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Special Rate Variation 2014/15 - feedback form

Name*

[REDACTED]

Address1

[REDACTED]

City

[REDACTED]

State

[REDACTED]

Postcode

[REDACTED]

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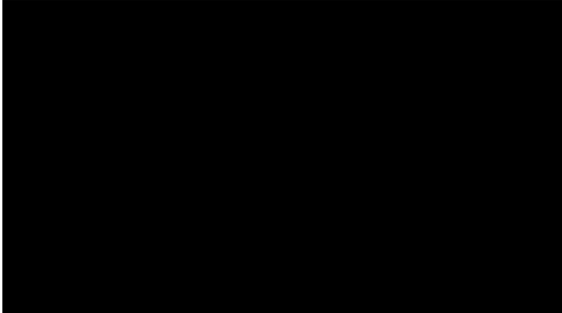
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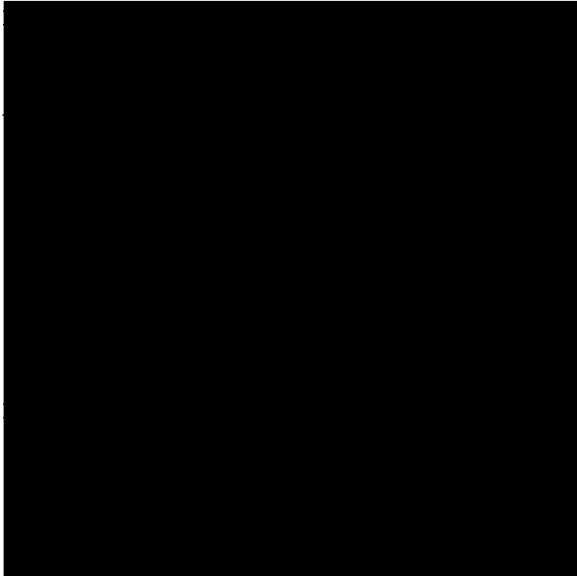
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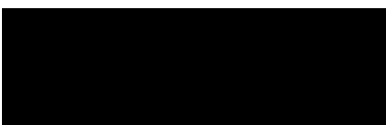
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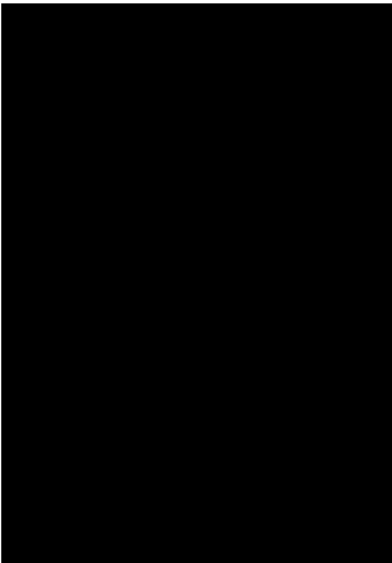
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Comments:

We hope the Cur of Maission den that a Hambleton Hill Rd, is high on your list to be upgraded, because of its poor condition to new business people going to the industrial area.

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Comments: As a resident living on the fringes of the Shire we will never benefit from any infrastructure improvements as 95% of the money collected will be spent in the Singleton CBD.



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Comments:

INCREASE RATES TO MULTI NATIONAL MINING CO.
DO NOT SPEND \$9. MILLION ON TOWN CENTRE
PUT ROADS & GARBAGE NO 1. ON SPENDING



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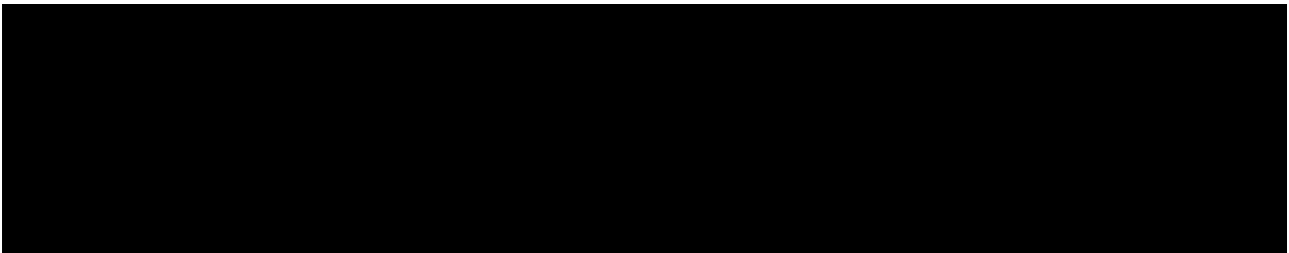
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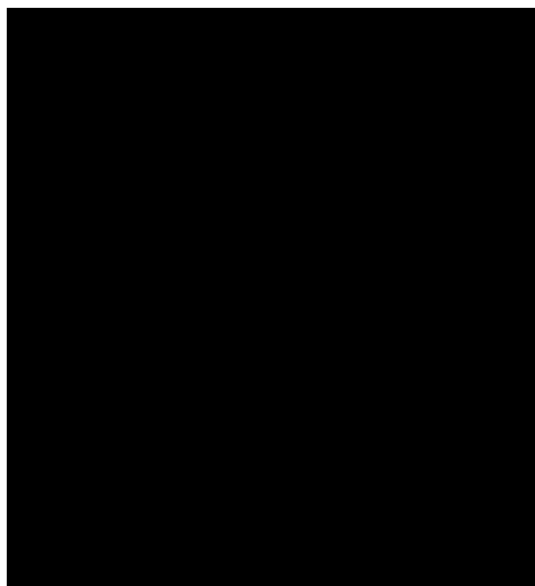


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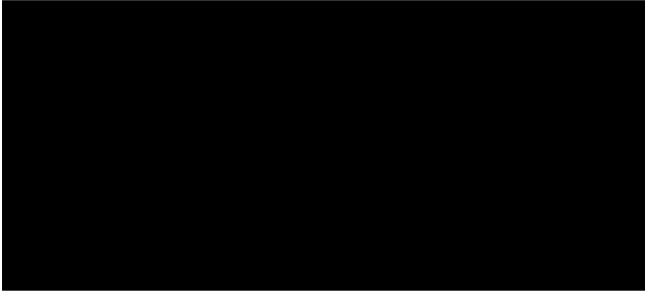
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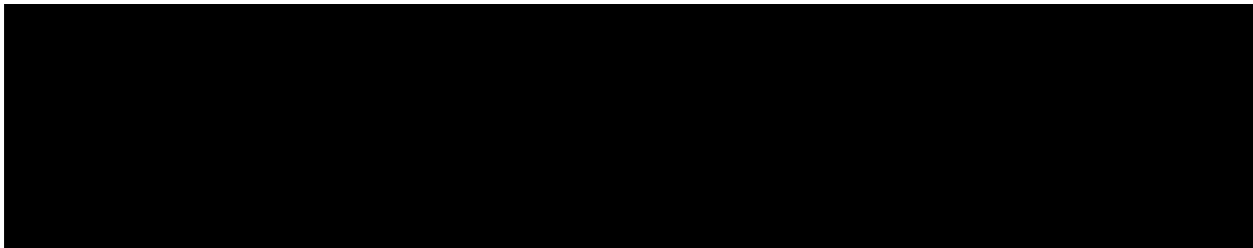
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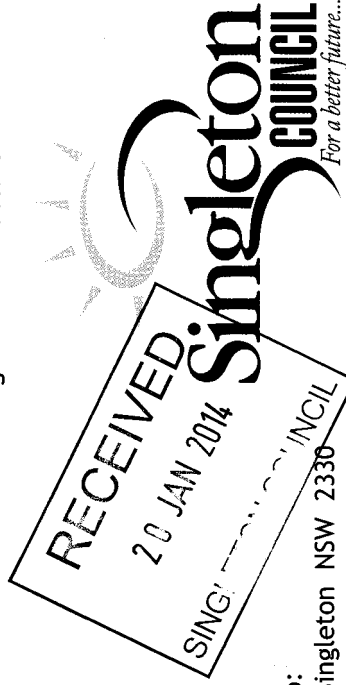
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My rates have increased every year since buying my property as last year was \$100 so as a person I may increase

