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Your submission for this review:

This is an outrageous request for a permanent increase! The money we pay is not spent on the facilities eg I understand recently Council purchased the old Castle Hill Mall. Whilst I am not against Council owning income producing assets they cannot slug ratepayers to do this! I strongly object to this increase. Too much council work is unnecessarily delayed (eg roadworks) when developers have paid the amounts they owe. We are told that such and such cant be done yet - and we wait 10 years! Eg finishing the Hezlett Rd widening at the Barry Rd intersection before Woolworths apparently cannot be done because the traffic lights have to be approved when the intersection would be so much safer in the meantime while they organise the lights (which were in the original development plan.). Things end up costing more because they are done in multiple stages years after they are needed and HSCs excuse is they dont want to have something done and then redone but there are countless examples in North Kellyville where safety of residents is the actual price paid! That poor family that were run over on Hezlett Rd before the curb & gutter put in. Look at all the homes down Barry Rd - we have to drive to Woolworths because it is unsafe to walk because it is terrible trying to cross Hezlett Rd to get to Woolworths. Where are the lights for that intersection that were in the original plans. This Council has twisted priorities and I think it is leading to waste, not savings so they do not deserve to hit the residents for even a temporary let alone a permanent increase! False economy at this council and dreadful inconsistency when applying rules.