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Submission: I support Hawkesbury Council's application for a Special Rate Variation in order to make improvements to roads, community buildings, seal roads and carry out initiatives such as Town Revitalisation, improved community communication strategy, catch up on maintenance of roads and infrastructure which has been neglected for the past decade. Whilst I understand that a number of rural properties in the LGA have incurred an increase in council rates, it is blatantly obvious that this is due to external forces causing a rise in the VG of those properties - it is NOT due to a change in rating structure, although that has contributed to rate increases on some properties, as due to the previous rating structure implemented by the last council, the burden of property value increases for large acreage were foisted onto smaller lots. The recent rating re-structure brought the system back to a fairer distribution for the large percentage of residents. Without approval of this SRV, our community will stagnate and it will be impossible for us to move into the future with improved economic stability. Due to the large number of state initiatives currently in train (eg GSC's West District Plan etc), our LGA desperately needs to ensure our community is well represented and prepared for what is to come. If this SRV is refused, it will cause an irrevocable negative impact on our community into the future.