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As a resident I am totally disgusted that the Hills Shire Council has applied for a Additional Special Variation of 0.9% when it had \$100 million dollars of ratepayers money to spend on Castle Mall which attracts another \$5 million dollars in Stamp Duty which goes to Revenue NSW. This was made known to Ratepayers after Council passed a resolution asking for the ASV to be made via iPart. The Hills Shire Council is now a Landlord and in my opinion personally, the Council should not be playing developer and spending the \$100 million dollars on improving roads in North Kellyville which is absolutely rubbish. Nothing is shovel ready and it isn't because they don't have money either. There is no justification to asking for this ASV as council has \$420 million dollars as per the council reports available in meeting minutes in the bank and no debt unlike other councils who are struggling, let alone there is more ratepayers than ever. If council was asking only for the ASV to be temporary as a once off for this year, I do not believe Ratepayers would be against this. However, considering this ASV is asking for it to be made permanent has no justification. Both political parties have failed ratepayers. We should be rewarded with low rates which council is fiscally responsible. The [REDACTED] and her council left office and ensured there was a surplus. You would not raise taxes where the budget is in surplus and this is a good example of when council budget is in surplus, there is no justification for council to raise rates and put addition burden on ratepayers. Some of whom have been through so much over the last two years. Funny enough when we approached Council on the matter, we were advised that it was extremely disappointing that they story got out. What is that suppose to mean? If our local members cannot be transparent with their constituents who represent us, what faith should we have in them for the remainder of their term?



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EXCLUSIVE 🚫 The Hills Shire Council is set to purchase Castle Mall for an eye-watering amount of ratepayer funds, while also approving an application for a rate rise for residents.

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