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Submission: The proposal by 8 Councilors to increase the rates burden on a minority of Hawkesbury City ratepayers is grossly unfair. I'm unequivocally opposed to the 33% increase in rates for the reasons that most people cannot afford it. To suggest that people who have "acreage and can afford it" by some Councillors, smacks of a Bolshevik decree! Many people who live on acreage in the Hawkesbury have done so for decades - they are battlers, pensioners and senior citizens. The very notion of the increase of this magnitude is worrying many of them. Also, I thought the Hawkesbury City Council's fit for the future submission prior to the 2016 council election supported that Council was financially fit and the proposed amalgamation with the Hills wasn't warranted and void. If that's the case then why the proposed increases? No, if increases in our rates are required then it should be covered by all ratepayers at a much lower % increase by all and not by a few! Thanks