</p> <p>Utterly disappointing.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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3817	<p>I vote for NO rate increase other than the regulation 2%.</p> <p>We have had a special variation which went for 7 years not long ago, which we all paid.</p> <p>This mess is due to council incompetence.How can we be blamed for that?</p> <p>Get the money back through insurance.Surely ,(as I find everywhere else lately),elected officials must have liability insurance?</p> <p>Do not penalise us,who live up here on the central coast with all its deficiencies,and with many retirees and aged care homes,any more.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3818	<p>The proposed application for a rate rise is of extreme concern to me as I feel the following points need to be addressed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * after an unprecedented year from COVID you hit rate payers and small businesses with this. Asking for assistance requires endless hoops to jump through and the terms and conditions will only allow a small group of people to avoid this extra charge at a time where life and finances are tight for more than the lowest income earners or welfare recipients. *you say services will be impacted at the 10% one off increase but this seems a broad statement to make and one intended to scare rate payers. What services will be impacted? Knowledge of how and what is impacted would be vital when trying to explain what you are wanting to do. * poor accounting practices and fiscal mismanagement by the council should not hold rate payers to ransom. Where are the accountability and performance measurements taken in most effective workplaces in action within this council or have we inherited massive debt from this amalgamation of councils? Why has this overspending gone on for so long and how are we, the rate payers, guaranteed that our future will be secured & finances be managed successfully when you have such a massive debt that must be attributed to poor management that is in place already. I have no confidence that you know what you are doing and cannot see how the same people who have let this situation arise be the ones selected to deal with cleaning up the mess. Do you know how? I doubt it. * council should have not gambled with rate payers money in high risk investments in the first place as it is not your money to gamble away. Secure return is worth far more. Your poor research and judgements have put you in hot water not natural disasters. *in order to fix this problem maybe some services will have to cease temporarily as council programs cannot keep going the way they are with the current debt looming. That is understandable but at the same time rate payers need to see that they are not paying for things that are terminated or not in existence any more. <p>As you can see I am quite disillusioned with the council and flabbergasted with the situation they have put rate payers in. I know they will increase rates no matter what (this is not what I want to see) and I only hope that they are held accountable and monitored by some sort of independent overseeing authority that has the rate payer interests at heart. Hopefully council will be given proper guidance and assistance from non council independent financial managers that will get them out of this mess or better yet get a new council elected that knows what they are doing.</p>	No	Julie	Pitt
3819	<p>As a rate payer on the Central Coast I cannot understand how this Council got into so much debt. I live in the Wyong Shire and have lived here for 32 years paying my rates. Over all those years the council has not done much to improve the area but has never been in this much debt. I think there should be an inquiry into the Council and how they have been spending the money. I do not agree with a rate rise</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3820	<p>What would happen if CCC ratepayers refused to pay the 15% rise?? Fire and brimstone via the legal and administrative punitive guidelines. What happens if the Council abuses their spending to the tune of \$565 million?? Silence, collective coverups, platitudes for the general public, no accountability or tracing back to those responsible and no obvious efforts by any so-called authority including the State and Federal Governments, or ICAC for example. I have seen ICAC behave - at taxpayer's expense - more tenaciously than a Pit Bull Terrier over 10s of thousands of dollars and many years, but where are they now? Not even a hint that they are doing what we pay them for. The CCC have, since the amalgamation, let the developers have their way yet they have cut services and overspent. It is difficult not to believe there has been carefully coordinated and hidden corruption by the CCC, powerful private and legal bodies, the State Government and even ICAC itself. Some body should track down those responsible, find personal assets mysteriously hidden away, and reclaim the money from the perpetrators. There should be a timeline for this process provided to the public and evidence of milestones towards that end as they are achieved.</p> <p>To rub salt into the wound the CC Councillors gave themselves a pay rise in 2020 in the midst of COVID-19, despite thousands of health and allied health workers and others not getting a cent more for doing the real heavy lifting often for very little or no financial benefit and incalculable stress.</p> <p>I have no more trust in CCC - or the current administrators who are just as bad - to use our funds ethically and reject, in the strongest possible terms, any rate rise to bale out the CCC.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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3821	I believe the proposed 15% rate increase is unjust and unfair, the rate payers of the central coast have received no benefit from the [REDACTED] use of funds by some of the previous counselors, who it appears are not responsible for their actions. The previous CFO who has been proven to have overseen willful and [REDACTED] misuse of funds appears to have been "rewarded" by a pay out. There should be a forensic accounting enquiry, as it appears that the council and interim CFO feel it is acceptable to just suggest the funds have gone without any explanation which is unacceptable, and feel it is acceptable that the ratepayers pick up the tab for unlawful actions by councilors who appear to be unaccountable either under the law or to the ratepayers of the central coast.	No	Peter	Davis
3822	Please do not apply the 15% SV, the administrator must find other area to save, I agree rate payers are a huge portion of getting us out of this situation but please only approve the 10%, ex Wyong shire has not long finished paying back the last \$30mil shortfall	No	Paul	Beech
3823	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3824	Definitely against any rate rise due to the incompetence of Central Coast Council. Council assets should be sold first to raise funds before placing increased burden on ratepayers who have done nothing wrong. The exorbitant payout to dismissed councillors should be recouped and council staff sacked. Do your job and protect long suffering residents. This [REDACTED] amalgamation should never have happened in the first place.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3825	I objet to the rate rise, it is clear the entire community is against it, and should not be responsible for the council's gross mismanagement of funds	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3826	As far back as the global financial crisis, Gosford City Council lost a huge amount of money. Go to newspaper archives to see what has been general knowledge. And over the years there have been reports in the now defunct Central Coast Express as to the lack of money in their coffers. There were even reports of dual sets of books prior to the amalgamation. If it was all reported in the press over the years why weren't the ministers for local government over the years awake to the situation? I have even heard that for them to access the "extra fund money" they used, it needed to be signed off by someone from the department. My husband and I are aged pensioners, and after 47 years here find ourselves thinking we will be forced from our home earlier than imagined. We are living amongst friends and know we will have to move one day, but don't want it to be forced this way. Our lifestyle of no holidays or lavish lives has meant we live within our means. Why must we pay for the department being asleep on the job? Why must we pay extra (percentage according to land value) because of where we live ? I think the government department should be criminally liable for letting them get away with it. They were the auditors, the watchdogs. They were the approvers of access to the special money so that the council was dug further into debt. The big banks have been made to pay when they have been caught asleep. Get the Ministry for Local Government to at least go halves with the debt. We are innocent. The watchdogs were asleep and let it happen. And who is to say that our rates will be managed better the next time? How can the government getaway with it? I feel sick and sad that these extra costs will be forced upon us through no wrongdoing of our own. Government just doesn't care.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3827	Strongly opposed to the request to increase rates by 15% to fix the mess that the council have placed themselves (and us) in.	No	Kate	Fitzgerald
3828	Under no circumstances can a 10% or 15% rate hike be approved by IPART for the Central Coast Council. This would put many ratepayers under heightened financial stress. Council needs to find alternate solutions (reorganisation, wage freezes, cutting all non-essential programs) rather than gouging residents and making us foot the bill for Council's flagrant financial mismanagement.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3829	Council mismanaged funds and this includes alledged illegal misuse of funds. Our rates is amongst the highest in the state and the services amd general upkeep of our area is poor. We simply cannot afford these unrealistic charges to bail out the incompetence displayed by those entrusted to manage council.	No	Johan	Landsberg
3830	I totally disagree with any rate rise. Ratepayers should not be paying for council incompetence. If any rise is considered it should not be until an independent investigation is completed with a view of those responsible being accountable for their actions. Money was accessed with out approval from the NSW ministers approval, is this criminal behavior ?	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3831	I refuse to pay for a corrupt councils poor money handling decisions. If this was a public company, there would be a police investigation into mishandling and fraud.	No	Kevin	Love
3832	Please don't allow this rate rise to happen. I am a new home owner on the central coast and simply cannot afford any more bills. We are already on a shoestring budget due to covid.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3833	The councilors who voted for the excess spending should be held responsible for repaying the debt in excess of \$500000000 , not the ratepayers . The idea of increasing rates by 10-15% permanently is totally unfair and many will suffer hardship as a result . These irresponsible councilors should be sacked forthwith .	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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3834	<p>I am a homeowner in Woy Woy and I pay considerable rates to the Central Coast Council.</p> <p>I am absolutely disgusted by the the recent incompetence and mismanagement of public money by the Central Coast Council, public officials who didn't take seriously their obligation to serve the community.</p> <p>I oppose any increase in Council rates at this time.</p> <p>In all the correspondence received in relation to the Council's expenditure and projected expenditure, there has been a complete lack of detail on any of the expenditure that could be cut to improve the council's financial position. There has been no plan provided to deliver on any operational efficiencies associated with the council's amalgamation for which considerable public money was received.</p> <p>It is therefore premature to approach ratepayers with a request to further increase council rates without a full and public accounting of the proposed expenditure and a commitment from council to focus on the efficient delivery of critical frontline services.</p>	No	Harley	Mitchell
