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Submission: I dont think Council should get the rates increase. I dont believe Council has made an effort to reduce expenses. They have used (hopefully empty) threats of closing libraries and pools to garner support (under the discretionary spending category). They only seem to be selling valuable community assets/spaces and/or reclassifying them to enable selling them for short term minuscule financial gain and long term pain due to lack of community spaces/facilities in future to improve their situation. We have a lot of retirees and other low income ratepayers that will not afford this proposed increase and the hardship provisions are really hard/intrusive to privacy to access.