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Your submission for this review:

1. Should our methodology be re-based after the census every five years to reflect actual growth? Yes. 2. In the absence of a true-up, should we impose a materiality threshold to trigger whether an adjustment is needed on a casebycase basis to reflect actual growth? Yes in order to adjust the income should the impact of the variance isn't minimal. According to the review it may happen more often to the regional councils. Again, we support projected population with a true-up element to the calculation. This is consistent with other forecasting methods eg payment of the financial assistance grant. 3. Do you have any other comments on our draft methodology or other aspects of this draft report? Council is concerned that any move to compensate Councils for population growth through the rate peg might be more than offset by reductions to contributions that can be levied under the contribution reforms proposed by the NSW Productivity Commission under S7.11 and 7.12. As such it is imperative that any rating adjustment needs to ensure a optimal growth position that is informed by both proposed reforms.