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Submission: To even consider a rate rise is completely offensive and you should be ashamed. We have been paying above what most other shires pay in rates and we get nothing in return. I look to other shires around us and there is clear evidence of progress to the towns. Yet Scone has achieved nothing in the 8 years I have lived here. People have had a gut full and are leaving the area. Then to insult us and claim we need to increase rates by a staggering 20% you blokes need your head read. I pay rates, private health, highest electricity bills in the world, ridiculously high water rates and Taxes on every daily activity I do and have never asked for anything in return. Don't expect over taxed rate payers to cough up more money for a community that offers nothing in return. Anything planned should already be covered with the high rates we already pay.