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There seems to be 2 key groups that have a significant impact on any review of council rates through the rate peg that are NOT represented as participants in the rate peg review methodology: 1. Valuer General. This group has a significant influence on the final impact of rate calculation flowing from rate peg outcomes. The current Property Valuation based on historic unimproved land valuation is outdated and significantly distorts the key input to rates calculation. More work is required to modernise the methodology more fairly reflects the cost of delivering council services to individual households. 2. Rate Payers. This IPART review is focused on internal revenue processes within Councils and will ignore the impact of any new or modified methodology on individual rate payers. This is important as ratepayers have never had the usual consumer rights of other services or consumables such as telecommunications or utilities where customers can make a choice of reducing consumption, choosing another service provider, or withdrawing from the service completely. Ratepayers have NO such choice. At a time when there is extraordinary financial impacts on everyone in the community it is vital that any changes in the methodology are tested to ensure that there are no unintended (or intended) impact on ordinary ratepayers.