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Your submission for this review:

The methodology used by Councils for calculating rates at an individual level is dependent on the LG valuation. We reside on a semi-rural property on the boundary between 2 LGAs. As a result the VG valuation swings wildly each period due to the tiny number of property sales in the area. This in turn has resulted in massive (recently over 20%) rate increases. At the same time there are other properties in the LGA that have enjoyed significant reduction in rates. Councils should be directed by IPART in this review to limit individual rate increases and decrease within a reasonable range (say 10%). This would have no impact on the total income at the council level, but would provide individual ratepayers with a level of certainty of future rate payments closer to the CPI. There is no logic in these fluctuations as services provided by our Council have not changed. As you can appreciate in the current economic, inflationary environment this has become more important, particularly those of us on fixed incomes..