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Submission: Blue Mountains Adventure Company is a business that is based in and operates within the Blue Mountains City Council LGA. As a tour operator in the Blue Mountains we value and utilise the infrastructure relating to natural places: parks, toilets, walking tracks, lookouts and more. We feel that much of the funding for these services should fall to the State Government as many of the users are tourists from outside the area, and the burden should not be borne by local residents and businesses only. Many visitors to the area contribute very little to the local economy and the impact on the sites cannot be discounted. However, we recognise that the local businesses and residents do all also benefit from these facilities and should pay for them in some way too. As such, we support council's request for a special rate variation and support either of the two options that contain the SVR request.