

Sent: Wednesday, 11 March 2015 12:14 PM
To: IPART Mailbox
Subject: ASHFIELD COUNCIL RATE VARIATION

Dear Sir / Madam

I operate a business in Ashfield and am objecting to the Special Rate variation which Ashfield Council wishes to impose.

The rating system is already, in my opinion not correct. It is based on the value of the land which in the past years has gone up dramatically and the Council is already charges more each year based on the land value. Then there is a yearly percentage rise which is greater than the CPI. The Council is already increasing its revenue dramatically and should not ask for more.

At the Council meeting when the rise was approved there were hundreds of people who attended and objected however it fell on deaf ears. They also received many objections in the mail and were ignored.

With property values in the area being around \$500,000 - \$1,000,000 plus, the residents and business owners are already paying more than their fair share. A rise of 7.5% to 9.3% every year on top of the normal CPI rises and land value rises will cause extreme hardship for residents and commercial properties who already pay much more than the residential properties.

I strongly object to any Special rate Variation requested by Ashfield Council.

Yours faithfully