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Submission: I am against this rate rise as a home owner and living on the pension only I find this quite ridiculous as we don't get any rise in our pension and we already live on the poverty line. I find the council doesn't care about the state of Lithgow really because it does things that doesn't help the residents or the town itself. To own your own home now is no joke with rate rises every year. Seems to me that earlier councils knew how to manage the money better than councils now. No-one can afford a rate rise every year or more families will be struggling.