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**Subject:** Hawkesbury council giving its sewage assets to Sydney water for \$0

I am a hawkesbury resident.

The hawkesbury council proposes to give its sewage assets to Sydney water for \$0.

The assets have a book value of \$171 million dollars. The replacement value is likely 3 times that amount.

Council have a loan of \$30 million dollars that Sydney water will not take so council proposes to keep the loan.

This loan has come about due to the Council being unable to fix a broken sewage pipe at Windsor in a timely and efficient manner.

The maladministration of the broken pipe lead to an eventual bill of over 40 million dollars caused by sewage pump out trucks on 24 hour hire for a couple of years, a new pipe line of about 1500 metres, consultants fees , legal fees ( including council tried to sue the contractors and lost )

A general embarrassment and incompedance all round, that there's been no accountability for .

The administration is trying to get rid of the asset to sweep the incompedance under the carpet.

Yours sincerely  
Lionel  
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PS I have only recently become aware of this. There should be an extension of time for submissions for all the people affected including Hawkesbury's ordinary rate payers and ratepayers on pump out. As everyone has an interest in the cost to us of this gross mismanagement.