3835	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3836	<p>I want to ensure that my rejection of the proposed rate rise is noted, the survey the council put out did not allow a rejection so I will take it that they will advise x% people agree to one or the other but I employ IPART to get a copy of the comments end you will find a majority reject the proposal but the council survey was designed to mislead IPART.</p> <p>If you look at the reports I believe the truth of the matter is that the State Government forced an amalgamation against the ratepayers wishes and a lot of what was foreseen particularly by Gosford residents came to pass in that monies were redirected to the Wyong residents.</p> <p>I will assume the report provided will dispute that but all you need do is open your eyes while driving to see works happening in the old Wyong but not in the old Gosford area so I reject the submission made by an 'independent' person appointed by the State Government to cover their mistake.</p> <p>The history of amalgamation is very well known the State Government was Liberal and Gosford/Wyong were Labor this also applied to the Federal funding for work on Woy Woy road the week after a Labor person was selected with a statement that costs increased dramatically.</p> <p>There are only 2 results that should occur form this:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The State Government pays the shortfall as it was their fault and they waste more money than this shortfall everyday 2. Bring back Gosford and Wyong councils so we the ratepayers know where our money really goes and is truth not hidden by a State Government appointed administrator <p>A final thought which is paraphrasing Janet Yelland the new Secretary of Treasury in the US "while money is cheap borrow it" there should be no way ratepayers that was against the original concept be made to suffer because a State Government failed in its duty of care to its citizens in monitoring a local government until it is too late.</p>	No	Graeme	Lee
3837	<p>Between 1997 and 1998 Wyong council successfully bullied small tourism business to either change hands or close completely, they lobbied hard to develop warnervale airport into a demestic terminal and have tried countless times to develop wetland conservation areas, on the back of what would appear to be dodgy dealings with property developers now we are faced with the prospect or an unfair rate rise owing to incompetent [REDACTED] running the show. We the residents didn't mismanage the council's budget that's on the academic [REDACTED] with a universal University degrees in business management so why on God's green earth should I have to to pay for their mistakes. If we did something like this we'd find ourselves in gaol.</p>	No	Raymond	McDonald
3838	I am STRONGLY against the requested rate rise to pay for the budget deficit.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3839	<p>If a bank gets into difficulties, the Government bails them out.</p> <p>Counsellors inept at money management? Get into debt? Give them a golden handshake or rehire them, and charge those living in the area more \$\$ to pay off the debt.</p> <p>Seriously - a proper audit and review should be done, the inept held accountable, and no more money stolen from the hardworking people of the C Coast.</p> <p>Why should we trust that this extra money is safe with them if it's the same people managing it!</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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3840	<p>I am the owner of property [REDACTED].</p> <p>I am not in favor of rate rises to be slapped on rate payers to cover council incompetence in managing financial control. It would be preferable to cut the deadwood from admin staff who are responsible for the current position</p> <p>In recent times we have observed</p> <p>1. Undergrowth out of control on road side specifically on Cullen's Rd and other parts of Copa and Avoca. This includes out of control vines in roadside trees.</p> <p>2. There are multiple potholes in Roads leading into Copa including dangerous hole in the surface of [REDACTED]</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3841	<p>I object to the requested rate rise due to the councils extremely bad financial decisions. This has been a total mismanagement from the time of the forced amalgamation of Wyong and Gosford to form this so called super council. The entire administration needs to be sacked and have them reapply based on their capabilities. They even employed a CEO with a record of bad management at another council. There is too many mid and upper management roles and a systemic lazyness within that area with a ridiculous wage structure at that level. They waste money on making ridiculous parks to make indigenous people feel good about themselves. How does that work?? their problems are not addressed by a slippery slide , totem poles and turf at a cost of 5 million dollars. The state forced this on the taxpayers and now we are expected to bail the council out . This council needs to be investigated by people without any vested interest or mates that maybe have some interest.</p> <p>How can such a major loss of half a billion dollars go unnoticed for so long ? where is the regulatory body to oversee the council? the rest of Australia files tax returns , a business can not operate in this type of situation without investigation. This is a state problem brought about by a state decision so the state government should be bailing this out as they forced this onto us and sack the entire council administration and re employ on merit and qualifications and a reasonable wage. I say No to any rate rise at least until they can prove their ability to manage a business.</p> <p>I can not even get council to remove a tree that has damaged two vehicles of mine. They already are pretty poor on service and pretty rude when spoken to. NO RATE RISE</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3842	<p>I wish to voice my concern and absolute rejection to the proposed 15% increase with Central Coast council. This has come about due to no fault of the Central Coast community and with people doing it tough as it is this proposal is totally unjustified. Council need to look at other avenues to recover the debt that they created without asking the community to bail them out. Our rates are already out of line with other councils and the services we receive don't correlate to what we pay.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3843	<p>I do not agree there should be a rate rise from central coast council....The rates are already more expensive than when I was in Sydney It is not our fault council is in debt. It is their mismanagement so I do not see why we should pay for it. I havnt seen much help anyway for our area ../north avoka.. some street lights out for ages and no policing of the green bell frog area to make sure not littered we have to clean up after kids have gatherings there</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3844	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3845	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3846	Confidential	No	Bill	West
3847	<p>Dear sir/madam</p> <p>I wish to pass on my feedback regarding the proposed rate rise for Central Coast Council.</p> <p>The council is negligent in providing basic roads and mowing the sidewalks.</p> <p>The council has misappropriated our rates and we should not have to pay extra. The ratepayers have suffered enough.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3848	<p>IPART</p> <p>It is outrageous that we the ratepayers of the Central Coast be made to make up for the outrageous overspending of the Council. I am a Nurse at CCLHD for 30 years. We did not get a pay rise although we worked hard though the height of the pandemic . Our pay rise was fair but it was denied. I continued to support my family and all residents of the Central Coast and I will struggle to cope with the increased rate costs moving forward</p> <p>I ask you to not allow this to happen</p> <p>Regards</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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	<p>Hello</p> <p>I plead that iPart defers consideration of this special rate increase request by the Administrator of Central Coast Council. Please defer consideration until a proper review is performed which aims to identify the factors and reasons that have contributed to the need for the special rate increase is conducted. Please defer consideration until that collated information is considered, and what needs to change is determined, and a plan to implement the necessary change(s) is prepared. Please defer consideration until, with all that information, ALL possible solutions and combination of solutions are considered to improve the financial position of the Council. There must be modern solutions that have not been considered. The presented hasty proposal to apply a special rate increase does not identify and solve the underlying issues and as a result bad and poor practices will continue. Also, and importantly, the proposed special rate increase and its benefits is based on unchallenged existing assumptions and practices that have brought this financial situation about. I plead iPart to review the Administrators communication, written and in person, with the residents so that you are able to observe the lack of consultation and rather a bullying, authoritarian, unilateral, sloppy and hurried approach which is out of touch with modern society. The central Coast deserves better. We should not be bullied by an Administrator who has no skin in the game. In fact his goals do not align with the Region of the Central Coast . The Administrator is in for a quick fee and move on - the special rate increase will always be the preferred solution for the Administrator!!!</p> <p>If, after a carefully considered and measured review and recovery plan is prepared, a special rate increase is required then we Coasties will dig deep to protect and save our region. If iPart cant defer consideration, then I plead iPart to NOT approve the special rate increase requested. I really am concerned that the same poor practices will continue, just with more funds, and hence more funds lost. I am also concerned that there has not been due consideration of alternate solutions.</p>			
3849	Thank you fort considering	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3850	As a ratepayer and resident in the Wyong section of the Central Coast Local Government Area it is my view that allowing council a rate rise compounds the long term problem of incompetent management (and possible corruption). The merger of Wyong and Gosford councils was not the wishes of the majority of Wyong shire residents and ratepayers; we understood how poorly the Gosford shire was managed and did not want to shoulder the financial woes of the Gosford shire by merging the two councils. The merger was forced upon us, against our wishes. We should not have to fork out any more funds because of continual systemic failures of the former Gosford council. It is a matter of fairness and justice. It is the pre-merger former Gosford council that has created this situation; and it is this part of the shire that should be footing the bill. Secondly, the fact that the Central Coast council amalgamation resulted in higher staff costs, not less, demonstrates that the financial mismanagement was still going strong post-merger; the same incompetent decision makers were in control of council funds and mismanaged them. I object to any rate rise; and the option of the highest rate rise of 15% is particularly objectionable. Thank you for your consideration.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3851	As this fiasco was created over many years it cannot be fixed in an instant as the administrator is trying to do .Slow and steady wins the race as we cannot trust that this will not happen again so giving them a windfall in the form of a rate rise would not be in the best interests of the ratepayers. It will take time for trust on both sides and we can work through this monumental financial stuff up delivered to the residents by an incompetent council. We have to face facts life is not going to be easy for a long long time and we will have to make sacrifices but not a rate rise that for many will make life very very hard.. Back to basics and hopefully upright and honest gentlemen determined to do the best for the ratepayers as in days gone by. No more grandiose plans no more climate control no more green spaces as we cannot afford them . They can have them when we are in the black and only on a small scale.	No	Michael	Daly
