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Submission: I am writing to object to the 30% increase sought by Hawkesbury City Council. Our rates have risen by 50% to over \$4000 a year after council changed the distribution method. The Gazette also published last year on July 20th that the community was given three options to possible increase in rates. Council stated at this time they had no preferred option so why are they pursuing the 30%. Council also stated they were fit for the future, if this is the case why would they change the previous rating method and then try to claim another 30%. They obviously have no concern or consideration for their constituents who are already struggling. Land value is wonderful if you want to sell however for those of us who wish to remain in the Hawkesbury they are pushing us out. Council also sent out the Community Newsletter which mentions the Special Rate Increase however fails to mention the percentage. If council cannot provide services for the community without this huge increase then amalgamation may be the best option. With all the new development and extra rates where is this money going. I don't believe that council is working for the people and need to revisit its distribution method. I strongly oppose the 30% rate increase and look forward our next council elections