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Submission: I AM AGAINST LITHGOW CITY COUNCIL'S SPECIAL RATE VARIATION APPLICATION.

The proposal will see ratepayers including those renting home in the LGA, having to pay more than \$1.2 million dollars a year for many, many years.

The Lithgow City Council already receives enough rate income from both Residential, Pensioners, Business and struggling Farmers without having to ask for more and more and more from us.

The Lithgow City Council should as they say, 'cut one's coat according to one's cloth.' They should really be planning their aims and activities in line with their currently available resources and circumstances - not by continuing to increase our rates by more than the allowable CPI.

Example 1: Why can't the Lithgow City Council cut their more than \$300,000 to the ASIC listed public Lithgow Golf Club Ltd (ACN [REDACTED]) This Lithgow Golf Club has received more than \$3.5 million dollars over the past 12 years - this amount of money would have gone a long way to fixing much of the outstanding Council deteriorating infrastructure in the same period of time.

Example 2: Why doesn't IPART or the OLG make the Lithgow City Council tender out their Lithgow Tourism Centre, particularly when it is costing the Council more than a reported \$800,000 a year? Volunteers and a local Business used to do their Tourism for just \$8,000 a year?

I AM AGAINST THIS APPLICATION - and repeat that the Lithgow City Council needs to 'cut one's coat according to one's cloth.' They should really be planning their aims and activities in line with their currently available resources and circumstances - not by continuing to increase our rates by more than the allowable CPI.