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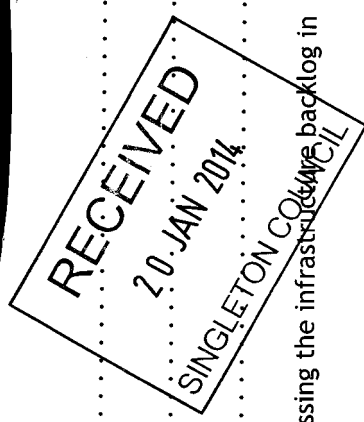
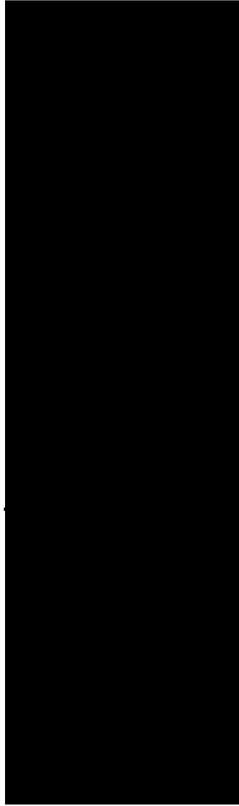
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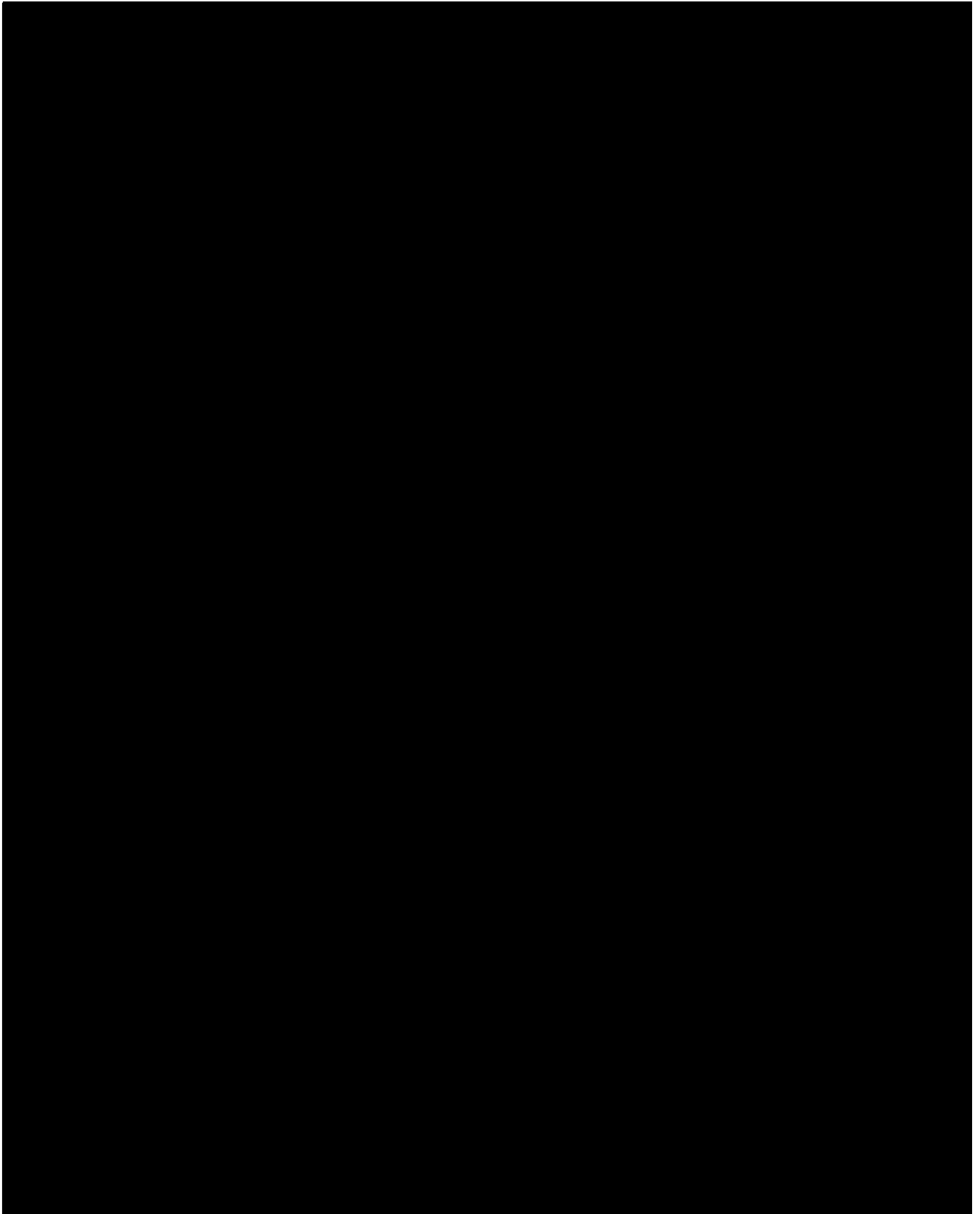
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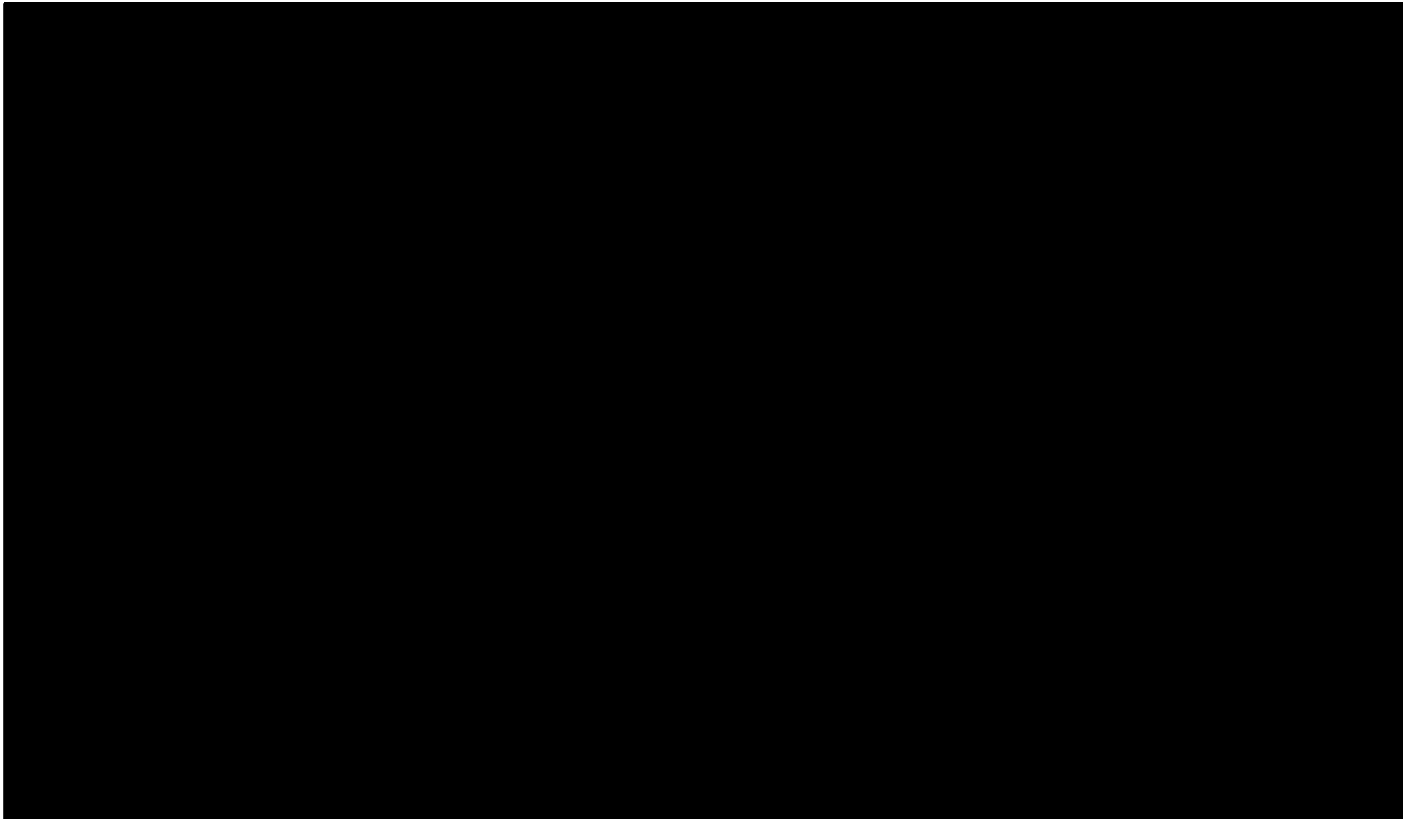
Comments: DO NOT WISH TO FUND IMPROVEMENTS
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MADE IN BRANXTON



