

NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet ·  
52 Martin Place,  
Sydney New South Wales 2000

Dear Mr Dominic Perrottet – Premier of NSW

Urbenville: 8<sup>th</sup> September 2022

I, Katarina Schwottova, hereby bring to your urgent attention the following facts about the Financial mismanagement of Tenterfield Shire Council (TSC)

In 2014-15 IPART approved Special Rate Variation (SRV) for Tenterfield Shire Council as per the following:

FY 2014-15 15%  
FY 2015-16 10%  
FY 2016-17 10%  
FY 2017-18 10%

under the code 508A of 53.07% in TOTAL for those 4 years and to stay permanent.

Tenterfield Shire Council (TSC) followed these directions thoroughly.

The yearly rates notices are itemized without subtotals for rates and subtotals for water, sewerage, stormwater and items for waste. Ratepayers are confused when looking at Total on the yearly notice with the increase (not small) and talking about rate increase.

In April 2022 the TSC representatives visited Urbenville and brought with them several of very colourful documents

**Delivery Program 2022-2026, Operational Plan 2022-2023, Community Strategic Plan 2022-2032, Long Term Financial Plan 2022-2032, Community Engagement Strategy**

Sitting with the groups of residents (6 at the table) TSC have been carrying the discussions.

1. No one could talk about the figures proposed, object them or even discuss them, as no one have seen the documents before the day of the meeting. TSC representatives just brought them that morning and the left-over copies of documents were collected by TSC and taken with them. We have not been able to distribute these documents to the residents not able to attend and may be interested to see those documents.
2. There were NO meetings prior to April 2022, NO documents with proposals of TSC for discussion about the needs of the communities in the Shire. Despite these facts TSC reported:

4 Year Delivery Plan 2020/21 - In strategic direction planning DP2.03 – Review of Community Engagement Strategy and ongoing delivery:

Comments: Community engagement always has room for improvement, largely dictated by how much money is available to orchestrate. There have been many changes and many programs, Grant funding is one example, where Councillors & staff regularly seek community input.

**These were and are never practiced.**

3. In May 2022 in the TSC “Newsletter” in the Mayoral Message

Addressing Recent Community Discussions: “.... As part of the review of the Long Term Financial Plan, an application for Special Rate Variation (SRV) rate rise of 81% over two to three years has been proposed to fund current and future Council operation.....”

4. 5th July 2022 we organized a meeting with TSC to gain answers to some financial issues, capital works plan and “proposed” spending for next 5 years included in the documents brought to the meeting in April 2022.  
Our meeting was with CEO Darryl Buckingham, CFO Kylie Smith and our Councillor Tim Bonner in Tenterfield – 320 km return trip from Urbenville NSW 2475 - to discuss some concerns of our residents. Mainly the answers have been: “... all information and documents are on our website....” And “...we cannot move money between the restricted funds...”
5. Upon our return we CONDUCTED the thorough studies of the documents on the TSC and IPART websites.
6. 13<sup>th</sup> August 2022 Lee Ryan and myself called for Public Meeting in Urbenville Hall to inform residents about the first findings, that there is No breach in Rates charges, but the increase is in Water and Sewer charges. Every attendee was given hard copies of detailed agenda and attachments with calculations to be taken with them.

### **OUR FINDINGS: (from data accessible on website of Tenterfield Shire Council)**

In 2015-16 Under the Code 508A the IPART in 2014 approved SRV for 4 years in total 53.07% and thereafter permanent. The TSC situation was:

Population: 6990 (Census 2011)

TSC : 92 employees

Wages: \$6,611.000

**Income:** Rates and base rates: \$3,404.000

Water/ sewerage / storm water \$4,160.000

**Loans: \$4,595.000**

Interest to be paid from SRV between \$30k -\$60k and at the end \$10k (TSC document from 2014 lodgement to IPART)

**In 2020-21** Data for 2022 not available on website yet from audited reports

Population: 6798 (Census 2021) – decrease 192

TSC : 112 employees equivalent to FTE

Wages: \$8,473.000

**Income:** Rates and base rates: \$4,467.000

Water/ sewerage / storm water: \$6,108.000 = 46.83% increase from 2015-16

**Loans: December 2021: 13,358.789 increased in March 2022 to \$19,016.929**

Interest paid \$700.000 yearly, Loans on 20 years terms, therefore TSC has bigger borrowing capacity to acquire more loans to cover bad management.

