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Submission: As a Pensioner I am against a 9% increase in my rates and rates in general in the next 2 years and possibly further years as it exceeds the cost of inflation [CPI index]. At this rate, I like many others, especially pensioners in this town will not be able to live in and maintain our own homes, and we will be forced to move out of Lithgow, a town I have grown to love. I feel this town is supported very much by pensioners. I look in sadness at all the closing shops that is already happening. What would it be like without US.. Surely there is a better way to manage the towns economy than this.