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Comments: RE: MITCHELL'S FLAT ROAD, (EASTEND UNSEALED ROAD) FOR TEN/ELEVEN YEARS WE HAVE COMPAIGNED

FOR THIS DANGEROUS SECTION OF ROAD TO BE SEALED WE HAVE RECEIVED NO SUPPORT FOR A POSITIVE OUTCOME. I DON'T THINK GETTING 5.1% MORE MONEY WILL SEE IT DONE, WHICH ROADS

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~~BUT CONGRATULATIONS~~ Singleton Council Reply Paid 314, Singleton NSW 2330

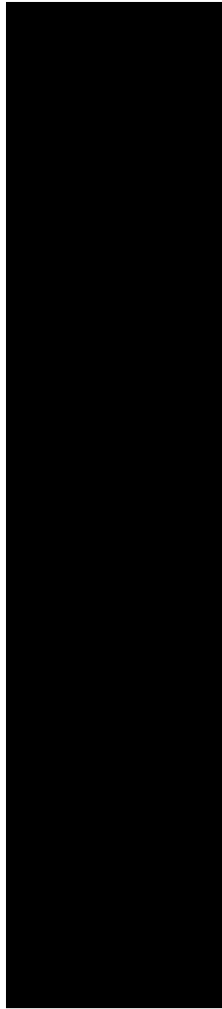
THE TOWN IS GOING IN A BETTER DIRECTION APART FROM OUR ROAD, 5 generations of an unsealed road

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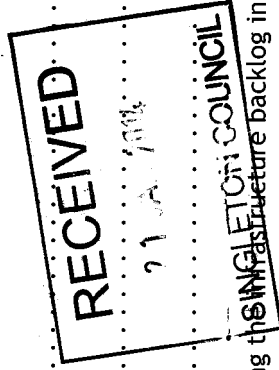
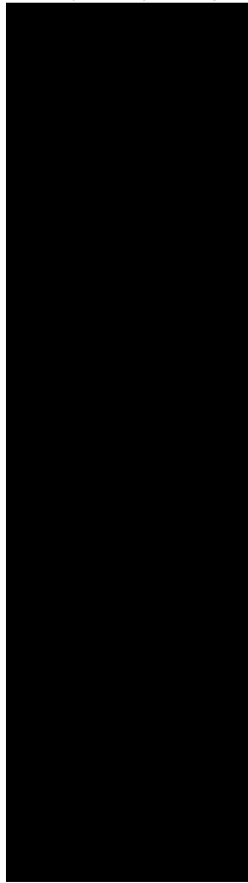
This council was elected to make hard decisions for the good of Singleton & Shine. They should make these decisions & not try to hedge their responsibility. They should Single

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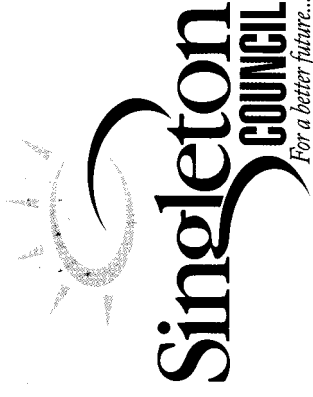
which Roads you propose to seal.

Mitchell's Flat Rd would be a priority

for me & my family.

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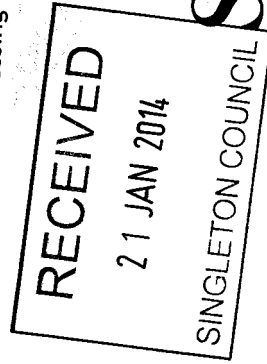
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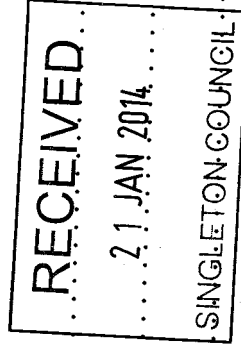
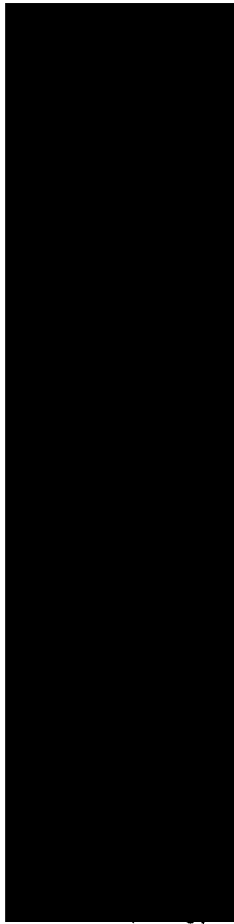


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You imply that on average the increase in nominal BUT those above will certainly pay heaps more. Council had already had above increases previously - should have been better managed

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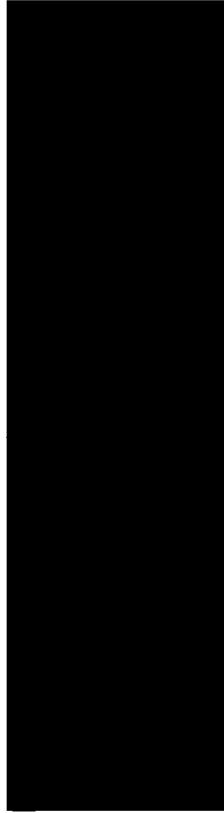
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Comments:

Use the nine million dollars council plan for the town centre and put it towards fixing the more important roads. THE RATES ARE HIGH ENOUGH

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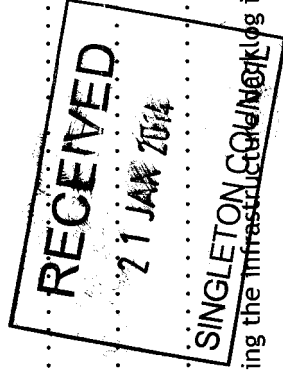
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Comments: If you support the Mount Thorely

Warkworth extension you'll get alot more money & support for your infrastructure projects, which will benefit the community.

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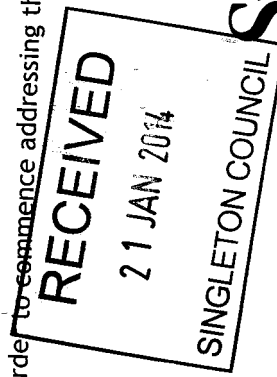


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Comments:

local people are still recovering from the global financial crisis, enough is enough.



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Comments: LEARN TO MANAGE YOUR FINANCES BETTER.
LET THE MINES PAY FOR ROAD MAINTENANCE FOR
RUNNING THEIR COAL TRUCKS ON COUNCIL ROADS.
THE MINERS ARE RUINING THIS COUNTRY.
LET THEM PAY.



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Comments:

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Comments:

*Let the mines pay
towards the upkeep of roads
they put all the traffic on them*



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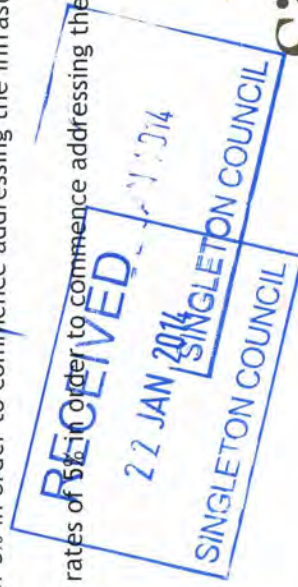
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Council stop & think about the home owners who only have the pension to live on. have no money in the bank - there is a lot of pensioners in this situation. Pensioners need now to be given far more off their rates than \$450.00 a year. Pensioners do not need to have this levy put onto them and it is also very unfair to them.

My main concern is for the pensioners. I feel if this increase is approved Council will keep on applying more levies on rate payers giving Council more & more money to waste like they do and the pensioners & low paid workers will be the ones to suffer. Wake up Singleton Council.

Council needs to review its Managers salaries within the Council as no one is worth the high salaries they are paid. this savings can then be used for the roads - leave the pensioners alone.



