10 November 2014

The General Manager
Eurobodalla Shire Council
PO Box 99
MORUYA NSW 2537

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK – SPECIAL RATE VARIATION

I am writing on behalf of the members of the Rosedale Association Inc (RAI) to object to Council's proposed special rate variation, as outlined in the *Funding our Future* brochure.

RAI members/ratepayers already pay much higher annual residential rates than the average of $818.30 per annum quoted in your brochure, with many in Rosedale paying more than double your quoted average. Despite the higher than average rates, Council provides little by way of infrastructure and services to Rosedale residents. Many in Rosedale are also paying out additional funds each year to empty and maintain their septic systems and have them inspected by Council. Rosedale ratepayers have also paid additional sums to Council for surveys and planning work for the proposed Rosedale and Guerilla Bay Sewerage Scheme, with additional unspecified amounts still to be paid.

We note that there are no projects proposed for Rosedale in your new package of community and transport infrastructure projects, as set out in the *Funding our Future* brochure. As you are aware, the RAI rarely asks Council to fund projects within Rosedale, as our interest is in maintaining the bush setting and minimising the impact of development in the hamlet. I note, however, that our request to Council to fund repairs to a beach path in north Rosedale did not receive a positive response (*our letter to the General Manager dated 5 June 2014 and subsequent onsite meeting with Wayne Hutton refers*).

In conclusion, we suggest that Council look at other options to fund community and transport infrastructure projects, rather than impose even higher rates on landowners within the Shire. On behalf of RAI members/ratepayers, I ask that you register our opposition to your special rate variation proposal.

I am happy to discuss this letter with you by phone or in person. I can be contacted on 0418 477358.

(David Boardman)
President, RAI