

Hello Juliet,

Thank you for your letter regarding some of the key issues in Wye River.

I will start with the easy one first. I am 100% committed to rate capping. I too am a large rate payer who lives remotely from town services. I am a certified practising accountant and believe that the council must manage their budget more effectively to give rate payers better value for money. The days of dipping into the bank accounts of rate payers must stop.

The other issues are more complex. I am aware of challenges facing the coast but I have a general knowledge and do not want to provide an opinion without more information. I have a good friend who lost their family holiday home to fire last summer. I understand the seriousness of the situation.

Although brief, I hope the response provides you with some idea of my thoughts.

I have nominated for council to provide voters with an alternative. As a voter I wanted an alternative and a more professional approach to council. I believe that there are some very good candidates and we do have an opportunity to make a change.

Regards,

Kate Hanson