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## Hi Jessica

I would appreciate if you could pass this email on to Viv May, who my guest at our Moss Vale Probus Club last week.

Over the past years, the School of Arts community hall has not been subject to any council rates, as well as, a with a discounted rate for our water usage. We have been advised that a new council policy, to be submitted to Council tomorrow night, will require us to pay over \$6000 pa in rates. This will have a very serious impact on our viability to continue to provide the various community services.

In fact, should this policy be approved, it is likely we will need to hand over the control, maintenance and ongoing annual council costs to Wingecarribee Shire Council. As you would appreciate, the annual revenues received by the School of Arts, is just sufficient to meet these costs. Further, the community activities and benefits are substantial and are delivered by the voluntary services of our committee and local members.

Viv, I respectfully request that Council give serious consideration as to the community impact, should this policy be approved.

Kind regards John Elvy Committee member