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Your submission for this review:

I would like to oppose the increase in rates for Hills residents. After the difficult years and seeing many residents who have struggled financially, dealing with inflation and interest rate increases. This increase has come at a bad time. I believe that council has the money and have made the decision to purchase property in Castle Hill. Perhaps they should use this money they have on hold to complete roads instead of over spending on a shopping mall that does not benefit the community. This is the key point, they are spending the money on something that does not benefit the community, but they are passing on the costs to the residents. This is not what our community needs and many of us will really struggle with the rate rise when we are still trying to get back on our feet financially. I would ask that the impact this rate rise has on every day people be considered. I always thought that council was to look after its people, clearly this deal shows they dont see it this way.