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Comments:

IF you can Throw \$5.71 Million for
Redevelopment, you don't need a
Singleton Gym x swimming pool
Increase in Rates

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Comments:

Please finish the cycleway in Buxton Ave.
Do we need to spend 9 million
on our main Street?



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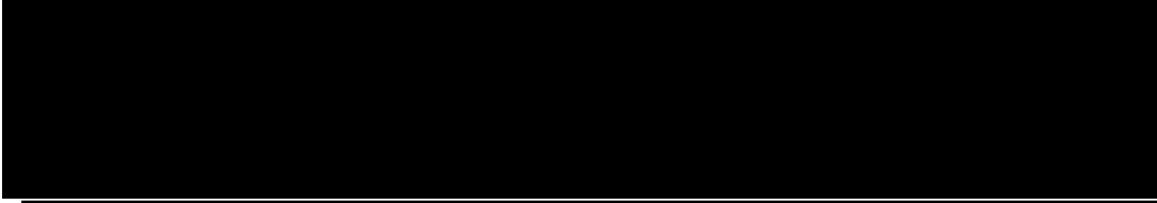
People walk down this hill

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E-mail Message



I am sure most people support the addressing of the infrastructure backlog in relation to local roads, however to ask for a permanent variation of 5% in rates, when I read some time ago Council has over \$40million invested "for future works", is a bit rich.

If that is the case here is a golden opportunity to spend some of that investment, which after all belongs to the residents of Singleton & District. Although it does not seem to appear in any recent Council correspondence the Public should be made aware of this investment when asked to increase such a rate rise. Was it called :An Internal restricted Asset Fund? On a positive side congratulations on recent series of grants received..Council is under better Management and running much more smoothly than previous recent years.



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Comments: I ONLY SUPPORT A PERMANENT VARIATION OF 5% IF ADDRESSING UNMAINTAINED ROADS SUCH AS COMMISSION ROAD ARE INCLUDED IN A MAINTENANCE PROGRAM.

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Comments: *SUGGESTIONS FOR COUNCIL TO SAVE MONEY & STOP RATE INCREASES:-*

1. *STOP RE-SURFACING SECTIONS OF ROADS THAT DO NOT REQUIRE IT. I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY TIMES OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS I HAVE DRIVEN TO WORK ALONG SECTIONS OF ROADS RE-SURFACED THAT I DON'T NEED IT.*
2. *DON'T HAVE PEOPLE RINGING RATE PAYERS FOR THEIR FEEDBACK TO THIS SUBMISSION.*

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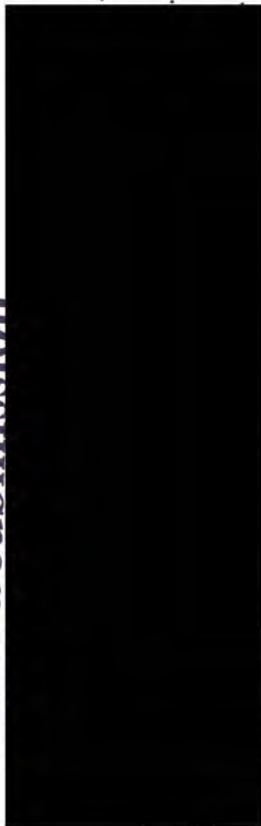
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Comments:

These are not the times to be asking ratepayers to pay more. Times are tough, people are being retrenched, families are struggling.

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Comments:

I am in favor of the increase but would like to see something done with the creek bridge over strawhope rd so we do not get flooded in.

white Line markings on Lambs Valley rd. During fog it is very difficult

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Comments:

WE PAY MORE FOR EVERYTHING IN SINGLETON - FOOD, FUEL, ESSENTIALS AND WE ARE
CONSTANTLY BEING RIPPED OFF BY MULTINATIONALS - LIFE FOR A PERSONAL
HERE IS HARD ENOUGH - MAKE THE MINING COMPANIES AND THEIR SUPPLIER
INDUSTRIES PAY THE EXTRA - THEY'RE THE ONES WITH MUNDERS OF VEHICLES
DESTROYING THE ROADS AND DRIVING THEIR 4x4s LIKE THEY STOLE THEM.
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Comments:

Pls, source funding from state & federal govts. to compensate for increased mine related traffic causing an impact onSingletons infrastructure.

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E-mail Message

Mr Thompson,

The council should like the majority of its citizens learn to live within its means!

As a Singleton resident and rate payer I am very disappointed with the campaign that is being delivered up to support what I believe to be an unnecessary rate increase "special rate variation".

The brochure sent out would make any pyramid seller proud (glossy and full of carefully presented statistics).

The call I received as part of the "Community Consultation" was biased to produce one answer... the key question being "are you willing to accept higher rates or do you want your roads to become unusable" (my interpretation of the question)... there was no other alternative offered!

My belief is that there is a very real third option... to live within our means! Singleton is populated by retirees (fixed incomes), local business people (facing ever increasing threats from external multinationals), farmers (poor prices and regular droughts) and coal miners (wondering for how much longer they will have a job) who are not in a position to just go out and get an increase in income at will. The council like the rest of us should therefore learn to live within its means!

Without looking very hard I see many examples of Singleton council's waste every day;

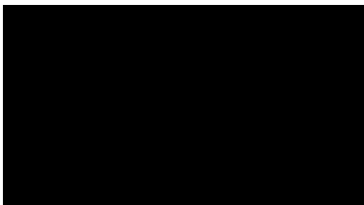
- Putting totally unnecessary curves in the new section of Wattle ponds road and the section of pioneer road between Wattle Ponds and Bridgeman road. (final price around 4 times the cost of a rural road)
- With the Pioneer road section... the pavement failed just after the road opened and there appears to be no follow-up with the contractor that built it to rectify the problems. (will it be the rate payer that ends up paying for the poor workmanship?)
- Signs warning of driveways that do not exist. (entry to the proposed shopping area near the intersection of Pioneer and Bridgeman roads)
- Replacement of large sections in the walkway that runs parallel to Bridgeman road (do not believe that approach taken was warranted, also a number

of the replaced sections have already cracked)

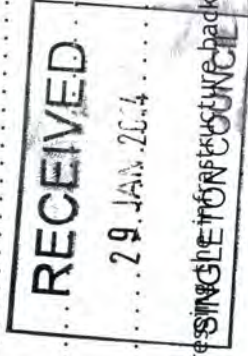
- Signs to say a footpath stops and another on the far side of a road to stay it starts again and signs to tell you that the footpath runs out (when it is totally obvious)!
- Stone monument to mark rose point park. (it is unnecessary in size, detracts from the sundial and is in no way aesthetically pleasing)
- Giant signs to mark the shire boundary
- Sending out 2 copies of the "For a Better Future" document (1 in letter box drop and another with the rates notice)

The 2.7% of additional rates equates to \$379,000/ annum (no special at \$321,000/ annum vs \$700,000/ annum) there appear to be a number of potential ways to stay with the standard rate rise (broadly in line with inflation, so why is this not enough?) and work within the available funds, potentially some areas of saving that I see are;

- Reduce waste as listed in the examples above.
- Be more modest in the scope associated with the town centre revitalisation. (cost vs benefit)
- Review waste pickup services. (as a 2 person household that recycle and compost in most cases a collection of my waste in a 2 weekly basis would be adequate... however would be useful to have a couple of additional tip vouchers for occasions where additional waste was created)
- 1 senior staff person was a \$270,000 saving, based on any large business that has not conducted a task review within recent years I have no doubt that there are other areas where staff levels could be reduced.
- Patch the damaged sections of the footpaths/ cycle ways do not replace whole sections.
- Given the towns already extensive and underutilised facilities why are we applying for funds for "a multi-purpose exhibition space" (proposals for funds require staff time to produce, building it will only be the first step as then it will then need to be managed and maintained)



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Comments:

YOUR REFERENCE TO UNDERTAKING A COMPREHENSIVE
REVIEW OF THE SERVICES" (P4 FOR A BETTER FUTURE, JANUARY 2014)
SHOULD BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO, NOT AFTER

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Comments:

We don't feel as though we can support this proposal as we see ~~subur~~ residential roads resurfaced that don't need doing. Our own village road hasn't been touched in 25 years!

