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**SUBMISSION TO IPART ON ASHFIELD COUNCIL'S SPECIAL RATE VARIATION**

**I am writing in support of the Special Rate Variation sought by Ashfield Council.**

**I understand that a significant part of the extra funds garnered by the Special Rate Variation will be devoted to the maintenance and improvement of the Ashfield Swimming Pool facilities. I also understand that, without the Special Rate Variation, such maintenance will be severely compromised and improvement will not take place. This will necessarily threaten the continued viability of the Ashfield Swimming Pool.**

**I have lived in the municipality for 30 years and have used and observed the facilities at the Ashfield Swimming Pool for that whole period of time. It offers essential services for Ashfield residents from the very young (eg learn to swim) to the elderly (eg. Aquaerobics and Senior Yoga).**

**Without such services the quality of life of Ashfield residents will be detrimentally affected. For many, due to lack of transport or severe traffic impediments, it has become increasingly difficult to access these services at alternate venues.**

**Ultimately, the majority of Councillors who have voted for the Special Rate Variation are representative of the community wishes in this matter. It is my submission that IPart should act in accordance with those community wishes.**

**Steven Crawshaw**