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Submission: Im very upset and appauled with the proposed canterbury -bankstown council increase of our rates by more than 30% over the next 5 years. Since the merger of these two councils I feel the services provided have declined substantially. the common footpaths are not being maintained ie the grass and weeds not mowed and kept under control. the amount of rubbish in streets and parks has increased. I feel that there is not enough bins available to cope with the increase in population .the council allow one house to be sold than at least two or more dwellings to be built on the same size plot of land. without any thought for parking or future green space. public parking is not being increased although the population just keeps growing. i have.. lived in the city of bankstown for the past 37years and have seen a fast decline in the standard of services and maintenance . My daughter lives in the Camden coucil and I am very impressed . the gardens are very well kept , with a change of flowers in the roundabouts every season. looks great. a very clean city to live in .the council

it takes pride in the environment for which their residents live. not that I can say the same for Canterbury Bankstown council.there are some of the reasons I greatly oppose any further INCREASE OUR RATES .My advise to this council is to downsize the office staff and hire more maintenance staff to improve the look of our city. also I myself have not had pay rise of 30% in the last 5 years. Therefore I feel disgusted that the council would even consider such a proposal,where do they think people on aged pensions and low wages are to find the extra money to accomodate such an outrages increase. IN HINDSIGHT THE TWO COUNCILS SHOULD NEVER BEEN MERGED AS BANKSTOWN COUNCIL HAD MONEY IN THE BANK. AND CANTERBURY WERE IN DEBT .SO NOW WE ARE EXPECTED TO PICK UP THE BILL. THIS IS NOT FAIR.