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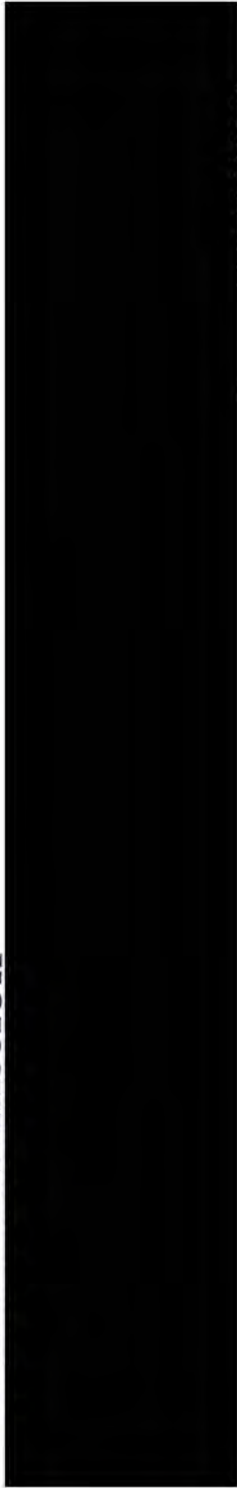
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Excluding Aldi. We save the financial of dollars shopping out of Singleton. Can prove it, if required.



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*As a not for profit we struggle to pay
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the budget for increases.*



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Comments:

I MAY CHANGE MY MIND IF COUNCIL
DID NOT HAVE RESTRICTED HOUSING REGULATIONS
THIS AREA, ONE CANNOT BUILD A HOUSE IN
THIS STREET, QUITE CRAZY. WILL NEVER GET
THIS STREET AGAIN. ANY PROBLEM HSE COULD
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IN THIS DAY & AGE NO PROBLEM, NO FLOOD

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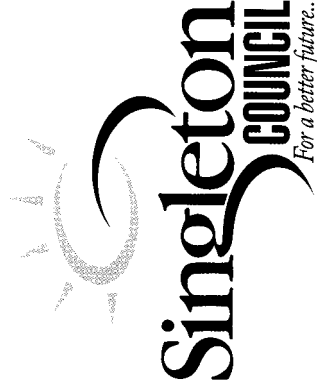
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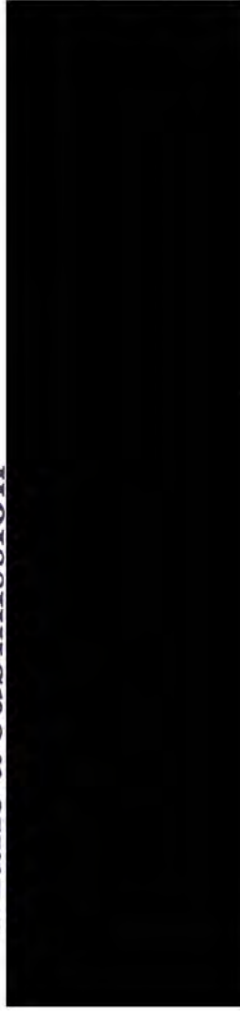
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Comments:

Do the people, that make the decision to raise our rates, live in the Singleton District and pay rates: Or do they just ^{visit} Singleton

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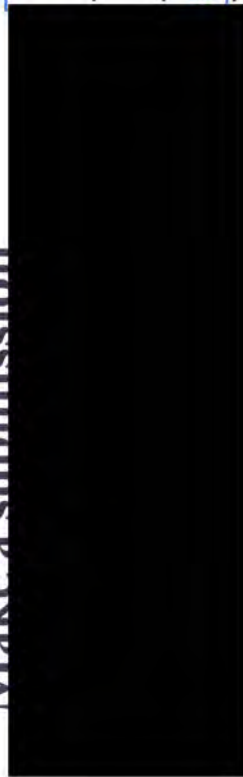
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Comments: any rate increase at this time. There is a major downturn in the economy. Families and businesses are struggling - doing it tough. It is urgent to impose further hardship on our community. Council needs to establish an industry, to create employment and bring life back, so that the situation in Singleton, does not become another "ghost town",
homes closing - banter blusters. Homes for sale but not selling. NO buyers.

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A very big worry that Singleton Council Reply Paid 314, Singleton NSW 2330 needs attention

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Comments: I would like to see some cost saving initiatives by Council + the community first, before asking for a rate rise.



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Comments: As a low income earner I cannot afford increased bills. Council must live within it's income. My street & the park flood every time it rains, would that be fixed, I'll bet not. Think and look at your current spending.

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I am not a ratepayer

Please choose one*
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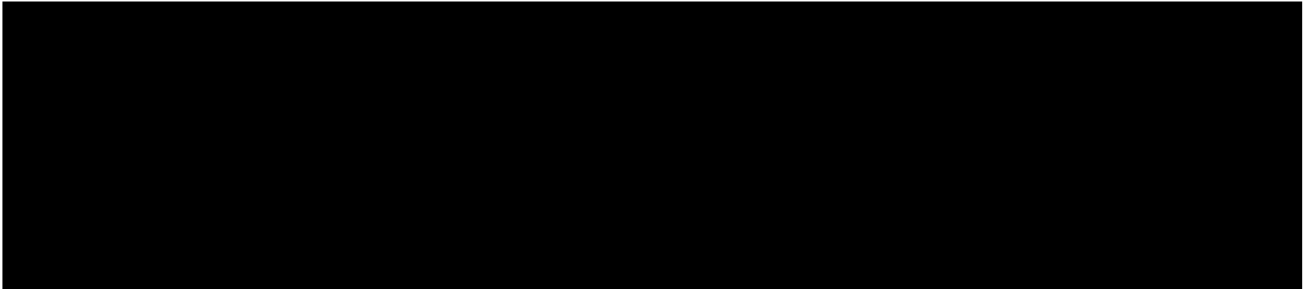
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Additional comments

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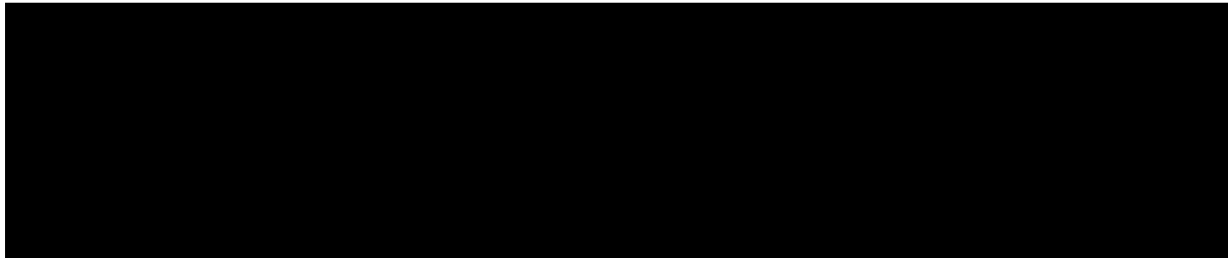
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Comments:

*both on age functions + cost of every day
living going up, we are not infrastructure*



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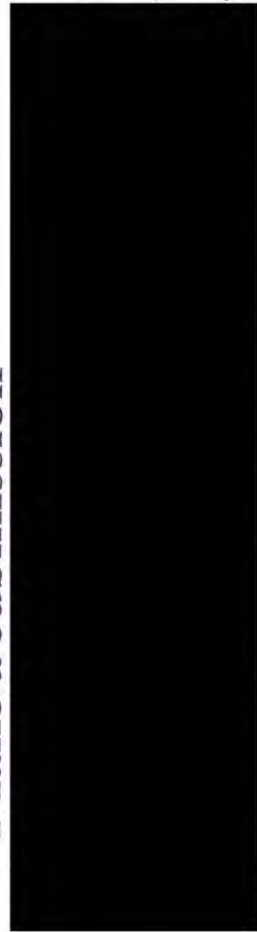
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Comments:

How many \$ were spent on the legal ease!!!
The rate payers are not bottomless pits. Please be better stewards, of the money you have all tightened the budget a improve productivity as we have to Singleton when money is short.

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Also make sure the road repair contracts are good quality. In the past the repairs have been second rate.

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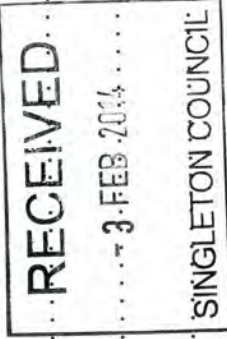
How much did the brochure cost to design & print -> why not an internet option to view this information.

