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To: IPART Mailbox
Subject: SUPPORT FOR ASHFIELD COUNCIL'S SPECIAL RATE VARIATION

To whom it may concern

I write to express my support for Ashfield Council's Special Rate Variation

Ashfield Council has consulted with the community about the Special Rate Variation, to address some infra-structure refurbishment that is sorely needed.

Whilst no-one likes to pay more money than necessary, I support the Council's application to address infra-structure repairs & maintenance which has been delayed due to the enforced rate-pegging over many years, which has limited the Council's capacity to address some of the requirements. Whilst there has been prudent use of Council resources, there is a need to make investments now to ensure the safe and appropriate level of resources for our community.

I have seen alarmist and ill-informed material circulated by anonymous unidentified sources that has prompted anxiety for many residents. It has predicted rate rises far in excess of what Council has applied for. I anticipate that you may receive some communication opposing the rate requests because people have been mis-informed about the true extent of the modest increase requested. The information from Council has been clear and the purposes for the extra funds required are sound.

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