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Your submission for this review:

I feel that the Hills Shire Council should not be approved by IPART for the permanent request of the ASV Rate rise for the reason below

- 1) In their (Draft) DELIVERY PROGRAM 2022-2024, it clearly outline in their report from the CFO The Hills Shire Council is in a strong financial position, which puts us in a good position to meet the challenges of growth and development head-on and provide the infrastructure and support that our community needs. If council is currently in a strong financial position, they should not be reaching out to request for a permanent ASV on their residents.
- 2) This council currently sitting on a 4.2 Million operating surplus - and they have also advise their trend is expecting to continue (data as off June 2021)
- 3) With the amount of expected surplus, I can see that our council is not pro-actively looking at roads and infrastructure upgraded and repair, residents has been reporting number of pot holes require to be repair, and it still taking weeks before they are fill or fix. The amount of pot holes in the Hills area, this is a shame to see how other council like Blacktown and Hornsby looks after their roads and infrastructure.
- 4) Fast Growing suburbans like North Kellyville, Box Hills, are missing all the major infrastructure, roads are not done, and not yet ready to go to tender, and still waiting for approval. And they wish to ask for a ASV which they said this is for future use. But I feel where they miss the beat is they are not trying to use the last 3 years low interest rate and push out major and big infrastructure project.
- 5) The Hills shire council owns other property and investment where they are currently have on their books, which will provide council a much better income then just simply requesting a ASV from IPART. This ASV will give council a income rise of \$731,584 per year. But if the council keep their current property and investment and look for other ways to find extra income better then coming after rate payers