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Submission: I am against Lithgow Council permanently increasing my rates. My husband and I live on an unsealed road out of Lithgow which is poorly maintained by Council. We have had to petition Council over and over again to conduct any maintenance on the road. We have to bear extra cost in maintenance, wear and tear on our tyres and vehicles which undergo harsh treatment negotiating each journey in and out of our home. We have had promises broken by Council to conduct more permanent work and even Council approved motions have not been carried out. We believe that Council has the funds available to carry out maintenance work more frequently and to invest in works which would make a more permanent solution than simply grading every now and then to avoid a serious accident or death and a possible law suit. We do not have a garbage collection and need to take our garbage to a tip. We have our own water supply. We do not rely upon Council for anything other than the road and feel that our rates are excessive now for what Council delivers to us. I believe that an investigation into Council's expenditure should be conducted to determine if finances are being administered properly.