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Submission: In my opinion the current rates are already too high for the services, or lack there of, that we are paying for. At present other local councils in adjoining areas DO NOT charge as much as the Hawkesbury . I personally have compared rates and services between Hawkesbury and Penrith and found vast differences in price and services in particular. I feel that Hawkesbury council should be transperent about ALL funds, how and where they are being utalised both now and future development proposals as this is clearly NOT currently the case. Council needs to consider its current residents NOW and not just focus on possible future development/big business endeavours that will line the pockets of councilors and leave the "little" people penniless. NOT HAPPY JAN!