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Submission: AGAINST a rate rise as no money goes towards anything in the town and is only increasing to line the pockets of the members of council. The rates in Lithgow are already high and are much higher than the rates in the Blue Mountains. Many parts of Lithgow are not maintained such as the sewerage treatment plant that can be smelt from a mile away on most days, farmers creek and the surrounding bush land, parks and may parts of main street e.g. the walk ways. The current rate that residents pay is too high and the town never seems to be improved.