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Comments: I DOUBT MIND A RISE OR CONDITION OF
COMMISSION ROAD RECEIVING FUNDING TO
UPGRADE IT.



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Comments:

Only if the concerns we have lodged regarding Variation 1a are addressed. Entry & maintenance.

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Comments: I already pay Singleton Council \$1853.69.
This proposal will mean an increase of \$92.68. Shouldn't local roads be state funded?
Maybe an audit of expenditure might prove more beneficial! ~~What if~~ No we

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Comments:

MONEY WOULD BE BETTER SPENT UPDATING THE
ROAD SIGNS AROUND TOWN ESPECIALLY "STOP" SIGNS
AS A LARGE NUMBER ARE OBSOLETE, GRAFFITIED,
WITH NO LINE MARKINGS ON THE ROAD.

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Examples
Comments:

① placing Singleton Sign at Belford
knowing a tree way was coming through -
② Concrete poured over a path behind old
library + pedestrian access shut off.
when a simple fence surrounding the
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would still give access.

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Comments:

Hoping this money is used for what it is proposed.



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Comments: We have requested over several years for the road drain along our frontage to be cleared to avoid flooding our entrance. So far to no satisfaction. Therefore at this stage we do not support SW need council. as we believe we do not get support from council.

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Comments:

*I think our rates are high enough
and it is up to federal government
state government to sort this out.*

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Comments:

LETS GET PUTTY VALEY ROAD
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Comments:

We believe Singleton Council is excessively focussed on road-related issues. More worthwhile spending priorities would benefit a greater proportion of the population e.g. shade structures at Alroyt Cook Parks, second skateboard facility, coffee/cante at Tourist Info, permanent display of art incl. winners of Sing. Art Prize.

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c.c. Lindy Hyam,

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We are opposed to the construction of a bridge at the locally known "Double Crossing" on Goorangoola Road, adjacent to the property of [REDACTED]. Even though we could potentially receive a very minor benefit from the bridge's construction, we do not believe the scale of benefit would justify the level of expenditure involved. In any case, other crossings, which would remain unbridged, would continue to prevent community members from travelling to Singleton in times of flood. The current level of inconvenience due to flooding of Goorangoola Creek is hardly major: being in most years perhaps 2-3 delays of 4-12 hours duration. "Double Crossing" is probably the least dangerous of the remaining unbridged crossings because of its considerable width.

In our view, there are much more worthwhile spending priorities for Singleton which would benefit a greater proportion of the population such as: construction of spectator shade structures at Alroy and Cook Ovals, a second skateboard facility in the old part of town, opening a cafe in the Tourist Information Centre, and establishing a site for permanent, major art displays including all past winners of the Singleton Art Prize.

Could you please bring our views to Councillors' attention. [REDACTED]

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Comments: *With so many workers travelling into our shire to work I believe it is their employers who should contribute together with the NSW Government. It is not up to the long time residents to do so. we did not ask all this industry to come here.*

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Comments: A lot of the local roads are used by travelling workers. The local community should not be disadvantaged by having to pay for their usage as well as ours.

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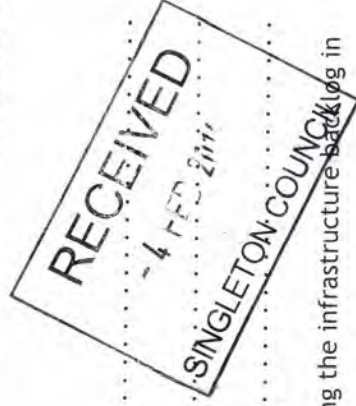
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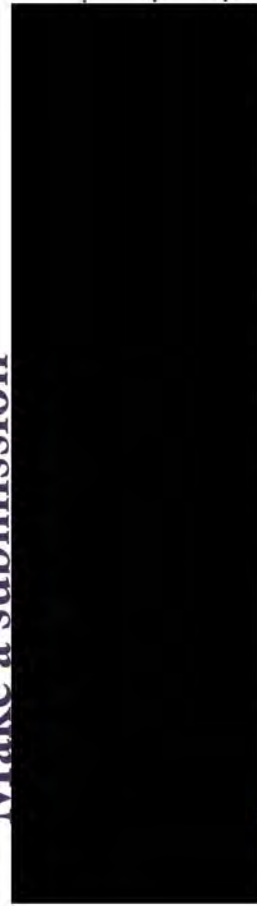
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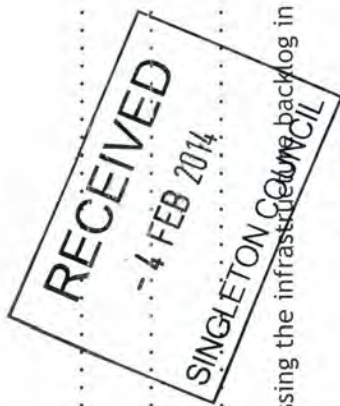
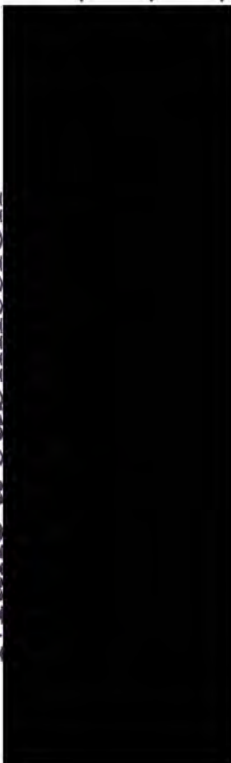
Absolutely, as Singleton cannot afford to fall behind in our "service delivery" and "strategic planning". We need to ensure we do not qualify for a position of a "weak financial" status.

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Comments:

Increase the rates for New Subdivisions and New dwellings such as Radford Park. Make the developers put some money into local infrastructure!



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Comments:

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Comments:

Our Rates are too high as they are. We can not afford an ~~rate~~ increase. My rates are higher than Sydney. Why Don't you work ~~to~~ within your budget. ^{Like} I have to do?

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Comments:

LEVIE BANK NEEDS INCREASING IN HEIGHT
1 MTR OF WATER IN OUR YARDS EVERY FLOOD
NO STORM WATER MANAGEMENT AT ALL BY COUNCIL
WATER LAYS THERE DUE TO NOT ENOUGH RUN OFF.



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BAD AREAS CROWN ST, CARLINGTON ST, VICTORIA ST, END OF CHURCH ST / RATE PAID FOR A BETTER FUTURE...
8 OF 45 YEARS.
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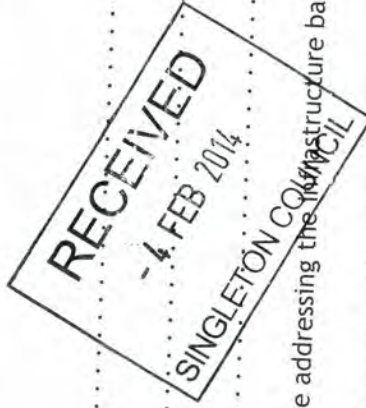
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Comments:

Very good news letter, one of the clearest communications I've seen from a council

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Comments:

Mitchells Flat Rd East End: has been sealed the other 1/4 has not. it is regularly graded over the years (Hyam) we have been there, the cost to grade would be for increase. i/ the road had been sealed in the first place.

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Comments:

ONLY MAYBE FOR 1 YEAR ONLY BUT NOT PERMANENTLY
ESPECIALLY WITH A NEW VALUE OF OUR LAND. AS WELL



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P.O. Box 314

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1-2-2014



Dear General Manager,

Enclosed is the form supplied on the Council pamphlet for January 2014 on which I have marked the square where I do not support a permanent variation of 5% increase.

My thoughts are that is a bit heavy considering this will be on top of whatever valuations have risen recently by the Valuer General.

I realize Council need extra funds for intended and ongoing works, also for any backlog that has built up.

I am not against a rise of some sought for a one year only and then consider if a rise is required the next year.

There is the possibility some pensioners if the rise becomes too great they may feel they may have to sell.

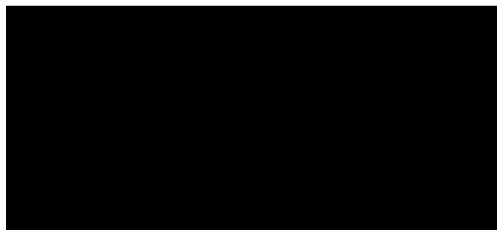
We were contacted by the firm Council hired to question ratepayers about the rise and if we were in favour of Council spending the money on intended and ongoing works.

