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Your submission for this review:

The Hills Shire Council has either failed or disappointed the people of North Kellyville time and time again. There is a complete lack of planning and infrastructure however the houses just keep going up. Progress is very slow. SRD and Hezlett Road upgrades were only just recently completed and we are still waiting for the upgrades to the Barry-Withers Road intersection and the upgrade to Withers Road which I understand is waiting for a compulsory acquisition of a small piece because of a small disagreement over pricing. The budget for The Hills Shire Council remains in surplus and they had enough cash to purchase Castle Mall recently. Incredulously, on Thursday night several councillors on the council voted to ask IPART to approve an additional 0.9% increase in rates on top of the currently approved 1.6%. This means a 2.5% increase for the upcoming 2022-23 financial year which I find very hard to justify considering the council has no ongoing debt and has a healthy surplus. Wages have not kept up with inflation for a very long time and already the costs of goods have gone up across the board at supermarkets. This rate rise along with what is coming along in the next year will be a double whammy for many residents who may be struggling already. If the council was delivering for North Kellyville and having projects shovel ready, I don't think many of us can complain however the council has not delivered and our Central Ward representatives have failed us. The increase in rates is not justifiable.