3852	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3853	Do not allow the Central Coast Council administrator to be permitted to increase our rates.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3854	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3855	<p>The proposal is wholly unacceptable. There has been a clear and stated misuse of funds yet there has been no discussion on how this will be prevented from happening again. Additionally there has been no discussion on actions taken against those who misused such funds.</p> <p>There is no security in knowing that any rate rise regardless of magnitude will be effectively and transparently managed. ☹️</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3856	Regarding the 10 - 15 % rate rise to the homeowners of the Central Coast I find this totally unacceptable to have to pay for the mistakes of the Council why should we be punished for their mistakes ☹️	No	Carol	Fornari
3857	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3858	I formally object to Central Coast Council's request for a 15% increase in rates on the basis that such a rise would place an additional financial burden on both myself and other ratepayers at a time when many are struggling financially through the post Covid period. In addition, the increase will add pressure on our business community who similarly are struggling to recover from Covid and at a time when they financial support. Not additional cost added to their outgoings. Ratepayers should not be responsible for the mismanagement and incompetence of the former Central Coast Council councillors and senior management. I deeply object to being subjected to a rate rise to bail out this Council when they have other options available including the sale of surplus assets such as vacant land, rationalisation of staff, trimming of budget and most importantly getting back to basic services. I believe the Council had lost its way and has been delivering services outside its core business especially in the social and welfare sectors. For these reasons, I like many thousands of ratepayers, object to the rate increase. END	No	Debra	Wales

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3859	<p>I am a Central Coast resident and am very aware that the council needs funds to continue upkeep of our ammenities, agree for a rate rise BUT totally against the rate rise going to the current council whose track record of managing our monies is apparently inappropriate and appalling.</p> <p>I would like to see someone from a council or business, who has proven financial management skills, accountability and knowledge, who will take pride in their ability to get our financial situation under control.</p>	No	Kris	Dodge
3860	I object to a rate rise to assist pay off incompetency of our Council.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3861	<p>Dear IPART</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to offer feedback:</p> <p>I have spent much time considering the current financial crisis and the few options available to Council/Ratepayers to meet the present and growing debt. I share the community's disbelief and anger in that we have been so let down by our elected and appointed leaders however, I also recognise that we must also share that same blame and ultimate responsibility.</p> <p>The outstanding issue is not a 15% permanent rate increase but that I have lost faith in the Council at large, and no longer trust that they can make good and efficient decisions with my money.</p> <p>My concerns are well-founded, the report prepared by the Administrator clearly evidences a number of deficiencies, and breaches across levels and layers of Council. It was also highlighted that the breaches were systemic and continuous over many years; those responsible were named and appeared to 'get away with it' in the form of redundancies. Whether it is true or imagined, the perpetrators are being paid for their mis-management; there appears to be no accountability, no form of redress by us the Ratepayer, no acceptance of wrong doing by those responsible, and no application of justice.</p> <p>Simply, my trust has been violated and I do not believe that the present 'money managers' are ethical or accountable enough to manage my money. Therefore, if you want my money, I require the assurance and certainty that you can manage it wisely and efficiently. This might be achieved in the form of continuous and independent auditing. I accept that this assurance is costly but given that those present have proven to be untrustworthy, I believe it the only and necessary instrument to hold them accountable.</p>	No	Toni	Fortune
3862	Confidential	No	alexandra	Koltsis
3863	<p>The fall out from such blatant incompetence in financial management should not fall solely on the rate payer.</p> <p>NO TO SUCH A DRAMATIC RATE RISE.</p> <p>YES TO PUNITIVE MEASURES FOR OFFICERS RESPONSIBLE (Including those no longer in their previous roles).</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3864	<p>It is not the responsibility of ratepayers to replace funds misappropriated by Central Coast Council. I have acted properly by paying rates in full, on time, since 1992. As a Wyong area resident I have for several years paid rates higher than those required of Gosford area residents. The differing payments have purchased the same services and funded the same maladministration.</p> <p>There is no reasonable justification for a rate rise. Central Coast Council needs instead to ask the NSW Government for funding it may deem essential to remediation of the unlawful accessing of restricted funds. The appointment of Administrator Persson to Council has been a state government initiative. Minister for Local Government, Shelley Hancock, has the fundamental responsibility to grant financial relief.</p> <p>Short-term difficulties in management are the natural consequence of carelessness with ratepayers' money. Council has the responsibility to maintain and extend services, and to minimise charges to residents, as best it can during a period of recovery.</p> <p>Whether or not the NSW Government funds Central Coast Council's immediate shortfall, Council needs to act in a business-like manner by innovating to generate needed income. Plainly a long-term plan is needed to establish both a reserve of funds and smaller reliance on ratepayers' contributions.</p> <p>There is no justification for a rate increase intended to remediate the effect of Council officers' disrespectful attitude towards rate monies already paid.</p>	No	Scott	Balcomb

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3865	<p>I am completely against this cash grab, it's appearing to be an ongoing 13% increase to my annual rates, as opposed to the other option put forward which was 8%, which would be removed after 2 years.</p> <p>The state government has frozen my wages, I can't afford to pay higher rates if I'm not paid more, I'll have to make budget cuts. Council too should look to make budget cuts also. The incompetent green councillors got Council into this mess, they need to get themselves out of it by dropping the green initiatives and concentrate on their essential core duties, waste and maintenance of roads and community assets.</p> <p>If they want an increase in funding, they can look into getting their rangers out on weekends and during holidays to book the Sydney drivers who come here, park illegally and prevent locals from getting around safely</p>	No	Christopher	McBurney
3866	<p>As a Pensioner increases in any Services are hard to cope with, a fifteen per cent increase in our Rates would put a lot more pressure on what is already a difficult situation. I would like to think an appeal through IPART would have some sort of opportunity to challenge this increase..</p> <p>Regards Carol Moran.</p>	No	Carol	Moran
3867	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3868	<p>to whom it may concern,</p> <p>I do not agree with the proposal to increase our rates by any amount, without a through investigation as to how this has occurred. We deserve answers as to what we are paying for and why are we paying such a hefty price.</p> <p>Gosford council has a long history of mismanagement.</p> <p>How can “unlawful” use of funds be left to go without ramifications accountability?</p> <p>Where were the state government while this was occurring? Do they not have auditors, overseeing council finances? Where is their accountability in all of this?</p> <p>If the Central Coast Council has spent all of this money on our infrastructure , where is it?</p> <p>Where is our cultural center? New Library?</p> <p>Some of our roads don’t even have kerb and guttering.</p> <p>Do we even ask for a resume of job capabilities before appointing these people to council positions? What are their qualifications? Councils should not be elected because of the political alignment.</p> <p>After the last 12months, living through a pandemic and trying to stay afloat financially and being accountable for my own ability to live within my means. As many of us have. You now expect us to just pick up the burden and try and find extra to pay for your failures.</p> <p>I know there is no other option unfortunately, but it should not be allowed to happen without an enquiry as to what and how. And how to stop it happening again.</p> <p>Maybe if the council knew that they were accountable, they maybe more careful with the finances of others.</p> <p>The central coast will become too expensive to live in.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3869	<p>I do not support this increase which is substantially higher than the two percent increase. The council needs to further reduce their costs and community funded services. Investigations into corruption and a full audit of expenditures with the aim of uncovering corruption and favorable expenditure which benefited the council administration residences and subsequent property value increases.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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3870	<p>I oppose the Central Coast Council proposed 10% or 15% rate rise because the huge deficit/debacle is not the fault of ratepayers. It is the fault of Central Coast Council and its mismanagement and illegal use of funds. Ratepayers, who are mostly low or middle income earners, should not have to bail out the mess while those who misused ratepayers money get to walk away unscathed and well paid.</p> <p>The survey sent to only some residents, gave little choice - large rate rises or reduced services. There was no space for general comments or suggestions. It cannot accurately represent the people's views.</p> <p>10 or 15% rate rises are too high.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3871	I strongly object to our rates being increased to cover faulty administration in the council	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3872	No rate rise!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3873	No rate rise! Residents didn't create the problem, Council did. Find another way to fix it!	