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Submission: I do not feel that the Lithgow City Council should be allowed to increase our rates by the 9%.

I understand that there are a lot of infrastructure in Lithgow and surrounds need repairs and improvements. However, I feel that the increase would put too much stress on our budgets. We have already personally suffered a massive drop in income due to the down turn in the mining industry in the area. A 9% increase in our rates each year, would put added stress on our already stretched family budget.