

Sent: Wednesday, 4 March 2015 8:15 PM
To: IPART Mailbox
Subject: WE SUPPORT ASHFIELD COUNCIL'S SPECIAL RATE VARIATION

Dear IPART,

I am writing this submission to show my household's support of the proposed Special Rate Levy (SRL) to restore the Ashfield Swimming Pool and other prioritised local infrastructure.

I understand Ashfield Council has consulted with the community about a proposed SRL for the Ashfield Council area. I support an SRL for the following reasons:

1. Extra funds are needed to repair the Ashfield Aquatic Centre. The Ashfield Aquatic Centre plays a pivotal social role in the life of local Ashfield, Croydon, Croydon Park and other surrounding suburbs. It is the closest aquatic centre to the area, the only other in Enfield and another less feasible facility in Canterbury. My family are regular users of the aquatic centre and believe it plays a key role in the social and recreational life of the surrounding neighbourhoods.
2. With the massive increase in highrise developments, especially in the South Ward and potentially in the East Ward areas, flow on impact of increase populations have impacted on on-street parking availability, deteriorating footpaths and roads, and a lack of open recreational areas has become apparent.

Please do not impinge on the ability of Ashfield Council to deliver necessary services and infrastructure to the local area. Ashfield Council has always been up-front with local residents. Unlike surrounding councils, it has remained untarnished by accusations of corruption and self-interest. Successive NSW and Federation governments have cost-shifted more and more funds away from Ashfield Council, and what little income it has, is used in an amazingly efficient manner.

A Special Rate Levy is necessary for all residents to see the area does not deteriorate any further.

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