I was disappointed in that we were not interested in talking about the rate rise only whether we were in favour of Council using the money on projects.

So the phone call was a bit disappointing and also short.

So I feel 5% is too much to be permanent but one year OK and spend the money as required for backlog or projects.

Yours faithfully



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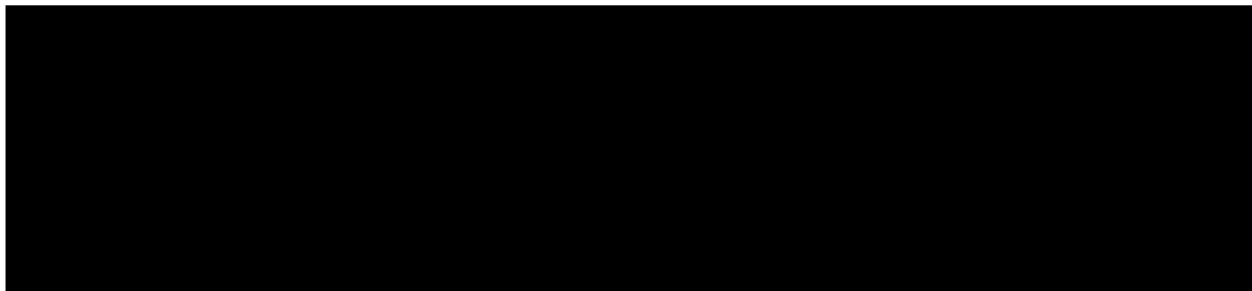
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Please choose one: I do not support a permanent variation of rates of 5% in 2014/15 in order to commence addressing the infrastructure backlog in relation to roads



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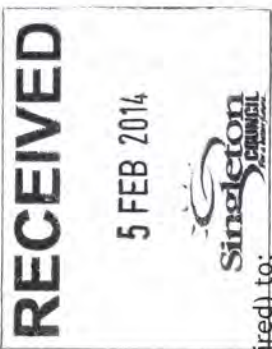


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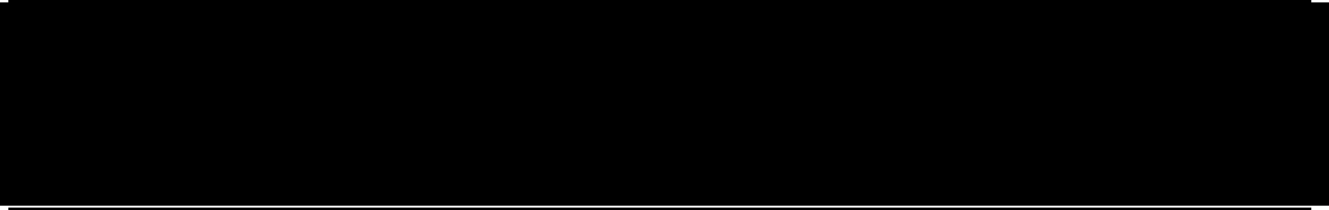
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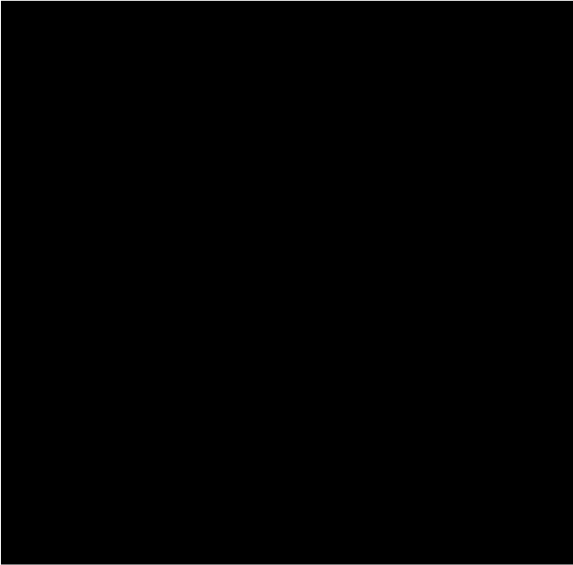


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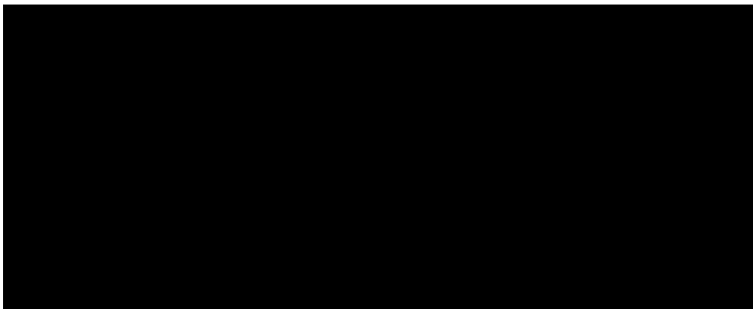
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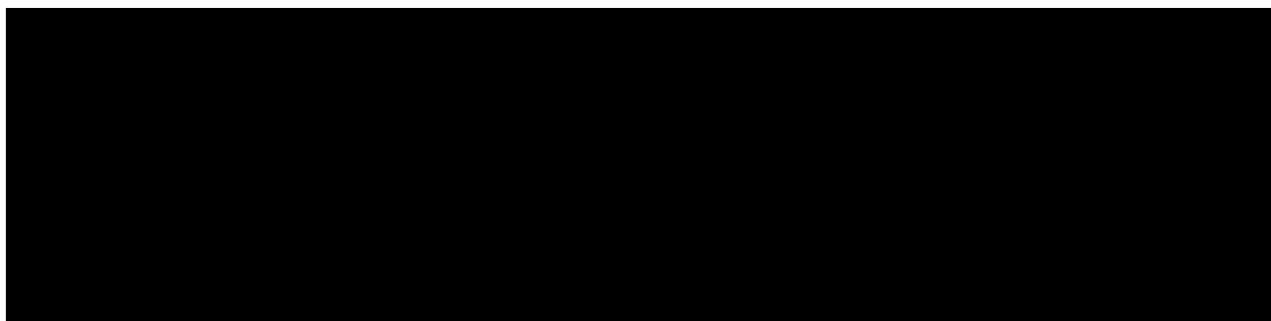
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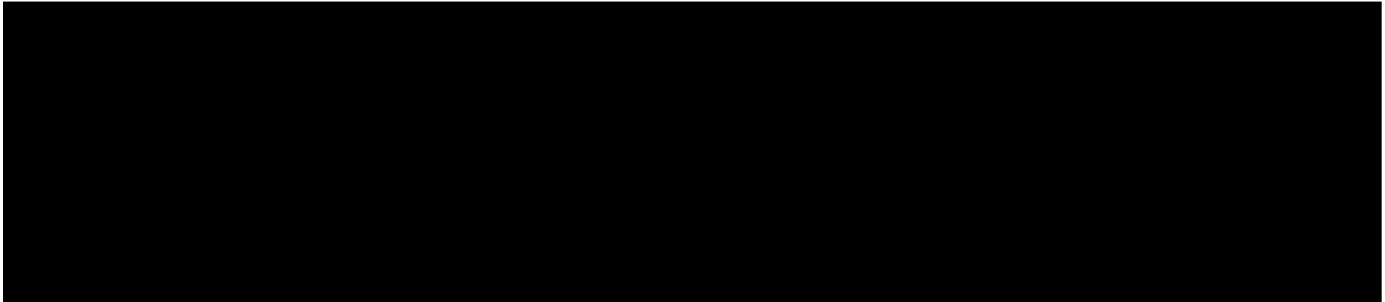
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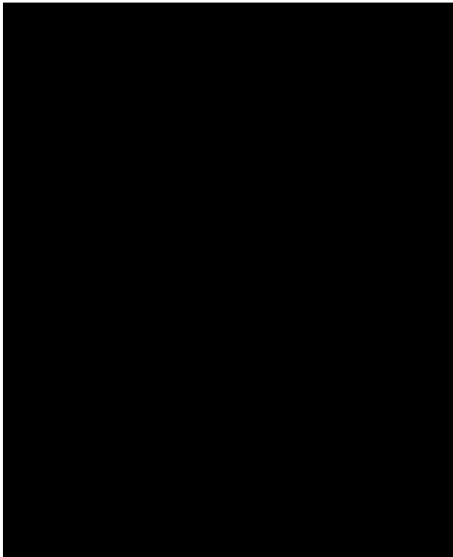
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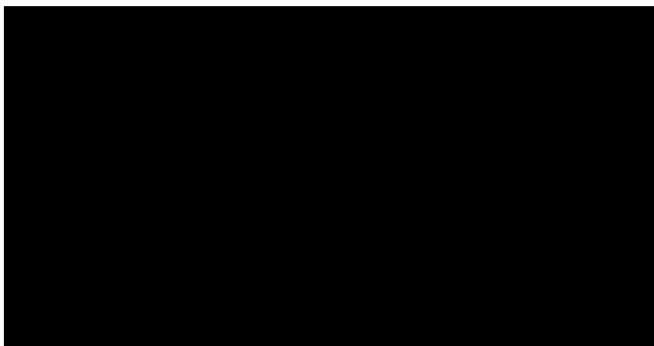
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[REDACTED]

We are residents and rate payers of Singleton Council. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

We make the following 2 separate submissions in support of the proposal by Singleton Council to seek a permanent rate variation of rates of 5% to solely fund the maintenance and improvement of local roads in the Singleton LGA.

