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Submission: I see no justification or reason for a rate increase in the Lithgow shire. We had recently had a increase only several months before the letter received by the mayor informing us of another. It occurs to me that the shire is attempting to make up a short fall in money due to mismanagement from its previous manager. Drawing on the purse strings of the rate payers is not an avenue as we also have limited funds.

At the extraordinary meeting it also came to my attention that the new management is running with out a budget??!! This to me is like handing over a bank card to stranger. Running a home on a limited budget is difficult but it can be done but when there is no budget established one is setting themselves up for failure. This of course is even worse when some one is doing this with your money. There has been a request made to see what these new funds will be allocated towards and nothing has been received. We were also told at the shire meeting by the Mayor that there were times to have a say and be informed throughout the shire between Christmas and submission. Not only was it in the middle of school holidays were a lot of the community was away on holiday but I could not find any of the information mentioning any location or time to ask questions be it Sunny Corner , Wang , Lithgow or Portland.