

TSC WANTS TO MORE THAN DOUBLE YOUR RATES – STOP THE 104% RISE!

Tenterfield Shire Council:

- Wants massive, permanent rate rises totalling 104.49%.
- Already increased fees and charges for Water, Sewage and Waste.
- Is looking at selling off vital Community assets such as the Information Centre, Airfield, Community Childcare building, Community Radio Station and Band Hall as well as terminating the lease of the School of Arts.
- Is spending millions on renovating their own offices and properties that are owned by private parties.
- Is following a flawed 10-year Plan that does not reflect community needs and aspirations.
- Has run up over \$18M in debt, with a further \$3.1M loan and a \$5M bridging loan ready to use.
- Is relying on bank finance – with interest rates skyrocketing.
- Expects to lose another \$3.5M to \$5.7M every year, so will owe over \$50M by 2032. **\$10,000 debt for each of us!**
- Has had to return grant funds to state/federal government.

In 2019, TSC spent \$2.47M on Governance & Administration.

By 2020, this was \$5.5M – a rise of over \$3.0M or 122% in 1 year!

This is more that they spent on community services.

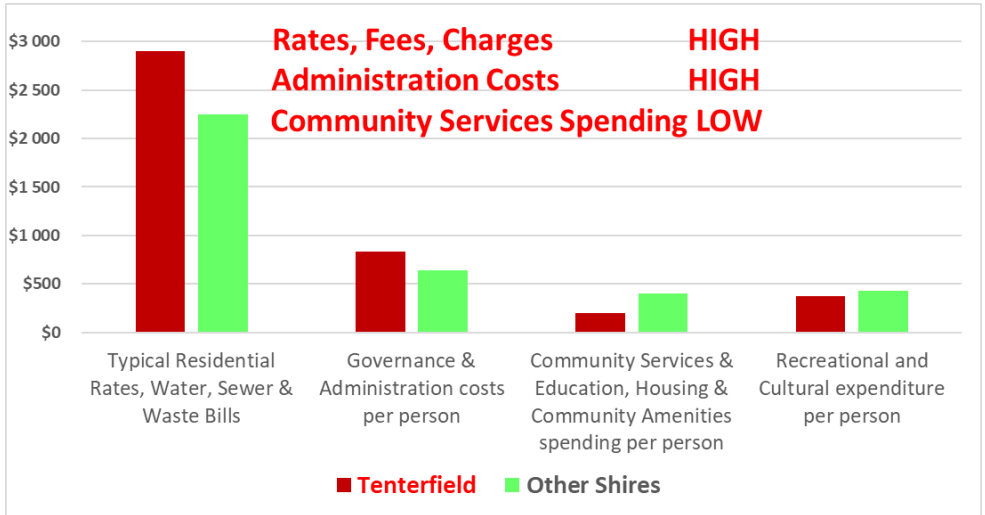
Meanwhile, median personal income in Tenterfield was \$25,480 in 2021 – many people live below the poverty line.

Can you afford these average rate increases over the next two years?

- ***Tenterfield Resident*** – up from \$664 to \$1,354
- ***Tenterfield Business*** – up from \$1,556 to \$3,173
- ***Farmland*** – up from \$1,616 to \$3,300
- ***Urbenville/Jennings/Drake Resident*** \$600 to \$1,220

Note the extra \$\$\$\$ TSC aim to get from you won't be used to increase services.

How we compare to other NSW large rural Shires (2020 NSW Government Data)



Our Shire Our Council Initiative (OSOCI) is a Tenterfield Shire citizen initiative formed because of community concern about the impact of the council's past, present and proposed actions. We believe that the Tenterfield Shire – under better management – has great potential and can be turned around socially and economically.



Public Meeting this Saturday 2 PM

- Show up to show TSC you don't want their rate rises
- Be prepared for the council interviews starting next week
- Pick up information and hear the latest news
- We've invited our local MP, Janelle Saffin, to attend
- Saturday 6 August at **Henry Parkes Hall, 144 Rouse St.**

HELP US TO HELP US ALL

For just \$10, you can join OSOCI.

That helps us to lobby Councillors and Members of Parliament on your behalf and

STOP THE ROT

More information and membership forms at www.osoci.org