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Submission: If I was 100% sure that all of Hawkesbury City Council would raise the standard of their service, the speed of their development application approval and the quality of their roads by the same percentage they are proposing to raise the rates by I might not mind so much. Other than that a 30% council rate rise would break the family budget. We'd either have to sell up and move to a cheaper council area or close down our business which employs 9 people in order to work for someone else with the hope of making more money that way just to cover council rate rises. I think the whole proposal is ridiculous.