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Submission: A 40% increase in BMCC rates is an outrageous impost by a Council that delivers very little services yet has 500 + employees. Every year we seem to have rate increases in Leura which outpace inflation. Many local residents are elderly retirees on limited incomes and cannot afford to pay more for an inept Council that lost a lot of money on junk US bonds in the GFC. Surrounding councils (Penrith, Lithgow and Richmond) deliver better services with fewer staff. PLEASE REFUSE ANY INCREASE, SACK THE COUNCIL AND APPOINT AN ADMINISTRATOR.