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3874	<p>15% rate rise is far too much and will greatly impact the financial situation of families and the elderly, actually it will be an extra burden for many residents on the coast. Many people struggle already to pay their rates and now they are going to impose another 15%. Residents know that they have to pay for services provided by council but to be hit with this large rate rise to repay money that has been mismanaged by council managers is disgraceful. Why should the rate payer be responsible for this debt. The normal 2% rise is enough.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3875	I would like to say no to any rate increase sought by council. Due to their gross mismanagement and poor accounting and auditing processes we do not need to give council more money to waste, especially in these uncertain times with the pandemic. At the moment people are already struggling with their finances and an SRV would only put more financial strain on the community, one with an already too high suicide rate.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3876	<p>This is complete [REDACTED], how can residents of the Central Coast be expected to pay this ridiculous increase on top of the proposed harmonisation with Wyong area rates, 38.5% or 45.3%. It was not the residents who bankrupted the council and no one is able to pay that size increase. Simply can't pay so do the right thing, refuse it because a judicial review is needed.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3877	I support the 15% rate rise. I do not want to lose services, have more Council people lose their jobs and understand that this is just one of the options Central Coast community need to get through this.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3878	<p>Central Coast Council does not charge enough for rates - we get a great deal for not a lot.</p> <p>People don't like paying taxes or bills, but what they fail to see is that it is necessary to enjoy the benefits of living in the country / region we do.</p> <p>We need our local government to be in a strong financial position to support us. While I don't think we should pay for Council mispend, we do need a base rate rise to support cost of living and the great services we have had from Council. The 2% peg is not enough.</p> <p>I vote for a permanent rate rise to ensure the stable continuation of the community I love.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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3879	<p>Dear IPART,</p> <p>As a Central Coast Council Ratepayer, I am discusted that the Councillors and or Council Employees could unlawfully access Council funds. I trust those responsible will face charges and be fined or [REDACTED]</p> <p>It is wrong that the Council asks for any Council Rate increase in order to cover their unlawful activity. This Council needs to be replaced with a NSW Government appointed independant Administrator.</p> <p>The letter to Ratepayers dated 07 Jan 2021 by Acting Chief Executive Officer, Rik Hart, contained a financial error and needed to send a second letter on 13 Jan 2021 to correct his error.</p> <p>This Council has a history of wasting Ratepayer's Rates. An example of this gross waste is the large area near the Brisbane Water at Gosford, which workers and bulldozers have been slaving away for many months, constructing a monstrosity of totem poles and huge garbage bins. This waste of money must stop and the land removed of this junk, replaced by grass for rectorial use.</p> <p>Please do not authotise any increase in Rates for the Central Coast Council. The Council must immediately stop all spending, except for Garbage Collection, so they can repay the money they unlawfully spent, without any increase in Council Rates.</p> <p>Please help and protect the Ratepayers of the Central Coast Council from any Rate increase.</p> <p>With thanks, [REDACTED]</p>	No	John	Russell
3880	<p>Central Coast Council advised me as a resident of Ettalong Beach, of a proposed 10% or 15% rate increase. I strongly object to this increase and request IPART reject this proposed increase. As Councils report to the NSW State Government, the massive shortfall in funds at Central Coast Council should have been identified earlier by the State Government, well before this financial crisis occurred.I believe it should not be the residents that are penalised for Council's mismanagement. The NSW State Government should cover this shortfall in funds, not the residents being hit with excessive rate increases. On past performance of this Councils mismanagement of projects and finance, there is no guarantee that any additional revenue received by this Council would be managed competently.</p>	No	Mereyl	Smallhorn
3881	<p>Central Coast Council ratepayers don't want to be held responsible for Council's "unlawful actions". The old Gosford and Wyong Councils have a history of poor performance - the question has to be raised "Why wasn't more supervision exercised over the new Central Coast Council?"</p> <p>I have come to the conclusion that we will probably have to wear the 15% rates increase or become a third world council area - look at how badly the roads, verges, etc are being maintained at the moment for an example.</p> <p>Having said that, we NEED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. a cast iron assurance that this won't be allowed to happen again; 2. assurance that the Council will be forced to perform effectively and in a fiscally responsible manner, under close supervision of someone answerable for their actions!!!! 3. to know exactly which assets will be sold; 4. to know exactly which services will be cut or curtailed; 5. assurance that any future employment contracts of senior management allows dismissal and prosecution if "unlawful actions" occur again. 	No	P	Booth

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3882	<p>Dear Sir/Madam,</p> <p>I am 84 years old and am depending on my income to support me for the remainder of my life.</p> <p>The proposed increase by Central Council is not satisfactory to me. I prefer to have the normal rate increase and NOT the extra increase.</p> <p>The people who put the Council in debt should be paying the debt, not the faithful ratepayers like me. I have been paying rates to the council since 2004 and my mother in law before that faithfully paid rates all her life.</p> <p>The amalgamation of both the Wyong and Gosford Councils was a huge mistake and if this could be reversed, it should be done. Since amalgamation the council's attention to the needs of the community decreased greatly. A separation, I would hope would bring back the addressing of the needs of the community and the attention to the issues that need to be dealt with. ☹</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3883	<p>Dear Sir/Madam,</p> <p>This is totally wrong that rate payers money has been misused by those we trusted!</p> <p>What I feel is necessary is to ascertain just WHO created this situation; was it the Councillors, their employer "experts" the Consultants, the CEO OR the State Government, who forced the Wyong & Gosford Councils to amalgamate?</p> <p>If OPTION 1 ("No rate increase") or OPTION 2 (a rate rise of 10%) is adopted then I sincerely hope that you can identify, acknowledge & keep those who are competent in their work, dismiss the rest & take legal action against those who have misplaced rate payers' funds.</p> <p>I also hope you will be honest in identifying the "weak links" & be unafraid of political interference!</p>	No	Robert	Landow
3884	<p>I don't feel comfortable with this proposed rate increase.</p> <p>If Central Cast Cancer were able to justify the increase with accurate budget predictions I would feel more comfortable but I would not trust this council with even the smallest fiscal administrative challenge.</p> <p>How can they know what they need when the are proven to be so financially inept?</p>	No	Fiona	Neville
3885	<p>Dear lpart,</p> <p>I strongly oppose the increase to our Council rates as these current Councillors have proven their ineptitude, and I pass a complete no confidence vote in their ability to rectify again with my money this dire unprecedented situation we all find ourselves in!</p> <p>I do not consent to a rate rise for Central Coast residents whether that be to pay for the “mismanagement” of Council funds or the mismanagement of State Government in their oversight of Local government. There are far reaching considerations of what this will mean to the social costs; the ripple effect and increases in homelessness, the effect on businesses-less consumers - higher prices, increased desperation & crime and general downward spiral of this area. The majority of residents on the Central Coast are already doing it tough, as we have the highest incidences of suicide (one occurred at the recent construction site at [REDACTED] sporting oval complex additions) in the country, some of the highest unemployment rates in the state, a high percentage of aged pensioners who already choose between bills and food and people who work hard and pay high taxes for the privilege of being slaves to governments poorly run, greed driven economic gouging system. The Central Coast already has so many social (drug concerns which need strong Use, Harm & Policy Responses: https://www.aph.gov.au/About_Parliament/Parliamentary_Departments/Parliamentary_Library/Publications_Archive/archive/illicitdrugs not the selling off of our hard fought assets in fire sales, which could result in the under representation of much needed infrastructure which is required on the Peninsula and displays I allege CCC's culpable negligence in committing this non-compliant and unregulated "mismanagement of funds") and economic issues - we don't need these issues flaring further as a cumulative outcome of rate rises. We do not consent and we do not approve of any Council rate rises or any other publicly owned amenity rises.</p> <p>I believe strongly in not rewarding these current Councillors (I allege they should be sacked as they have already proven their incompetence at this major task at hand) the ability to continue this flagrant disregard for our hard fought and earned resources, funds and infrastructure on the Peninsula and at Gosford which is touted as the capital of the Central Coast!</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration of this important matter that lies now in your jurisdiction to assist in rectifying this matter for all parties involved.</p> <p>Regards, [REDACTED]</p>	No	Troy	Sinclair

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3886	<p>I'm totally opposed to the rate increase.</p> <p>As a former home owner on the Central Coast, and now a renter here, I firmly beleive the cost of the state government financial ineptitude should not be passed down to me to bare. The ongoing cover up on how our council was spending restricted funds must end and how and when this happened must be revealed and dealt with in a fully transparent manner. Nothing less will do. It's our money squandered.</p> <p>One standardised form of financial reporting across all NSW councils must be introduced and strictly governed to ensure compliance. It should be the only best practice model adopted to avoid any cooking of the books.</p> <p>To expect already cash strapped rate payers to cover this is unthinkable and only compounding and masking the issue.</p> <p>End the cover up now.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3887	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3888	<p>I have lived in 2261 for 21 years. I am of the opinion that we require our councils to provide essential utility services and some other services that the private sector does not. CCC has this week announced that a new library is to be constructed at the cost of twenty six million dollars. No responsible home owner would consider making extensions to their home when they are having financial difficulties. This example illustrates that even the administrator appointed by the state govt is out of touch with what is required to address the current financial problem. I believe that a cultural shift is required with regard to the spending of other people's money instead of requests for rate increases. I ask that IPART does not allow the increase sought.</p>	No	Tony	Matus
