

**Sent:** Friday, 13 March 2015 4:40 PM

**To:** IPART Mailbox

**Subject:** I SUPPORT ASHFIELD COUNCIL'S SPECIAL RATE VARIATION

I understand Ashfield Council has consulted with the community about the Special Rate Variation, which I support for the following reasons.

Not only do our community and schools use Ashfield pool, we would be disadvantaged if it closed. I have many people tell me how they grew up in Ashfield and had their swimming carnivals at the pool with such pride. I have now lived in Ashfield for over 5 years, and use the pool on a regular basis. I also live right by Ashfield Park and am going through enough change with this part of Ashfield, that to hear the pool is also under threat gives me great concern and anger that the community needs are not being considered.

For an area that doesn't have access natural to swimming holes and facilities, I do NOT understand why you wouldn't fund and maintain this community gem of a place? Which is why I am letting you know as a home owner and long term resident in Ashfield, I support the rate rise in Ashfield.

Ashfield needs to upgrade, maintain and repair our local infrastructure, parks, playgrounds, canteens, roads, footpaths, storm water drains, shopping centres and community facilities, at a faster rate.