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Submission: I object to Hawkesbury Council making a rate increase of aprox. 30%. Council redistributed rates in 2017 which resulted in many residents,including me, in rural residential areas having their rates increased by 180% and higher. I and many other residents affected by these rate increases are pensioners and cannot afford these increases let alone any further increases. The Council is poorly run and the NSW Treasurer has stated that Hawkesbury Council should look at efficiencies and cost saving measures rather than further increasing rates.