

As a resident of the Hawkesbury LGA, I would like to voice my total disapproval for the Hawkesbury council's special rate variation over the next 3 years. It is essential that all local councils, be held to account for the way that they uses the current funds provided to them through rates. To this point, the Hawkesbury council has refused to allow any independent efficiency audit to be conducted on its current spending. Prior to any special rate rise, Hawkesbury council should be required to undergo such an efficiency audit on ALL its current spending. Not only should they be required to undergo this audit, but they should also be required to take the relevant actions that such an audit suggests in order to ensure efficient and effective use of funds. This is the due diligence that we as ratepayers should be able to expect from our local government. On this basis alone, I would ask that ipart refuse/reject the Hawkesbury council decision to raise rates in this special variation.

Regards,

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