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Submission: As a ratepayer and resident of the Hawkesbury City Council LGA, I support our council's application for a Special Rate Variation. I see Council's application for an SRV as a positive step to address previous decades of under investment in our community's infrastructure.

Costs continue to rise and Hawkesbury City Council is not immune to these increases, without an SRV services will need to be cut. Council provides the community with a number of excellent services and it would be devastating if any of these were to be lost due to budget constraints. For example: In outer western Sydney we are experiencing an increasing number of days over 40 degrees, so is it reasonable to expect that an area of 2793 square kilometres have only one public pool, rather than the two we currently have? Without an SRV, that may be a choice that needs to be made.

The Hawkesbury is a great place to live, but I want to live in a Hawkesbury that is well maintained and vibrant, somewhere welcoming to visitors and appreciated by locals, somewhere which capitalises on its unique heritage and natural beauty. To achieve this we need investment in our community.