The ordinary rates are in line with the approved SRV.

The increase is in Water / Sewerage (ATTACHEMENT # 1)

As per rates payer's notices in 2021-2022 & 2022-2023 further increases occurred, therefore as per now a TOTAL increase in Water /Sewerage is 63.85% against 2015-16.

In comparison increases for same period:

Kyogle Shire council	36.89%	Glen Innes Severn Council	22.73%
Richmond Valley Council:	21.74%	Clarence Valley Council	11.78%

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In 2018-19 \$77.00 Water Infrastructure charge was added to Rates notices for 2160 ratepayers in shire.

In Media release 19 August 2019 after the Rates Notices have been issued It was explained, that "\$77.00 Water Infrastructure charge had to be introduced ..." to part fund the Tenterfield Water Treatment Facility"... Total project was \$9.645.000.

In TSC Annual report 2018-19 page 49 DP23:01 it was stated - "...Successful funding of \$7 million" as In March 2019 \$7 million was granted to TSC for this project by NSW State Government.

Next Financial year 6<sup>th</sup> June 2020 TSC received another grant of \$2,645million for this project by Federal Government from Building Better Regions Fund.

**NOTE: Despite the whole project is fully funded by grants, the charge of \$77.00 stayed fraudulently every year for 2160 ratepayers, even in current financial year 2022-2023 consequent 5<sup>th</sup> year.**

In the same year 2018-19 when TSC collected previous Water grants in value of \$4,488.000 and increased water/sewer income by 19% from 2014-15 in excess of \$1,433.000, TSC used these to increase

**WAGES...!!!**

In 2017-18 the total wages have been \$6,604.000 and in 2018-19 they jumped to \$8,244.000 and in 2019-20 to \$8,751.000 Total increase of 32.51%.in 2 years. No increase in FTE

**This event was stated in Auditor's Report Notes:**

1. General Purpose Financial Statement Financial year June 2019: Auditor's report page 79 of 84 (2) ..." increase in grants and contribution ...\$7,4 million and decrease in other grants used increases of \$1.6 million in employee benefits expenses and material cost increase.
2. General Purpose Financial Statement Financial year June 2020: Auditor's Report page 85-86 (1&2) ..."Rates and annual charges revenue (10.3 millions) increase by \$675.000 ...due to rate peg increases an a new water infrastructure annual charge....

**Repeted NOTE: Despite the whole project is fully funded by grants, the charge of \$77.00 stayed fraudulently every year for 2160 ratepayers, even in current financial year 2022-2023 consequent 5<sup>th</sup> year.**

Same pages: ..."other expense increase of \$489,000 due to additional cost incurred for new phone system and IT system support.."

NOTE: Cost for new phone system for 112 employees??? and not all of them working in the Administrative building. The grant of \$50,000 for IT upgrade was received as well.

**Council's income is from public money, rates, charges, fees and other income plus State and Federal Government Grants.**

**LG ACT 1993** : Where services are subsidised through general rate income, it is on the basis that Council plays an important role in ensuring access and participation to ALL residents for the use of these community based programs and services.

Therefore, they have to be accountable, transparent, maintain consultations and look after the needs of the community.

The TSC Website is full of reports, for example Monthly reports FY 2022 are between 350-450 pages!!!! In FY 2017 same monthly reports were 89 pages. Even our Councillor admitted he doesn't read the whole reports and said that Councillors are objecting to the size of them.

THERE IS NO MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT, TO SEE THE COUNCIL'S MONTHLY PERFORMANCE, IT ONLY COMES TO THE WEBSITE IN NOVEMBER - 4 MONTHS AFTER THE END OF FINANCIAL YEAR.

We are asking for clear reports for ratepayers in figures: budget column /revenue income & grants in separate columns /than column for actual month figures and next to it cumulative figures of actuals.

**The Council Reporting needs overhaul very quickly, simplified monthly financial reports so we CAN follow what is happening in our Shire.**

## THE BUDGET

After viewing the budget it appeared as a big mess as well. Three (3) Quarterly reviews, funds shifted and only in explanation in "big soup" - after the amount for the project was taken out it is not transparent where the amount was shifted.