3889	<p>how can any council under the covid19 conditions dare ask for a substantial rate increase the central coast has a vast majority of rate payers involved in tourism and hospitality who's financiers have been stretched that will take years to recover these people that i am talking about are not only the business owners they are also the employees my very own income has fallen by \$300 per week</p> <p>all the reports about central coast council mentions that the senior management is as much to blame if not more than any councillor but the majority of them are still employed there so under the current administration who's figures always seem to be very rubbery with no evidence of these figures been made public and the current management any rate increase would only be absorbed into their own pockets and bragging rights which they all thrive on</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3890	<p>I think residents should NOT be responsible to recoup funds squandered by the Central Coast Council. THE COUNCILLORS SHOULD BE LEGALLY RESPONSIBLE as funds were irresponsibly and illegally used. I do not think that council employees should be sacked and used as scapegoats of balancing the budget nor should asset sales happen. Many residents are pensioners, unemployed, employed but with reduced hours. This is just not fair. My husband has just lost his job and we will be struggling on just one wage until he finds more work. We have always paid our rates on time. I am not happy that the easy option of getting residents to pay is assumed. I take exception to the blackmail letter that was sent to residents threatening cut to services and job losses when this financial situation was brought about by irresponsible/ actions of the councillors and also contributed to by an excessive payment of \$380k to the outgoing CEO. The whole thing stinks!!!!</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3891	Confidential	No	Don	BUCHANAN
3892	<p>I am absolutely incensed at this proposed 'ongoing 15% rate rise'</p> <p>I am a pensioner and it will definitely affect me negatively. I fail to see why the HALF A BILLION dollar shortfall in the Council's finances is my fault.</p> <p>No-one knew this was coming. We were never told that the Council's finances were in such a dire situation. There is clearly a lack of transparency in the Council, their staff and Councillors.</p> <p>Residents are angry and feel powerless. There is nothing it seems that we as citizens can do.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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3893	<p>Central Coast Council proposes a one off rate rise of 15% in 2021. This is a farce as the 15% rate rise if granted adds to the rate base in the following years. In effect this means that if the 15% is granted and there is a further 2% rise in 2022 the rates for that year will still be 15% over and above what they would have been and this will continue on into the future.</p> <p>Council is applying for a 15% rise at a time when wage rises are being pegged at 2% or less over a period of 2 years or more, at a time when the unemployment rate is the highest it has been for over 10 years. Residents who are on fixed incomes or who are self funded retirees are even worse off as they have had no income increases and in the case of self funded retirees - they do not even qualify for rates assistance.</p> <p>Gosford / Central Coast Council has arrived at their current financial position due to their own largeesse. Council has paid its top employees salary packages that are out of all proportion to the functions they perform indeed top executives of the Council have salary packages that exceed that of the Prime Minister of Australia and the Premier of NSW. Gosford / Central Coast Council has for a number of years, has been spending at levels which exceed their income. This spending has involved installation of traffic devices such as roundabouts at locations where there is no history of accidents, let alone accidents involving death or injury. Money has also been spent on things like the Gosford Water Front Park at a cost of millions of dollars which is simply removing frequently used playing and recreation fields from public use. Council has also spent money shoring up private residential beach front properties subject to wind and tide erosion - all in areas where residential building should not have been allowed and the issues and outcomes of wind and tide erosion either were well known and recognised or should have been.</p> <p>The amalgamation of Gosford and Wyong Councils should have brought about economies of scale so it is inconceivable that Council staff and vehicles increased and while the Council may now be reducing staff numbers and quantities if equipment the simple fact is that staff reductions will involve a payout of benefits and equipment reductions will involve a capital loss on each item disposed off.</p> <p>The actions of Central Coast Council and its predesesor, Gosford Council are at least unconcionable and at worst criminal. Thie current position could only come about due to a lack of Governance on the part ofSenior Council employees, elected Councillors and audit authorities. Consquently to ask ratepayers to fork out what amounts to an additional 15% ongoing year after year, on top of an already high rate imposition for very limited essential services while Council wastes money on unwarranted infrastructure is simply unnaccetpable.</p> <p>Gosford / Central Coast Council has consistently applied for rfate increases over and above the pegged amount every year over the past few years. These sought after increases have been above the national wage rises which means that ratepayers in this Council area have been made financially worse off every year. Given this history there can be no doubt that even if a 15% rise is granted this year, Council will continue to ap[ply for rate rises over and above the pegged limit.</p> <p>The bottom line is that businesses and individualsare required to live within a budget. Individuals in particular those who will be affected by any decision of IPART to raise rates above the pegged limit, cannot go to someone else and apply for additional funds to cover their over expenditure which is what this Council is now seeking to do.</p>	No	Sam	Nicholson
3894	No, no, no and NO. Until residents are offered a guarantee our money (millions) won't be blatantly wasted again by inexperienced, political-party agenda driven imbeciles, I will NEVER, agree to a rate rise.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3895	Confidential	No	Wendy	Byrne
3896	Confidential	No	michael	Byrne
3897	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3898	<p>Please I do not want to accept a rate rise beyond the usual 2%</p> <p>I am a self funded retired teacher just managing on a teachers superannuation pension</p> <p>I cannot afford the proposed rate rises of either 10%or15%</p> <p>I will not be able to stay in my home if this proposed increase goes thru</p> <p>The CCCouncil has twice now lost ratepayers funds</p> <p>First with the GFC through bad investments and now it would seem possibly bad management</p> <p>Why should we the ratepayers have to pay for such losses</p>	No	Jocelyn	Maughan
3899	I strongly oppose the suggested Central Coast rates increase of 15%. I demand to know what has happened to all the money that belonged to the council and disappeared without any explanation.	No	Jennifer	Shaw

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3900	<p>Prior to any rate increase Central Coast Council should explore the following.</p> <p>(A) Reduce the number of staff. When the Gosford and Wyong Council merger took place more staff were hired.</p> <p>(B) Stick to the basics which Council is employed to maintain ie: roads ,sewer,drainage, parks,beaches ,surf clubs.</p> <p>(C) Rezone land which is in Councils ownership which can be then on sold at a profit to pay down debt. ie: Unmade roads which will never be used as roads that can be sold as housing blocks. Any unused assets surplus to Councils needs should be sold.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3901	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3902	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3903	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3904	<p>To approve an increase in rates to the central coast Council above the 2% would send the wrong message to other councils giving others the green light to operate in the same way. That being a poorly managed grossly over staffed inefficient workforce with a negative work ethic and as a result dramatically increasing the cost of supplying services to rate payers , There are a number of cost cutting measures that could be taken to reduced operating costs ie. go slow work tactics to increase overtime and not allowing staff to use council vehicles for private use . Council has to reduce staff by At least 30% and insist on staff that old habits will not be tolerated.</p>	No	Barry	Betland
3905	<p>The corrupt conduct of Central Coast Council resulting in a debt exceeding half a billion dollars is an absolute disgrace. To then expect the same community that was so blatantly betrayed to face a 15% rate rise during a pandemic and economic crisis is outrageous, unjustified and totally un-Australian. Those responsible should be facing charges.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3906	<p>Thank you for the opportunity to contribute comments regarding the proposed rate increase for ratepayers . I feel there needs to be a thorough investigation into the consequences of the amalgamation of Gosford and Wyong Council. It appears that much of the current financial predicament occurred following this merger, due to the huge cost involved . The amount received from the State Government seemed to be insufficient to cover costs. Also , previously there seems to have been a lack of accountability by decision -makers who controlled vast sums of public money. Ratepayers have never had a chance to vote on the issue of the amalgamation of their council. I feel this is essential, and a referendum is needed. The sacking of elected councillors , before any investigation into the cause of the financial problems has left the residents without representation. They should be reinstated as soon as possible.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3907	Residents should not be punished with higher rates due to problems not of their making.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3908	<p>No way, please don't allow the rate payers to suffer further for the council's wrongdoings, two wrongs don't make it right.</p> <p>How can we not see where \$500000000 has been overspent? How can we read in the interim report that the accounts had been accessed unlawfully and yet no one is to blame? Two previous accountings did not find the discrepancies? Are we suing these firms for incompetence? And many more questions which should be answered. Even who is the administrator? Why is the system so complicated? How can we vote for councillors when we realise these people who on the whole generally want to do good work but are certainly not expected to be accountants responsible for millions of dollars. Where is the overseer? I could go on for ever.</p>	No	Caroline	O'Dwyer
3909	We cannot afford a 15% rates rise. Please make them sell assets instead. Please do not pass on any increase except the 2% which is much higher than CPI in any case. Please hold those responsible to account and refer for prosecution. No no rubber stamp this fraud please.	No	Ann	Williams
3910	Confidential	No	Kathy	Hutchinson
3911	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3912	<p>We have already had Rate Rise in the middle of last year ... now you want another 15% because of incompetent people at the top..</p> <p>They should at least need to have basic business certificates, accounting training & big business management.. What a joke</p>	No	Kerry	S
