

We are writing to voice our concern Re: The redistribution of rates in the Hawkesbury increasing our rates in excess of 120% from \$ [REDACTED] to \$ [REDACTED]

This was done with the full knowledge of the up-coming SRV and the land valuations that were being artificially inflated due to the land subdivisions in adjacent areas with many cashed up byers from these areas bidding and artificially inflating properties in Oakville. We now have massive subdivisions on our doorstep, due to other council subdivisions.

There is now a massive variance between rate payers in the Hawkesbury and an SRV will only put hardship on many of the Hawkesbury rate payers so an additional 30% over 3 years will be unsustainable for us and a lot of other elderly residence

The Mayor and Council has misled the community to believe that they are financially viable for the future and now we are advised that they ARE NOT fit for the future without this enormous increase.

The community was not properly advised by the Mayor and Council and my belief is that many of the Hawkesbury residence DO NOT support this massive rise by an incompetent council. The Mayor or Council have been lobbied by many of the residence to redistribute the base rate to make it more fairer and equitable for the community, but the Mayor and all but 4 of the councillors steadfastly Refuse to do this.

In the 41 years that we have resided at OAKVILLE :

We DO NOT have street lighting
We DO NOT have kerb and guttering
We DO NOT have sewage
We do not have public transport

We have been experiencing a lot more traffic and heavy trucks carrying earth moving equipment servicing the adjacent urban development. (The Gables and The Hills of Carmel) Why should this council expect the residence of Oakville to pay more for extra road maintenance caused by development and extra traffic.

The council have always done very little in the way of road maintenance or clearing footpath, vegetation.

We have never complained to council and have always enjoyed our rural lifestyle but now in our retirement years for this council to impose such a massive rise, when we will get no changes what so ever in our area this is criminal. Many self funded retirees and pensioners in our position will be forced to sell as these rates will be unsustainable for many. We though that we could enjoy our retirement in our home of 41 years where we raised our children.

We are also aware that all commodities eg. Power, water, electricity, insurances and health insurances do go up and have increase over the years, but never in my memory has anything increased so massively as our rates and the changes that the Mayor and this Council have imposed on the rate payers of the Hawkesbury.

We were hoping to take a holiday in our retirement but now it looks like a dream as our retirement savings are going to council.

We strongly OPPOSE the the SRV that the Hawkesbury Council requested.

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