

Sent: Saturday, 14 March 2015 10:56 AM
To: IPART Mailbox
Subject: We support Ashfield Council's special rate variation

To whom it may concern,

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

Our community and schools use Ashfield pool. We would be disadvantaged if it closed. There are not many Council's left in Sydney metropolitan area that have facilities such as ours which support an active and healthy lifestyle. The pool is used by schools, sports teams, families and the more elderly residents of Ashfield. The upfront cost of repairs needed for the pool will be much less than the depreciation to the area should the pool be removed.

Ashfield is a high density residential area. While this is evidence of the amount of people who see Ashfield as a desirable place to live, it is also imperative that we preserve recreational spaces to avoid the area being over saturated with units and people, with no common spaces to enjoy.

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

Particularly in light of the uncertainties surrounding the affects of the Westconnex in and around Ashfield Council, it is critical that we support amenities that support the community.

Regards,