

To whom it may concern,

Objection to Hawkesbury Council 31.29% rate increase.

The Hawkesbury Council SRV can't be justified, and has been submitted against the wishes of the residents who polled 89% against the increase.

Prior to submitting the SRV, council redistributed rates in 2017 and took what was a fair rates structure and made it very unfair.

The elderly, young families and rural residents are the worst affected.

Some suburbs have had increases of 180% and higher and 80% of the district was given a rate drop, specifically to minimise the effect of an SRV.

Council have stated in the IPART submission that they protected some suburbs from the SRV, so they only get an increase of \$90, while other suburbs will get increases more than \$6500.

We residents can't afford the huge increases recently imposed on us, without a further increase.

If the council succeeds with the SRV submission, Oakville, one suburb will pay 38% of the 10yr capital works program, this cannot be justified.

Council has not looked properly at other revenue options, or reining in spending.

The council has not been honest with the ratepayers and have been telling the community the rates structure they put in place is fair.

Council also polled people and asked what new services we want, and implied we will get new services, but have NOT applied for new services or infrastructure in the IPART Submission. The submission is about retiring an \$80M debt accrued over decades by a failing council.

Council spending is out of control, preferring to spend our money on frivolous things, pandering to minority groups, and neglecting the needs of long term ratepayers in rural areas

It seems the council have changed the rates structure specifically to gain support of the urban areas, and force the Rural areas to pay for it.

It seems more about council getting re-elected than a fair outcome for residents.

People in the rural residential areas are dealing with hardship imposed by Council, with people paying between \$4000 and \$9000 before an SRV.

It is unfair, Hawkesbury Council are out of control, and we were astonished to see Council submit for a 31.29% increase against the wishes of the majority of the district.

Thanks