3913	A rise of 10% to rate for the area will add to the hardship of many in the area . Councils incompetence in financial control is not the failure of the rate payers of whom paid rates in good faith expecting them to be used in a manner according to allocating rules and it wasn't.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3914	NO RATE RISE	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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3915	<p>I worked for a short period for CCC in the Gosford building in 2017 before leaving an archaic, non efficient, macho working place. [REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]. When the amalgamation occurred Ccc ended up with same numbers of executives half in north and other south. There should have been a reduction of executives. Why do we currently pay a CEO if there is an administrator? Why the executives dont disclose their salary packages. A council being a local services should concentrate and support council workers that provide the every day services such as road, bins, health, safety. Number of Executives need to be reduced and kept to a minimum and be accountable like in private, ref company act penalties and jail sentences provisions. HR should be reduced and kept to a minimum as anyway HR only represents the executives. Making the community pay the bill and keeping the same stakeholders running the show is obviously a [REDACTED] plan. Be assured that in my short time with council and after i left i wrote to council to raise concerns with the waste of funds in particular in the area i worked in. Of course i never got any reply and even worse if i contact council under my name first i cannot be served as other rate payer i was explained that as i worked there my requests/ comments need to be addressed by a different channel then i never get replies. CCC a boys club, so please if we have to pay the bill put new competent highly performing leaders to play the game.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3916	<p>I purchased my home in the Wyong Council Shire late in 2011.</p> <p>Following my taking up residence an abnormally high increase was approved for our council rates which continued for years untill we were in the black. I am now paying twice what my girlfriend pays for her home in the Hill's Shire Council in Sydney where everything is run well and the roads are beautifully maintained.</p> <p>In my nine years as a rates payer my road has fallen into a state of disrepair and nothing had ever been done to remedy this. I live in [REDACTED].</p> <p>Now we are amalgamated with Gosford and bankrupted it is proposed we again pay more in rates. This is totally unfair and also becoming unaffordable.</p>	No	Anthony	Bunting
3917	<p>I object to the proposed rate increase, and feel that there should be an enquiry into where the funds have been spent and who is really responsible for the debt.</p> <p>The rate payers are NOT shareholders and should not be made to pay the debt left as a result of mismanagement and potential fraudulent activity.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3918	I object to the increase. Council need to be accountable for being in so much debt	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3919	My comment is simple: why provide more money to a council that has demonstrated that it cannot manage money correctly? Perhaps we would be better off for the new council to first demonstrate that they can manage the existing level of funding over, say, a 3 year period. If they can successfully do this, then and only then, should IPART consider a rate rise.	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3920	Confidential	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3921	Central Coast Council is not removing the temporary rate increase that is applied to the rates of the former Wyong council before rate harmonisation and the application of the proposed 15%. This application from Central Coast Council is stating a \$8 week rise for the average rate payer in the former Gosford Council. This is a 41.6% increase in 1 year. In the current economic cliamate this is excessive and will provide financial hardship on a large section of thh the e community. As per Central Coast council survey it is not supported by the community.	No	Phil	Owens
3922	<p>I live in the former Wyong Council area and experienced a significant rate rise some years ago to bail that council out of financial difficulty. I resent being asked cop another rate rise to bail the Central Coast Council out of financial difficulty. When Wyong Council and Gosford Council merged, ratepayers of the old Wyong Council area were paying higher rates than those in the old Gosford Council area. Several years on we are STILL paying higher rates than ratepayers in the old Gosford Council area and are now being asked to pay more to prop up an incompetent organisation which still employs some of the people responsible for the financial mismanagement which caused this crisis. Rate payers in the former Wyong Council area have already paid their fair share, those in the former Gosford Council area have not. Whilst crying poor and being hundreds of millions in debt this council has splurged millions, for example, on an ocean walkway at Terrigal and on bizarre roadside suburb name signs which require motorists to tilt their heads on a ninety degree angle to read - yet ratepayers are expected to tighten our belts so these fools can splurge more money on unnecessary projects whilst being incapable of maintaining basic items such as weed infested median strips on our roads, blocked stormwater drains (for those who are lucky enough to even have curb and guttering in their street) and pothole ridden patchwork suburban streets. A rate rise is an abhorrent proposition whilst anyone who had any knowledge of, or who were asleep at the wheel and didn't pay attention to the illegal practices at Central Coast Council still hold their jobs, and a huge insult to rate payers in the former Wyong Council area who have already paid more than their fair share.</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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3923	<p>To whom it may concern. The council I believe was in debt prior to the amalgamations of Gosford and Wyong this debt would have been carried forward over many years and there would have been a considerable double handling of management the redundancies and wages in an absolute mess. Never the less the internal or current proposals stating our current flooding , bushfire involvement COVID 19 additional involvement is 12 months old .WHEN YOU BLAME SOMEONE. As all councillors have a policing role there is a blame that should spread through the incompetence of all. To continue spending on infrastructure when your trying to get a handle on amalgamation is down right [REDACTED] akin to incompetence revealing roads ,having excessive staff plant equipment and on going the best most costly vehicles and gear for all criminal,in private enterprise we are governed by income to expenditure cant the read a balance sheet. I employ a staff of 25 people and have paid rates on time every year since 1967. This business had had some ups and downs but i have always worked within my means and i might add selling trucks to council over those years received very little support from their purchases as they seem to prefer the larger sydney newcastle sellers we have remained in business without any help or consideration from the two previous councils. Therefore i find it a massive insult to my intelligence that since 2015 my LAND TAX ON ALL PROPERTY HAS INCREASED 96 PERCENT ALLOWING COUNCIL TO INCREASE RATES CONSIDERABLY. Which i have paid up to this 2020 realisation by council management something was wrong. MY 2019 -2020 COUNCIL RATES HAVE RISEN 28 PERCENT FROM MY CURRENT LAND TAX VARIATION OF JANUARY 2021 I AM CURRENTLY MEETING THAT INCREASE AND I WOULD THINK THAT LARGE INCREASE OF RATES IS MORE THAN THE ADDITIONAL RATES INCREASES YOU ARE SEEKING, WHAT A MONEY GRAB. THE GLOSSED UP 5 MINUTE REQUEST I FEEL IS EXCESSIVE AS YOU DEAL WITH AVERAGE RATES BOTH RESIDENTIAL AND BUSINESS MY TWO BUSINESS RATES HAVE GONE UP FROM 2019-2020 YEAR FROM 2020 WHEN PROBLEM TABLED FROM \$9630.00 to \$13,376.00 ON 2 ACRES OF LAND ADD 15 PERCENT FOR EVER AND A DAY AT AN ADDITIONAL. \$2006.40. COMPOUNDED BY 3 YEAR AVERAGES YEAR AFTER YEAR. WOW WHAT AN INCOME GOING FORWARD NOT THE 2020 PROBLEM COUNCIL PROPOSES AT AN AVERAGE OF \$9.30 PER WEEK AVERAGE WHAT A JOKE WHEN THEY ARE COMPOUNDING THAT ON TOP OF AN ALREADY 28 PERCENT INCREASE. NOTE I FEEL THIS MONEY GRAB IS UNNECESSARY AND AN ABSOLUTE IMPOST ON A GROUP OF PEOPLE WITHOUT JUSTIFICATION WITHOUT THE ACCOUNTANCY TO JUSTIY WHAT THE CURRENT MONEY GRAB 2021 HAS CURED OR WHAT THE ADDITIONAL 2021 INCOME HAS COVERED</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3924	<p>I am against any rate rise. We have been let down by our state government. The merger was destined to fail. One council to look after an area over 500 square km !! The state government needs to step in and fix the mess it started.</p>	No	mark	mular
3925	<p>Submission in opposition to Central Coast Council Submission to IPART for application for a rate rise to help with Council's financial recovery.</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>Our family has resided on a rural farmland property in the Central Coast District since 1955. We are opposed to the Central Coast Councils submission to IPART for the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.The council's financial situation is the result of long term mismanagement on their part and not a recent problem due to reduced dam levels, bushfires, coastal erosion and Covid-19 as stated in their "Securing your future" letter to ratepayers. 2.The administrator has limited the option to resolve the financial mismanagement outcome to one only solution a significant rate rise whether it be a one of 10% or 15%. Other options have not been tabled, such as amalgamation of resources, whether it be facilities or staff, rationalization and sale of assets, stricter guidelines for grant applications or even a freeze on grants as a temporary budget measure. 3.Council is threatening the ratepayer with reduction of services this is in fact already happening. 4.The members of council, past and present, have not been held accountable for the ongoing mismanagement that has led to this dire financial situation and they should not be reinstated. 5.The example given for the Farming category is misleading as our farmland already pays rates \$672 above this example given. As self-funded retirees living on a modest income receiving no pensioner discount from council this rate further increases our current financial burden. In 2020 we had storm water rates added to our Council rates despite no availability of town water or sewerage service and a lack of kerbing and guttering in our poorly kept road. Although the storm water charges were a better option than the original approximately\$5000 increase they sort, unsuccessfully, through IPART. 6.The management of the council by the administrator should continue until a local government election can be held. <p>We urge IPART to reject the Central Coast Council submission for a Special Rate increase which threatens a reduction in availability of services when they have failed to amalgamate the two areas of the Central Coast to become more effective in the management of local council obligations.</p>	No	Terence	Hammond
3926	I strongly disagree with the proposed rate rise, until there is a full and open inquiry into how the Central Coast Council finances became so compromised and who was responsible	No	Anonymous	Anonymous

