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I am writing in support of Ashfield Council's application for a Special Rate Variation. The reason I am doing so is that more investment is needed to maintain infrastructure, which has gradually become degraded to the detriment of the appearance of the area. Ashfield CBD for example is quite run down. And the pool, which services many people, especially children from this and surrounding areas, requires significant work.

The Council undertook community information sessions and also put out a flier with options on which we could vote. So I was fully informed when I voted for the largest rate increase (Option 4). Council opted for the more moderate increase of Option 3, which I fully understand. I believe that pensioners are to be protected from the full effect of the increase.

I hope that IPART will approve Ashfield Council's application so that we can continue to enjoy decent facilities and environment in this area. Thank you.

Yours sincerely

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