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Submission: Objection to Hawkesbury Council 31.29% Rate Increase. I object to Hawkesbury Council increasing rates, as this council and redistributed rates in 2017 and taken what was a fair rates structure and made it very unfair. Some suburbs have had increases of 180% and higher and 80% of the district was given a rate drop. This is the opposite of the intention in the Local Government Act, which intends rates to be evenly distributed to pay for services. This Council has been running operating losses for seven years, have not managed their fiduciary responsibilities and have neglected our assets to the point where the State Government requires immediate action. It seems the Council have changed the rates structure specifically to gain support of the urban areas and force us rural areas to pay for it. We are now dealing with hardship imposed by this Council. It is unfair and this Council is out of control!