We want to see the report of individual infrastructure achievements. Columns for Budget (or Project value) funding – 2 columns: one from council revenue and second from grants/, column of actual figures monthly and next to it column for cumulative. In the Explanation: Variations to the project and where the funds are coming from. Same transparency for all other expenses.

Due to these messy (3) budget reviews **SHIFTING OF EXTERNALLY RESTRICTED FUNDS OCCURRED**. Examples:

### 1. 2021 December QBR (Quarter Budget Review)

Water supply (\$33,000) – reduce operational income

Sewer (43,000) - reduce operational income

**NOTE: Our Water charges 2020-2021 have been \$300,000 higher against 2019-20 financial year!**

2. 2022 March QBR	WATER FUND	(\$247,803) was transferred to GENERAL FUND
	SEWER FUND	(\$171,252) was transferred to GENERAL FUND
	WASTE FUND	( \$73,446) was transferred to GENERAL FUND

Another Extract from:

3. General Purpose Financial Statement Financial year June 2021 page 87 of 92 (3) Auditor's Report

...." Council acknowledges it has used externally restricted funds for purpose other than their intended use..."

Next paragraph reads: ..."Council is unable to verify that funds raised by SRV or charges were not used to pay for general fund expenses. Council acknowledges it may have used restricted SRV and charges funds for purpose other than their intended use without Ministerial approval.

**Breaches Section 409 & 410 of ACT 1993**

**OUR QUESTION:**

**Is someone actually reading these reports, checking how income from charges and grants are used until is TOO LATE?**

**OTHER FINDING**

TSC Mayoral message in MAY 22 NEWSLETTER

..." The General Fund covers roads, bridges and other transport infrastructure, buildings, wages and depreciation (depreciation totals more than a third of our budget)....."

NOTE : We are aware, that depreciation is not money out....

Further in the same Newsletter: ..." The Administrative building was refurbished to include an Emergency Control centre, while redoing the external cladding due to deterioration.....The refurb was initially funded through \$200,000 government fund, \$200,000 of Council co-funding for the Emergency Centre, \$813,000 from sale of the Mobile Service Station and \$500,000 brought forward from the Maintenance and asset renewal budget. The unforeseen structural repairs have been financed from council funds. The total cost is \$2,078,000.

1. In the "proposed " documents brought to the April 2022 meeting there is in the budget capital works further \$300,000 for Roof restoration in 2022-23 due to too heavy cladding what roof could not structurally carry .

Our Questions are:

- a) The contract for Admin building refurbishment was awarded to BJS Constructions in value \$1,137,886 (originally the need for Emergency Centre in Tenterfield dollar for dollar \$200k grant/ \$200k from Council funds)
- b) Where is the Engineer's report before cladding was done, what kind and how much should be installed
- c) \$813,000 the proceeds of sale an asset, we understand under discretion of TSC, after years of drought, fires and flood damages in rural areas of the shire, if TSC is acting in the interest of the community the money should go for the community needs (damaged roads, parks, community buildings...) use of proceeds \$813,000 from sale of the petrol station shouldn't be under TSC discretion only.

## FINAL SUMMARY of Findings about bad TSC performance.

1. Increase in Wages in 2018/19 by \$1.6million is creating yearly SHORTFALL in General Operating fund

2018-19	\$1,6million	\$1,600million
2019-20	\$1.6million +3.5% + further \$507.000 increase	\$2,163million shortfall
2020-21	\$2,163million +3.5%	\$2,249million shortfall
2021-22	\$2,249million + 3.5%	\$2,327million shortfall
2022-23	\$2,327million +3.5%	\$2,409million shortfall
	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$10,748 million shortfall</u>

2. Overspending on Administration building renovation

Cost reported in May 2022	\$2,078.000	
2022-23 roof rebuild	\$ 300.000	
Original Budget		\$1,137.886
	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$1,240.114 overspent</u>

3. \$77.00 Infrastructure charges for Tenterfield Water Treatment

Fraudulent charges to 2160 rate payers from 2018-19	
\$77.00 x 5 years x 2160 ratepayers	
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$831.600 unlawful.</u>

4. Restricted Funds shifting to General Fund

<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$492.501 Not Ministerial approval</u>
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5. Total charges for water & sewerage plus GRANTS RECEIVED (ATTACHEMENTS 1 & 2)

From FY 2016 to FY 2021 (Note data not issued for detailed funds spending in FY 2015)

**Collected: \$42,017.000                      Expenses: \$17,826.000**

NOTE: all data were extracted from TSC reporting.

