



## Defeated in the effort to ensure fairer Hawkesbury Council Rates

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Last night the Mayor moved a Mayoral Minute to try to make our rating system fairer. We failed. The vote was defeated 8:4.

Some suburbs in the Hawkesbury are suffering under Council rates that are anywhere between 50% higher to 300% higher or more than other suburbs.

This is despite those families having similar incomes and similar access to Council services.

The point I made was that the [guidelines laid down for fairness in rates](#) requires us to be mindful of both the *'Benefit Principle'* and the *'Ability to Pay'* principle. Rates should be proportionate to both.

Unfortunately, our area is suffering from a good deal of land speculation caused by our adjacency to the North West Growth Sector, [something I've written about and made videos many times before](#).

Let me encourage you to listen to the Mayor Patrick Conolly and myself as we make our case. My remarks are from 2:20 in.

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