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Submission: I am appalled at the thought of WSC requesting such a huge rise in rates above the pegged amount. They deliberately omitted to advise that the Valuer General has recently issued substantial increases in land value of between 30-40%.

We will already be paying a substantial increased amount as a result of these increased land values alone. Additionally, if this variation is approved, we will be paying a further increase on this again for a further 3 years.

They only satisfied 2 of the 7 guidelines for fit for the future and they think increasing the funds base is the solution. They omitted to provide a fourth scenario, which is to merge with Wollondilly SC which would result in reduced overheads, thereby gaining the fit for the future status by cost control rather than increased revenues.

They cannot perform maintenance work without having to go back 3 months later and repair their repairs (e.g. Old South Road bitumen works).

This rate variation should not be allowed as it is unequitable and their submission is based on limited information. They did not advise ratepayers all the facts.