- a) The reports on Expenses are incorrect or
- b) Funds have NOT been spent on the intended purpose (example FY 2021)

6. Loans taken as per today and all previous loans are on long term mainly 20 years repayment.

Councils are allowed to take loans from the bank on long terms 15-20 years. Long terms lower repayments create opportunity to borrow more than is covered by income from rates and charges and it creates enormous spending in interest. From 2022 FY interest \$900.000 yearly. Council executives are mainly on contract 12 months to 5 years. Meaning the misuse of funds and bad management has to be fixed by next executives and ratepayers.

These discoveries are WARNINGS of mismanagement, ignorance and despotic decisions of TSC management, previous and current.

Working with public funds and reporting only yearly, budget shifting quarterly and NO regular LG Ministerial control gives strong possibility for mismanagement, funds shifting, wrong reporting and misuse of funds. Only in cumulative reporting it could be transparent how the funds are used and maybe unlawfully shifted.

This increase in loan interest and shortfall caused by increased wages is forcing TSC to ask for another SRV, that all ratepayers have to cover.

I am appealing on behalf of residents of Tenterfield Shire:

Please **DO NOT ALLOW FURTHER SRV to Tenterfield Shire Council**, as breaches of LG ACT 1993 are evident, spending on wages in 2018-2020 creating ongoing Shortfall, benevolent spending and loans interest, and beautifying the buildings in Tenterfield only. (These issues have been already stated by Tenterfield Progress Association in 2014 Submission to IPART).

In 2019 The Ratepayers Petition (784 signatures) –was part of Ordinary meeting on 27 November 2019 asking to stop further increase of rates and charges. (Copy is attached as well)

**Note:** The same year the TSC increased wages by \$1.6million for 100 employees.

I am retired former Financial Controller for more than 30 years in Australia and I moved to Urbenville NSW two years ago.

As my new friends and neighbours have been complaining about huge yearly “rates” increase I offered my help to look into it. Because the Reports on the website are so complicated, it took me two (2) months to prepare this “Report”.

I only hope, that SOMEONE will pay attention this time, as the serious issues went unnoticed in the huge online reports.

We definitely wouldn't like the situation of Central Coast Council mismanagement leading to the bankruptcy to repeat in Tenterfield shire.

Your sincerely

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IPART - CARMEN DONNELLY PSM – CHAIR

