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Submission: We are in an area of high unemployment and low incomes and have a large proportion of elderly residents. Despite our Council being found to be "fit for the future" we were forced into a council amalgamation that we didn't want on the pretext of reducing costs ... and now we're expected to accept increased costs!. This is despite the fact that State Government told us that residents of amalgamated councils would be provided with rate protection for four years. We can't even discuss this proposed rise with our elected councillors as they were all dismissed by the state government and replaced with a politically expedient administrator ... and we have so far been denied local government elections to address that situation. How can any of this be fair?