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Submission: I support Ashfield Council's application for a Special Rate Variation SRV. Our ageing infrastructure, especially the much loved and well used outdoor pools, have become degraded over the last decades. There is a desperate need for increased maintenance of our municipal infrastructure and pools. Many of the pool users, especially children, walk there, making other swimming and recreation options less feasible. The existing high-density population and lack of open space in Ashfield makes it even more critical to have an SRV approved. Council undertook significant community consultation. Pensioners are to receive an increased rebate to protect them from the full effect of the increase. Seniors will have free pool entry. Most people do not realise that the previous SRV ceased last year and the significant increase in 100s of dwellings in Ashfield, will reduce (balance out) the modest rate rise. I am very disappointed at the three council-wide, anonymous and incorrect fliers and gossip in the municipality, scaring our residents, including some from CALD communities. Those objecting to IPART now, will be the first to complain as their services and infrastructure degrade further. Of note is all those who have not responded. Most of our community want our local infrastructure protected. Their silence is in support of these necessary infrastructure improvements and the SRV. To refuse the SRV application, is to see the outdoor pools close, as they have reached the end of their 60+ year lifespan. Please don't let that happen because of a scare campaign. I hope that IPART will approve Ashfield Council's application, so that our children and the next generation of residents can enjoy decent community facilities and renewed outdoor pools. [REDACTED]