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**From:** [REDACTED]  
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**To:** IPART Mailbox  
**Subject:** Objection to Hawkesbury Council 31.29% rate increase.

To whom it may concern,

As residents of [REDACTED] for over 38 years, we have been shocked by the dramatic increase of over 100% in our rates by Hawkesbury Council.  
This has caused us unbelievable strain to our already strained finances.

Currently my wife is taking on the biggest battle of her life, trying to fight cancer, so of course our finances are already strained having to try and pay for her medical care. We have incurred bills of over \$6000 so far due to this.

We are residents of Oakville who have lived here for 38 years, it is not unreasonable for us to have expected to live out our retirement in our home. But apparently Hawkesbury Council does not want us to do so! We have no superannuation, and we are on a part pension.

I am a 72 year old father of 2 who recently had to come out of retirement and take on part time work in order to pay our household bills, and this was all before these ridiculous rate increases were announced. On top of this, the additional increase of rates over the next 3 years makes our situation nearly impossible and we will be forced to sell our family home.

Due to the age of myself (72) and my wife [REDACTED] (69) who is needing to have urgent cancer care for the next 8 months, we need to live somewhere that has adequate medical care available, and had never imagined having to move somewhere other than our family home.

At the moment, we are paying what we can, which means we are paying in instalments. Only to find out that we are now going to be forced to pay interest on this as we are not able to pay in full.

We want to know how you can help us.

Kind regards,

Dennis Edwards

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