IPART - LIZ LIVINGSTON CEO ,2-24 RAWSON PL, SYDNEY NSW 2000

CHRIS MINNS - LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION

GREG WARREN - SHADOW MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

URBENVILLE PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

GRANTS AS AT 30 JUNE		2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
GENERAL OPERATING		2621	2679	4133			1588	1636
BUSHFIRE	OPERATING	182	237	97		413	313	X
	CAPITAL	X	X			198	X	X
ROADS & BRIDGES	CAPITAL	X	X			7926	2865	15844
LOCAL ROADS	OPERATING	1569	1558	2343			839	824
PENSIONER RATE SUBSIDY		66	70	75				
OTHER RESTRICTED FUNDS	SPECIFIC	265	326	400				
CRITICAL DRAUGHT	CAPITAL	X	X				2248	793
	OPERATING	X	X				1332	X
DISASTER RECOVERY	OPERATING	X	X				3199	1261
TRANSPORT (RECOVERY)		768	2087	1353				
GRANT WATER		1						
GRANT SEWERAGE		1						
			XXX	XXX				
COMMONWEALTH FUND	OPERATING	4958	6324	7829		6643	8552	8333
	CAPITAL	X	395	1675		9318	762	5963
STATE FUND	OPERATING	513	633	572		2591	3859	3593
	CAPITAL	686	465	8			5364	13837
<b>EXPENSES</b>								
EMPLOYEE COST		5867	5970	6682	6485	8041	8751	8473
FTE				88	81	24% +2018 & 9% IN 2019	AWARD INCREASE/ REDUNDANCY	
MATERIAL		2649	2820			2378	3189	2752
CONTRACTS		535	395				5366	3514
							DRAUGHT/STORM DAMAGE	
GRANTS FUNDED RATES CREDIT	*****							493
DONATIONS		72	32					729
ASSETS WRITTEN OFF		-172	-110					2564
STORMWATER DRAIN						109	100	100
WATER NETWORK						607	711	711
SEWER NETWORK						469	479	488
SUBSCRIPT/PUBLICATION	*****						209	
<b>OTHER RESTRICTED FUNDS</b>								
GENERAL FUND	CHARGES					2833	2575	1345
WATER SUPPLY	CHARGES	466	537			2191	1030	590
STORMWATER MANAGEMENT		6	6			2788	990	1032
SEWER FUND		169	160				3528	4846
DOMESTIC WASTE MANAG						501	2949	3109
<b>BORROWING</b>								
						NON CURR./CURRENT		
WATER				3627/127	6351/327	6111/448(316)	5931/237	
SEWER NETWORK				1929/74	1849/80	1763/115	1670/93	
DOMESTIC WASTE MANAG					544 CUR	233/159	X/X	
<b>LOANS TOTAL</b>								
					LOANS ARE SECURED OVER THE GENERAL RATING INCOME OF COUNCIL			
					7597	10055	9603/707	12905/804
<b>CAPITAL COMMITMENTS</b>								
WATER SUPPLY	X		5761		30	33	582	9046
PLANT & EQUIPMENT		358	569				1821	X
SEWER NETWORK.	X	X			326	49	21	100
ROADS	X		1709		151	177	2594	4252
BUILDINGS		21	X		x	299	1484	362
PARKS		415	X					
			7751 NEXT YEAR					
SALARY INFLATION						3.50%		
<b>SOURCES TO PAY FOR IT</b>								
<b>UNRESTRICTED GENERAL FUND</b>								
UNTIED					44	X		
UNSPENDED LOANS		415					52	458
UNSPEND GRANTS			142					
FUTURE GRANTS & CONTRIBUTION	X		4400		151	313	3729	12808
EXTERNAL RESTRICT RESERVE			486		356	82	74	779
INTERNAL RESTRICT RESERVE		379	569		211	466	2863	X

**RESULTS BY FUNDS - WATER /SEWER**

**ATTACHEMENT # 2**

	WATER							TOTALS	SEWERAGE							TOTALS
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021		2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	
RATES & CHARGES	797	878	812	827	917	1179	1238	6648	1575	1625	1762	1825	2000	2218	2344	13349
USER CHARGES	638	710	966	1079	1112	865	1355	6725	56	67	127	124/165	188	158	234	830
INTEREST		47	26	23	11	18	6	131		35	40	36	2	21	7	141
OTHER REVENUE		13	10	609	5	4	-72	569		19	18	628	13	12	84	774
GRANT OPERATION		120	106	125	125	1509	218	2203		25	26	26	28	28	27	160
GRANT CAPITAL		420	1876	2226	20	2300	1670	8512		13	17	X	22	33	16	101
RENTAL/OTHER			X			X					X	33	24	X		57
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>1435</b>	<b>2188</b>	<b>3796</b>	<b>4889</b>	<b>2190</b>	<b>5875</b>	<b>4415</b>	<b>24788</b>	<b>1631</b>	<b>1784</b>	<b>1990</b>	<b>2548</b>	<b>2277</b>	<b>2470</b>	<b>2712</b>	<b>15412</b>
EMPLOYMENT	****	574	581	671	755	847	542	3970	****	450	459	482	434	279	270	2374
BORROWING COST	****	21	21	33	159	225	225	684	****	170	165	160	155	149	142	941
MATERIAL AND CONTRACT	****	339	350	633	878	1979	958	5137	****	315	279	437	640	664	636	2971
OTHER EXPENSE	****	232	243	141	71	105	76	868	****	189	195	132	79	79	93	767
LOSS OF ASSET DISPOSAL	X	X	X	X	25	X	18	43	****		X	X	X	X	23	23
WATER PURCHASE	X	X	X	48	X	X		48	****	X	X	X	X	X	X	0
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1166</b>	<b>1195</b>	<b>1526</b>	<b>1888</b>	<b>3156</b>	<b>1819</b>	<b>10750</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1124</b>	<b>1098</b>	<b>1211</b>	<b>1308</b>	<b>1171</b>	<b>1164</b>	<b>7076</b>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>	****	527	556	594	630	747	734	3788	****	754	783	457	484	495	507	3480
<b>NON CURRENT LOANS</b>	****	314	304	3627	6351	6111	5931	5931	****	2071	2003	1929	1849	1763	1670	1670

