

Submission to IPART objecting to Hawkesbury council Special rate increase.

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Objection to Hawkesbury Council 31.29% rate increase.

I object to Hawkesbury council increasing rates, as this council and redistributed rates in 2017 and taken what was a fair rates structure and made it very unfair.

Some suburbs have had increases of 180% and higher and 80% of the district was given a rate drop, specifically to minimise the effect of an SRV.

Council have stated in the IPART submission that they protected some suburbs so they only get an increase of \$90, while other suburbs will get increases more than \$6500.

This is the opposite of the intention in the Local Government Act, which intends rates to be evenly distributed to pay for services.

The council has not been honest with the ratepayers and have been telling the community the rates structure they put in place is fair.

Council also polled people and asked what new services we want, and implied we will get new services, but have NOT applied for new services or infrastructure in the IPART Submission. The submission is about retiring an \$80M debt accrued over decades by a failing council.

Council has been running operating losses for seven years, have not managed their fiduciary responsibilities, and have neglected our assets to the point where the state government requires immediate action.

Council spending is out of control, preferring to spend our money on frivolous things, pandering to minority groups, and neglecting the needs of long term ratepayers in rural areas

It seems the council have changed the rates structure specifically to gain support of the urban areas, and force the rural areas to pay for it.

People in the rural residential areas are dealing with hardship imposed by Council, with people paying between \$4000 and \$9000 before an SRV.

It is unfair, and Council are out of control

Sincere regards

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