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3927	<p>I do not support Central Coast Council's request for a rate rise and feel that Central Coast Council should be investigated by ICAC.</p> <p>There appears to be a fine line between 'misspent', 'unlawful', 'illegal' and 'in breach of the law' when it comes to local government definition. I have read in numerous articles that all these terms have been attributed to Central Coast Council's spending.</p> <p>I did not respond to the council's 2 recent surveys because:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I did not receive notification by mail of the first survey because it arrived in the post on Friday afternoon, 22/1/21 although the survey had closed that morning. The date of the correspondence (13/1/21)and arrival revealed many days 'lost' in the system. 2. I immediately telephoned council and expressed my dissatisfaction. 3. A search on the Councils' website revealed a new survey with a narrow window in which to participate 4. I tried to fill in the survey but I found it was skewed to make my answer to question 7 appear that I wanted a 10% or 15% increase to rates. The survey would not allow me to bypass question 7 in order to complete the option of a 2% increase in preference to 10% or 15%. I telephoned 4 times to enquire if I could circumvent question 7 but found it was not possible. I again expressed my dissatisfaction that the survey was skewed. 5. The survey was 'open' to anyone! This meant all those who did not pay rates were able to participate? This included tenants and those living outside the area could vote without any accountability as voting was not attached to a specific property. <p>Below are my reasons for not supporting Central Coast Council's extra 8% (10% overall increase) or 13% (15% overall increase) increase in rates above the 2% Ipart approved increase:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Central Coast region, especially the 'old' Wyong Council LGA pay some of the highest rates already in NSW. 2. Why has the 15% increase been referred to as a 'one off' increase. This gives the impression that the increase will be for one year only. Every reference I have heard in the media has referred to a 'one off increase' not that it is a 'permanent one off increase'. This is in itself misleading (even to ratepayers)! 3. Huge increases in rates will eventually lead to increased rent and debt within the community. This often results in homelessness and increased social problems. 4. If Central coast Council has more money from ratepayers-more money will be wasted as has happened in the past. <p>The old council was already in debt before amalgamation but Central Coast Council continued to spend huge amount of money (unfunded) and has admitted that this was done 'for the benefit of the community'</p> <p>- I did not benefit at all.</p> <p>5. Why did Council spend more than it collected? If a listed company did this the directors would be gaoled.</p> <p>A recent report by the New South Wales Audit Office found that between 2001 and 2019, more than \$13 million in developer contributions collected by the Council were misspent on administration costs, in breach of the law.</p> <p>6. We have witnessed huge wastage on unnecessary works in our rated area.</p> <p>For example:-</p>	No	Anonymous	Anonymous
3928	<p>The application for rate rises of any kind should be dismissed for the following reasons.</p> <p>Council has mismanaged funds while few services have been provided over the last few years. A sudden application for a rate rise does not demonstrate forward planning by the council or an identified need by ratepayers.</p> <p>Council cannot accurately state that ratepayers are supportive of a rate rise since the surveys distributed were not indepently devised, the questions ensured results in council's favour, were distributed to only selected residents and then were revised and distributed to some other residents. Whether the original surveys were disregarded is questionable as the second survey was the same as the first with the addition of one question. There was no provision in either survey to choose only no rate rise or to add a comment. Accompanying the first survey was information, which amounted to a threat, stating that if a high enough rate rise was not voted for then many council services would be withdrawn .</p> <p>There has not been substantial community consultation. Details of the one community meeting that I am aware of had not been advertised and I only became aware of it after it was discussed on A Current Affair. The media is not the place for effective community consultation.</p> <p>Had the council been genuine in its desire to consult widely it would have held well publicised public meetings with councillors for each area and have recorded minutes for each meeting.</p> <p>The application for a rate rise to cover council debt incurred by mismanagement of funds must not proceed as ratepayers should not have to fund the poor financial decisions made by those who should be acting with the utmost integrity when serving those who have elected them.</p>	No	Debra	Turner
3929	<p>I live in Bateau Bay on the Central Coast - I already pay over \$950 per quarter in rates. I am yet to find a job after the pandemic and we are struggling to keep up with bills as it is. A rise to our already exorbitant rates would be devastating.</p>	Yes	Celena	Brooks

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3930	<p>Hello ,</p> <p>Just moved to the central coast three weeks ago from Sydney . I am absolutely appalled at some of the road conditions and lack of resources at my local library . Now they want to increase rates by 10% each year to cover their own incompetence. No way, this is outrageous and we are totally against it .</p> <p>Until the council looks after their land next to our house by I will drag my feet in paying the increase . As an aged pensioner I did not factor this added expense in my budget .</p>	Yes	Carolyn	Girdwood
3931	<p>IPART Special Variation Submission.</p> <p>I object to the Central Coast Councils proposal for an 8% rate increase over the stated 7 year period from 2021/22, for the improvement of the Council's financial sustainability. It is not the responsibility of the rate payer to top up the Council's financial position.</p> <p>Please refer to attachments</p> <p>Kind Regards,</p> <p>██████████</p>	Yes	Paul	Buckley
3932	Confidential	Yes	Anonymous	Anonymous
3933	<p>My name is ██████████ and I submitted a report to the Minister for Local Govt in 2013 and to IPART, titled ██████████. The debt in 2013 was \$200m and it seems that State Govt knows that Local Govt can sabotage any form of fiscal accountability. Without any proper auditing the State Govt knows that when the ██████ rate payers pick up the tab, and the incompetent procedures continue the people that have directly caused this cake and arse party of splurges get a golden parachute or get their jobs back because we have to vote for councillors that have no idea or power of what to do... rate payers are slaves with a vote its a kleptocracy one that has nepotism as an employment model. The street I live in has surfacing that is a ██████ disgrace, open drains, no foot path which is real luxury in most of the council areas. I paid over 14,000 in environmental levy payment to the Local Government ██████ for. Both Local and State Governments should be abolished and Economic Regions established, we should federate our laws - that's the way out of this debacle. The three tiers of Government are simply a cost shifting process onto rate payers as well as supporting the ridiculous 'Big Australia Movement' of building house for rich third World and other dud useless eaters... meanwhile we dig holes and sell real assets to foreigners, a rocks and crops economy going nowhere. The Central Coast rate hikes will become like California everyone that is productive will leave. Oh of course its a balance between rate hikes and selling off the peoples assets, in reality we will own nothing and foreign interests will be our land lords. The State Govt failed to audit on purpose to promote the selling off of assets and shaft rate payers its all a kleptocratic Ponzi scheme because the people have a say, slaves with a vote and that's all they have.</p>	Yes	charles	norville
3934	<p>The rate increase appears to be the result of very poor management of CCC finances over many years. The over spending on capital works has been very selective. There are many suburbs that are very poorly drained and only receive bandaid road maintenance dispute many complaints over several years.</p>	Yes	Anonymous	Anonymous
3935	<p>My wife and I object whole heartedly to the proposed rate increase over the 7 years put forward by council. This is a difficult time for everyone, now we are required to foot the bill for the council wasteful spending of rate payers money.</p> <p>No to the preposed increase.</p> <p>██████████</p>	Yes	Steven	Buckley
3936	Confidential	Yes	Anonymous	Anonymous
3937	<p>First;</p> <p>I would like to add that is a disgrace that Central Coast Council asks (sends emails) to provide/complete a survey regarding their request to increase the landowners rates but they do not provide a third refusal option for rate increase, and if not selected one of their 2 proposed/mandatory options is not possible to complete the survey. (for further details please refer to image attached)</p> <p>Secondly;</p> <p>It is a Local Government Organization (even though operates like an private enterprise/ just to make profits), and as such has always employed capable and qualified staff which are all insured for the services they provide, so its their obligations to dip in this insurance, not fair to pass the buck to unrelated third parties</p> <p>Thirdly;</p> <p>If this any of private landholders/tax payers residents are unable to pay their rates because they have mismanaged their funds/wages for the last five years, Council is not going to wave their rates just because of it!!!!</p> <p>Forthly;</p> <p>For years Gosford and Wyong LGA have been considered as part of Sydney Bioregion Area (where rates start from as low as \$750 <40% compared to CC Council) why on their claim for rate rise rates are compared with the Hunter Region LGAs?!</p>	Yes	Anonymous	Anonymous

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3938	Confidential	Yes	Julie	Brown
3939	Confidential	Yes	Anonymous	Anonymous
3940	<p>My submission suggests an amendment to the proposal. Provide an incentive for all types of rate payers to pay Two Years in advance or One Year in advance. Leaving those who pay quarterly at the published (option 2 preferred - or option 1) rate. The incentive, may be a financial incentive - as modelled in my submitted file, or it may include other considerations more relevant to business, farming and mining. Though some businesses would probably not take this option -due to a Covid-effected Year, some mining and farming entities that are having a bumper year may opt for this option.</p> <p>If the incentive attracts sufficient rate payers, it may place the council in a position where it may be able to borrow a lesser amount from lenders.</p>	Yes	Paul	Gabrielides
3941	<p>I don't believe that the Ratepayers of the Gosford area should be compelled to pay for the incompetence and unlawful practices that the Council took part in, as the Councils are managed by the State Government and it was they who forced Gosford and Wyong into amalgamation.</p> <p>I feel the Acting Chief Executive Officer should be approaching Gladys Berejiklian for a substantial bail-out with perhaps a much smaller rate rise for the ratepayers.</p> <p>I also feel the Green/Labor policies of the Council by declaring our electorate as being in a climate emergency, added to the problems by channeling funds into ridiculous climate change, renewable energy and environmental issues.</p> <p>In my opinion Councils' should stick with what they were elected for i.e. maintain roads, parks and beaches, rubbish removal and community services, collect rates and forget about ideological political issues!</p> <p>██████████</p>	Yes	ALLAN	GREEN
3942	<p>Further to my submission W21/40 I related to the recent increase in my rates due to reassessment of land valuation. (April 2020) The increase was a staggering 40%. or \$668.11 increase. Please find attached the Rates Notice from Central Coast Council</p>	Yes	Nick	Jacomas
3943	<p>The corrupt Central Coast Council unlawfully used funds that us the rate payers have paid & now they want us the rate payers to pay an additional 15% on our rates to pay it back? Absolutely absurd!!! This should be a police matter to have the councillors pay back the funds why should we the rate payers have to pay for their ██████████</p>	Yes	Denise	Kane
