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Submission: Dear Mr Madden,

This is to record the following objection to the rate variation request:

1. More consideration of the community's willingness to pay rates as required under Assessment Criteria 3 is needed.
2. It isn't clear that Council's funding cannot meet its declared requirements in the medium term without the withdrawal of existing services.
3. A special rate variation (SRV) which will lock in the proposed rate increases in perpetuity is very unattractive.
4. A special infrastructure levy to fund a specified list of backlog capital works appears to be a better approach.
5. I support our Precinct suggestion that a special infrastructure levy be set at 2% above the annual rate peg over a maximum period of 4 years.

Many thanks,

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