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Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal N.S.W.

Level 15

2-24 Rawson Place

SYDNEY N.S.W. 2000.

Dear IPART,

APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL RATE VARIATION BY HAWKESBURY CITY COUNCIL

I note the subject Council, has given notice of its intention to apply to you for a Special Rate Variation which, if approved, would result in an increase in my rates of 31.3%; an increase of \$991.58. in the rates payable by me. My current rates of \$3168 take a material part of the aged pension on which I rely to exist. An extra \$991.58 will cause a significant reduction in my modest standard of living.

When the pegged rate increase for 2018/19 is a reasonable 2.3% and the Consumer Price Index is still slightly less than 2.0%, the proposed increase of 31.3% appears to be grossly excessive.

Council has not given me notice of additional services or anything else which might justify some increase in the Pegged Rate increase. I am not aware of how Council may attempt to justify the proposed Special Rate Variation, but it seems to be a most inequitable and arbitrary figure, indicative of gross mismanagement and with total disregard of the capacity of residence to pay.

Yours faithfully

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