

**Sent:** Thursday, 12 March 2015 2:28 PM

**To:** IPART Mailbox

**Subject:** Strong support for the Ashfield Council SRV - Please don't let us turn into TRASHFIELD

Dear members of IPART,

I support Ashfield Council's application for a Special Rate Variation SRV. Our local government area has been very well consulted. We are in dire need of the upgrade to our ageing infrastructure, especially our loved, well used and valued outdoor pools.

There has been a scare campaign to stop the rate rise. I hear people say and see written, many untrue facts to discourage support for this urgent work.

Like many other Councils across NSW, infrastructure needs to be upgraded at a faster rate. We desperately need \$14 million for the pool restoration as it is 50 years old and at the end of its life. Please don't let the pool close.

We need \$2.7 million annual increase in infrastructure spending. This is impossible with Council's current funds.

Come to Ashfield and see for yourself the state of the pool, with tiles falling off and concrete cancer, lack of park facilities such as at Centenary Park where we share the toilets with rats, major flooding issues, lack of open space, lack of places for children to play, footpaths in need of repair, road failures and a CBD more reminiscent of a third world country. Centenary Park needs \$500,00 to upgrade the canteen and toilets used by so many local community clubs and hundreds of children. We know grants are scare.

Please please don't let anonymous untrue scare propaganda stop you from approving Ashfield's modest SRV.

Yours sincerely