

**Sent:** Monday, 2 March 2015 11:24 AM  
**To:** IPART Mailbox  
**Subject:** Ashfield council Special Rate Variation

Hi,

I would like to register my strong objection to the special rate variation for Ashfield council.

This topic has purposely been kept out of the local media - very poor if not with very little community consultation, no council has been allowed to have a 9.3% rate rise  
- the whole situation is highly undemocratic and is taking advantage of Ashfield residents, most people don't even know this is happening in the area.  
IPART as an independent body needs to do its job here and see things for how they are, wrong and this will affect all local families.

My 90 year old neighbour was very shocked to hear about it, - how is she going to afford a 9% rate rise when the state wide allowable rate rise is 3% ?

It really is time the local media picked up on this topic.