3944	<p>I am objecting to Central Coast Councils proposed rates rise of between 10-15% Attached is a letter I have send to Central Coast Council advising of my issues and total objection.</p>	Yes	Paul	Mcilwain
3945	<p>This council is a disgrace, before any rate rise can be considered the people need the following</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It needs to be demonstrated that those responsible have been punished for their unlawful financial mismanagement. (See attached letter where it talks about the unlawful use of public funds). 2. A new council should be elected in due course with the current members banned for life. To run as a candidate it needs to be proven to the public that the person is qualified and fit for duty, not just given the job from another incompetent government employee. 3. I would strongly suggest the council be separated, this experiment by the state government has failed! 	Yes	Anonymous	Anonymous
3946	I strongly object to Central Coast Council's application for a special variation request for rates. I have set out my reasons in the attached document.	Yes	Brian	Davies
3947	<p>Dear IPART, Attached is a submission re. Central Coast Council application to increase rates beyond the annual rate peg increase. It is attached as a separate folio. I commend it for your consideration.</p> <p>Regards</p>	Yes	Anonymous	Anonymous
3948	Confidential	Yes	Anonymous	Anonymous

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3949	<p>Please find attached my submission on the Central Coast Council's proposal to for a Special Rate Variation of either 10% or 15%. I have made this submission because the inept financial management and oversight by council has resulted in significant debt. This was brought to a head when the council were unable to pay staff wages and had to seek funds from the state government. Now the rate payers have been asked to fund the shortfall and to "future proof" the council's finances without an adequate explanation of why such a significant and permanent jump in rates is being proposed.</p> <p>I ask that my submission be anonymous. Regards,</p>	Yes	Anonymous	Anonymous
3950	<p>We own a waterfront property at [REDACTED], with a statutory land value of [REDACTED] and the council rates on that property for the 2020-21 financial year were assessed by Northern Beaches Council at \$2,107.34.</p> <p>We also own a non-waterfront property at [REDACTED], with a statutory land value of [REDACTED] and the council rates on that property for the same financial year were assessed by Central Coast Council at \$2,211.55. Council does not provide us with proper concrete gutters on the road and when we requested Council to dig out the blocked drainage ditch in front of our property, they refused.</p> <p>Already the rates charged by Central Coast Council are too high for the poor services provided and we would encourage IPART to reject the application by Central Coast Council for a Special Variation to council rates. Agreeing to the Special Variation requested would only reward Central Coast Council for poor management practices and waste of ratepayer funds.</p> <p>See attached letter as follows:</p>	Yes	Anonymous	Anonymous
3951	<p>IPART Special Variation Application by Central Coast Council.</p> <p>The current financial disaster at Central Coast Council (CCC) has been several years in the making and follows the equally disastrous finances at Gosford Council a few years ago prior to amalgamation. There has to be a financial crunch for the whole workforce at CCC who, from our experiences of over 20 years with Gosford, Wyong and now CCC as a ratepayer and resident, have all been a party to the overly good times with high wages, overly generous conditions, easy work practices, poor skills and low productivity. The current “working from home” practice has lowered the already low productivity from what I have experienced in recent dealings with poor interaction between staff being very obvious. This cannot just be papered over by hitting the ratepayers for more money and hope the problem goes away after a few years. No pain no gain as they say. Those hits have to be taken by all the employees and Councillors. The latter have been sacked and some of the former have been terminated but only to reduce the staff levels down to what they should have been at amalgamation.</p> <p>There has to be a wholesale reduction of pay and conditions for all but especially the senior echelons whose management skills have been found to be poor as the finances demonstrate and the number of senior managers has to be severely reduced.</p> <p>Yes the current services provided will be affected but it is beyond time that the scope of all that is provided by CCC is critically reviewed.</p> <p>Yes residents and ratepayers will be upset and take it out on staff. So be it. There has to be a lesson learnt from this immense mess and hearing it directly from those who paid for their unsustainable pay and conditions will do that.</p> <p>What is needed is a complete change of culture. Ratepayers, property owners and residents are not the peasants and council employees the masters. Rather the ratepayers are the people for whom the council works.</p> <p>If what I am requiring leads to wholesale changes of staff then perhaps they were the wrong people in the first place or perhaps the wrong culture is so ingrained in their system they don't see any other way.</p> <p>The letter we received from the acting CEO of CCC dated 13 January 2021 and received a week later, tells of an opportunity from 8 January to have our say about rate increases but that “say” stopped on 22 January? That “survey” only canvassed either a 10 % or a 15% increase. There was no allowance to say no increase. That has now been included in a second survey after massive pressure from ratepayers.</p> <p>That letter from CCC is double speak. For both the rate increases it specifies a “one-off” increase. However one is permanent i.e. that 15% increase will stay in place for every following year. For the other 10% it would stay in place for 7 years. The attempt to down play such big increases is arrogant. And if either one or the other proposed increases proves in future to be inadequate what will stop council asking for further increases?</p> <p>My response is NO. Learn to live within your current means including to pay down debt and show that CCC has changed its ways and culture to be financially responsible. Then they must come with a long term plan for the future within the current rate peg.</p>	Yes	Anonymous	Anonymous
3952	Please see my submission attached.	Yes	Graham	Heath

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3953	<p>Is there any point making a submission when Central Coast Council state that a recent bank loan was conditional on getting increased revenue from a rate rise.</p> <p>Makes one question why community consultation is even considered, when the rate rise is a done deal.</p> <p>It feels as though residents have been cornered into accepting a rate rise because without it the bank loan may be called in.</p> <p>Examples of Central Coast Council published public communication attached below.</p> <p>Thankyou for the opportunity to lodge a submission, even though it is pointless.</p>	Yes	Anonymous	Anonymous
3954	Confidential	Yes	James	McLennan
3955	<p>Dear Sir/Madam,</p> <p>I strongly object to Central Coast Council applying for any further increases in our rates. My family live at Jilliby on 2.5 acres. We are currently paying \$819.40 per quarter. That is \$3277.60 per year! We have no kerb and guttering, no street lights, no water and no sewerage, as we are on tank water and envirocycle. This is an absurd amount to pay for barely any provision of services other than bin pickup. Our road is also full of potholes.</p> <p>The rate increase cannot be justified simply because funds were not managed over the past several years. A full investigation and inquiry needs to be made into the disgusting mismanagement of council funds by the mayor, councilors and auditors. Particularly the fact that this mismanagement was allowed to continue unchecked for so long. Central Coast residents should not have to pay for this unauthorised, improper and “unlawful” (in Dick Persson’s words) use of rate-payers funds for purposes for which it was not intended. This situation is disgraceful and the administrator should be looking at ALL and any other avenues to raise money, rather than a rates rise. The projects that this money was earmarked for should be abandoned immediately. The Central Coast already has one of the highest council rates charges in the state (for the provision of next to no services). When will these rates rises ever end for the poor people of the Coast? I urge your organisation to reject any further increases on behalf of the people of the Central Coast.</p> <p>Regards,</p> <p>Jillianne Brown</p>	Yes	Jillianne	Brown
3956	<p>Please see enclosed copy of my letter of OBJECTION to CCC Administrator, The NSW Premiers Office and other NSW and C’Weath Parliamentarians.</p> <p>RE:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. OBJECTION to Council’s IPART Application for proposed 10% & 15% increase in rates for the joint Gosford/Wyong Council’s and 2. The NSW State Governments’ Council Amalgamation executive misconduct - Consequential Damages and other complaints including lack of oversight. <p>My case is attached as a file upload here.</p> <p>Community Reasoning:</p> <p>It is not fair or equitable that you incumber innocent (to the [REDACTED] or misconduct of others as offenders) land owners with the excessive increase you propose in your IPART application (8% or 13%) on top of the pegged current prescribed 2% allowable. You seek (possibly unrealising) in your plan to overly erode the private equity of residential ratepayers, by reducing their effective net funds, by overburdening with overinflated fixed reoccurring expenses over a long term. A condition or term that is effectively like a monopoly, ratepayers have no choice and so are effectively held to ransom.</p> <p>Any proposal, as your IPART seeks 10% and 15% is widely out of justification at this time. Your basis of justification on the grounds of Government misconduct is potentially unlawful and does not meet the “just terms” requirement under the Constitution.</p> <p>I put to you that 1.0% (RBA inflation forecast plus actual CPI) is reasonable to cover a justified 2% increase in line with the above data (see attached) and the extra 1.0% price increase to be the 2021 community contribution to ease rate price and operating revenue dilemma. The 2.0% peg is justified and therefore appropriate.</p> <p>Stephen Werner</p> <p>CCC residential ratepayer</p>	Yes	stephen	werner
3957	Further restriction needs to be placed on Council this special variation allows inefficiency to continue.	Yes	Anonymous	Anonymous
3958	Confidential	Yes	Natalie	Tedesco
3959	<p>I oppose the proposed Central Coast Council rate variation application. Please see my supporting letter attached.</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>	Yes	Robert (Bob)	Rowland
3960	As a resident, ratepayer and business owner in the Central Coast Council LGA I object to the suggested rate variations being put forward for IPART's consideration. My reasons and supporting evidence are in the letter attached.	Yes	Anne	Rowland
3961	See attached submission	Yes	Anonymous	Anonymous

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3962	Council has been very deceiving. Rate increase is already 30% plus the 15% proposed is too much in this current time. That would be 46%. A library at Gosford costing \$20M+ when the population at Gosford itself isn't there (plus with digital and audio?) there needs to be an investigation, the council has shown it will make the same mistakes. Taking out a \$100M loan with bank under a condition that rates must increase too. Statements including that it's a done deal. Not in the best interests of the people. Stop spending and investigate	Yes	Anonymous	Anonymous