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RE: Ashfield Council's Application for a Special Rate Variation

I am writing to state that I fully support Ashfield Council's Special Rate Variation.

I am aware that Council consulted with the Community about the Special Rate Variation. Council's presentation was clear and effective and was made available at a number of community facilities. In addition, we received information via post at our residential address.

The benefits of the Special Rate Variation are significant for my community.

1. <u>Development and upgrading of the Ashfield Pool facility.</u>

Ashfield Pool is a highly valued and utilised community facility. Our family are regular users of the pool. We have attended swimming lessons, attend Ashfield Swim Club, school swimming carnivals and use it regularly for swimming for leisure with family and friends.

The pool has deteriorated significantly over recent years and is in urgent need of renovation and refurbishment. Granting the Special Rate Variation would allow this to proceed.

With an increasing urban population our community spaces become more valuable as they provide open space and the opportunity to participate in leisure activities, learn a new skill (I have observed many adults learning to swim at Ashfield Pool), and provide a place to enjoy and be outdoors.

2. Centenary Park facilities

My children play Club sport (Soccer and Netball) and are regular users of the facilities at <u>Centenary Park</u> that are maintained by Ashfield Council. We appreciate this open green space within walking distance from our home.

3. We value the children's playgrounds and other recreational spaces maintained by Council.

These facilities combine to enhance our quality of life and that of our community. I fully support Ashfield Council's application for a Special Rate Variation to enable the maintenance, restoration and improvement of local community infrastructure. Our community now and of the future deserves this.

Please approve the SRV.

Yours sincerely,
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