LOANS TOTAL	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
			\$4,595	\$7,690	\$10,055	\$10,310	\$13,708

NOTE \*\*\*\*\* DETAILS NOT AVAILABLE ON WEBSITE FOR WATER AND SEWERAGE FUND EXPENSES

**ATTACHMENT # 1**

**STATISTICS FROM TSC WEBSITE REPORTS REGARDING WATER & SEWERAGE CHARGES**

FINANCIAL YEAR	WATER & SEWERAGE (\$\$\$)MIL YEARLY FINANCIAL REPORTS	TOTAL VALUE YEARLY INCREASE VERSUS 2014	% INCREASE FROM 2014 CUMULATIVE	OPERATING WATER & SEWERAGE GRANTS	CAPITAL WATER & SEWERAGE GRANTS	TOTAL WATER & SEWER INCOME INCL GRANTS	TOTAL EXPENSES TSC FINANCIAL REPORTS	TOTAL INCL. WATER		
								OPERATING GRANTS UNTIED TOTAL \$ MIL	OPERATING GRANTS RESTRICT TOTAL \$ MIL	CAPITAL GRANTS TOTAL \$ MIL
	A			B	C	A + B + C				
,14/15	3872	****	****	****	****	****	****	4256	1215	686
,15/16	4160	288	7%	145	433	4738	2290	4307	2650	860
,16/17	4281	409	11%	1032	1893	7206	2293	6551	1850	3312
,17/18	4608	736	19%	151	2226	6985	2737	4634	1369	3866
,18/19	5181	1309	34%	153	42	5376	3196	4950	9234	9439
,19/20	5802	1930	50%	1537	2333	9672	4327	5000	9331	6126
,20/21	6108	2236	58%	245	1687	8040	2983	5095	6831	19800
,21/22****	*6311	2030	63%			*6311				
,22/23****	* 6816	2535	71%			*6816				
<b>TOTAL WATER &amp; SEWER 22 &amp; 23 FY EXCLUDED</b>	<b><u>30140</u></b>	<b><u>6908</u></b>		<b><u>3263</u></b>	<b><u>8614</u></b>	<b><u>42017</u></b>	<b><u>17826</u></b>	<b><u>34793</u></b>	<b><u>32480</u></b>	<b><u>44089</u></b>

NOTES

\*\*\*\* DATA NOT AVAILABLE ON WEBSITE YET

DATA FROM MEETING PAPERS JUNE		CASH IN BANK 30 JUNE 2022	CASH IN BANK 30 JUNE 2021	CASH IN BANK 30 JUNE 2020	CASH IN BANK 30 JUNE 2019	CASH IN BANK 30 JUNE 2018	CASH IN BANK 30 JUNE 2017
IN \$MIL	WATER	\$814	\$575	****	***	****	****
	SEWER	\$5,794	\$4,830	****	****	****	****
	WASTE	\$7,255	\$3,091	****	****	****	****
	STORMWATER	\$1,014	\$1,030	****	****	****	****
FROM REPORTS	TOTAL	****	\$9,029	\$6,394	\$7,925	1,150	\$1,248

INVESTMENTS \$9,029 \$8,366 \$10,333  
 LOAN REPAYMENTS \$940 \$915 \$770

NOT CLEAR IF CASH IN THE BANK DOESN'T INCLUDE LOANS UNUSED FUNDS.????

**ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, 27 NOVEMBER 2019**

**ATTACHMENT BOOKLET 1**

Attachment No. 1      Ratepayers' Petition

Attachment 1

SCANNED

TENTERFIELD SHIRE COUNCIL		
7 NOV 2019		
ICR00198870		
	Action	Info
(1)		
(CO)		
(CO)		
MCSGR	✓	

Mayor Peter Petty,  
Deputy Mayor Greg Sauer,  
Tenterfield Shire Council

7 November 2019

Presented in person

Dear Mayor, Deputy Mayor,

Ratepayers' Petition

These 784 petition signatures represent a Shire wide appeal to Councillors to spare struggling ratepayers another year of double digit percentage increases in Council's fees and charges.

In commending this petition for Councillors' consideration, I would like to express the hope that there will be a positive response thereto.

Kind regards,



Peter Murphy  
Petition Moderator

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