Submission 1:

We note from Council's January 2014 newsletter how Council would propose to allocate the additional funding raised by this rate variation. We strongly submit that if this rate increase is approved then at least 50% of the additional revenue should be spent on sealing presently unsealed sections of local roads that carry a high level of local traffic. We would include the total length of the Putty Valley Road in this list of priority projects.

We also submit that Council should give serious consideration to taking responsibility (as Council local public roads) of some of the matrix of private rights of way that serve as the local road infrastructure in the [REDACTED] in the Howes Valley locality. Council approved the first stage of this subdivision in 1991. But although most of the property's connecting roads were surveyed and constructed at that time to a Council minimum rural unsealed road standard, the roads were not opened as public roads. Contrary to the EPA, Council nonetheless approved the subdivision without ensuring that each new lot in the subdivision had a practicable legal public road access to the Putty Road. This abysmal planning decision of Council has left the owners of the 28 properties in the [REDACTED] of having to maintain the interconnecting private roads that give them a singular access to the Putty Road at street address 4320 at a significant personal cost and effort since the early 1990's to the present date, and continuing.

Some of these roads have inevitably deteriorated to an unsound and unsafe condition, putting the landowners concerned and other users of the roads at daily risk of their safety. One of the private roads in question provides the only practicable access to Mount Poppong from the Putty Road. There is a large telecommunications tower on that mountain on which multiple State agencies have installed and need to maintain on a regular basis various transmission and receiving antenna. They include the NSW RFS, NSW Police, State Forests, Emergency Services, National Parks and Wildlife Service, NSW Ambulance and others. None of these State Agencies will accept any responsibility, or contribute any funds or support, to the local property owners for maintaining this vital access road from the Putty Road through the [REDACTED] to Mount Poppong. This continuing situation is a catastrophe waiting to happen. Hopefully Singleton Council can step into the breach to provide a sensible lead for these Agencies, who continue to do the emu thing (stick their heads in the sand and pretend that the truck rushing towards them will not hit them).

We understand that Council may never have the funds to seal all of these roads, including the important access road to Mount Poppong. That is not what we ask for. A single grader run over these roads every 2-3 years, with the addition of some road base, would keep them in a minimal trafficable standard that would then allow the affected owners at their own cost and with their own equipment

(mainly hand tools) to maintain them as best they can in the interim periods.

Council's decision in 1991 not to approve the opening of the interconnecting constructed roads through the [REDACTED] as local public roads had the inevitable result of relegating the property owners who subsequently purchased their properties in this estate to worse than a third world standard.

Who cuts and clears by hand the large trees that frequently fall across their roads blocking access - they do ! (most now in their twilight years with some serious health problems and no chain saw experience). Who reconstructs or repairs washed out bridges and culverts when they become impassable or very very dangerous - they do! Who cleans out road side gutters and constructs roll-overs with only hand tools available in all weather conditions - they do'. Who pays for the little bit of road base or new bridge planking when they can afford it - they do! Who freely give up their time and risk their life as volunteer fire fighters to fight fires in the locality and protect neighbours who are much better off than them- they do!

[REDACTED] do not receive any assistance or any tangible benefits in return from Singleton Council. [REDACTED] is 45 kms (and 50 minutes) from Singleton via the Putty road. [REDACTED] cannot therefore make any practicable use of the library facilities, swimming pool or other community facilities that Council provides for residents in the Singleton LGA. The Putty road is a main road. Although Council owns this public road, RMS has the full responsibility and cost of maintaining and improving it. Council also has consistently declined to provide any waste collection services to the [REDACTED]. Most Council staff and Councillors don't even know that we exist as a small but viable and enthusiastic community within the Singleton LGA who are all devoted to maintaining the ecological diversity and future well-being of our private native forest properties for posterity. In return for making that commitment and the personal sacrifices that it sometimes entails - we receive nothing from Council!

In summary, we support the 5% increase in rates that Singleton Council proposes to seek: provided however that a proportion of the funds generated by this increase is spent by Council in taking over responsibility (as the local public road authority) for the main connecting private access roads in the [REDACTED] and maintaining the unsealed surface of these roads from year to year to a minimal 2WD trafficable rural standard. We are not asking that these roads be sealed. We are only asking that they are generally maintained to a minimal standard and that the NSW Government Agencies that use these roads should also contribute to their maintenance and upkeep.


Submission 2:

We submit that Singleton Council should actively seek to amalgamate with its neighbouring Muswellbrook Council.

Both Council's have a similar rate base, with a strong mining component and a subsidiary agricultural and small business component. Their combined LGA would put them in the very centre, and at the heart, of the Upper Hunter. The economies of scale brought by such an amalgamation would inevitably benefit all residents and ratepayers in the existing LGA's of Singleton and Muswellbrook. We challenge Council to provide any study that would show that an amalgamation of the 2 councils and their LGA's would not be to the financial advantage of all ratepayers in both areas. The continuing conflict between Singleton Council and Muswellbrook Council as to whether the proposed new Hunter Rural Fire Service Control Centre should be established at Bulga (within Singleton LGA) or at some other location within the Muswellbrook LGA only confirms to us the obvious sense in both Councils coming together as one voice and reducing their total costs by the economies of scale that such an amalgamation would achieve.

[REDACTED]





Hello Mayor & Councillors & General Manager,


I do not agree with a special rate variation predominantly for the maintenance of roads UNLESS the Council sets a standard for ALL roads in the Shire.

We are told that, although the Council sets a "standard" for the construction of roads, the Council permits the construction of "SUB-standard" roads by some developers, and in developments in which the Council is involved.

Although there is much discussion amongst ratepayers and publicity in local print media regarding the deterioration of roads, there is never any explanation from the Council as to whether the roads showing the most deterioration and costing the most to maintain are of SUB-standard construction, or roads constructed to the council's standard.

We have been advised by a private (solicitor) developer that, when the council was insisting that he constructed roads in a new subdivision to the Council's standard, he successfully argued that he should be able to construct roads to the Council's SUB-standard, to which the Council finally agreed.

There is no information in the Community Update regarding the different standards of road construction, and whether developers who are permitted by Council to construct SUB-standard roads to lower their overheads are actually cheating the ratepayers of Singleton Shire in the longer term with respect to increased road maintenance costs AND SUBSEQUENTLY SPECIAL RATE VARIATIONS OF 5%.



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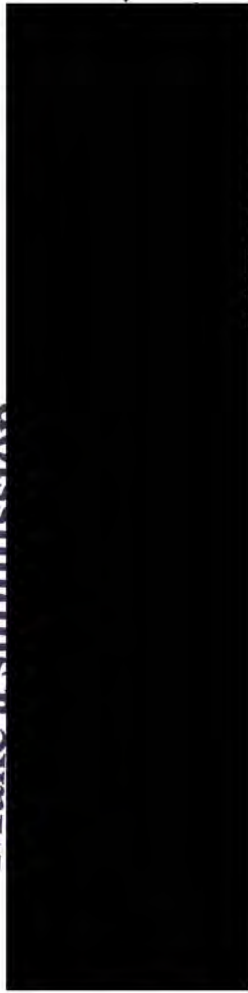
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SUCH AS AREA NEAR KELSO ST. ABSOLUTE DISGRACE.

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