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**To:** IPART Mailbox  
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**Subject:** Re: FW: URGENT - SAVE ASHFIELD POOL - your help is needed by 10 March - email IPART to support Ashfield special rate variation

Dear IPART,

I think Ashfield Council should repair the pool. For an inner-Sydney council to close a municipal pool in this day would be a disgrace. I would be happy to pay extra rates for the repair of the pool. Government sell-offs are to be avoided at all costs.

My problem with agreeing to Ashfield Council's rate variation is that they spend far too much money on mean and nasty things: rangers who prowl obscure back lanes with measuring tapes to book cars in the grey light before the dawn; approval of overwhelmingly large and inappropriate constructions; the tens of thousands of dollars of ratepayers' money spend to reject again and again a request by one café to put a few tables on a quiet stretch of footpath (Excelsior Jones café).

The suburb is full of heritage buildings yet when sympathetic small-scale renovations are requested by owners and architects the council rejects them. Then it approves a red-brick four-storey pile of crap next door.

So it's hard to give support to the council for increased rates overall. I would happily give money for specific issues, but not so they can do with it as they wish. Because what they wish is usually not what i wish.

But for the pool, I'll happily cough up some bucks.

Regards,

Daniel

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