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Sent: Thursday, 14 March 2019 10:52 AM
To: Local Government Mailbox <localgovernment@ipart.nsw.gov.au>
Subject: Lithgow City Council- Opposing the rates increase

Dear all,

I am writing to protest against Lithgow City Council wanting to yet again do an increase and this time a permanent increase on us the rate payers. I do not see the purpose or the reason for their lack of budgeting capabilities, and as such why should the money that I take a lot of effort to earn go to a group of people who have never done a job to a satisfactory level.

We live out in Palmers Oakey and we have never had a single Council member come and ask us what we need or want. The roads or lack thereof, is still a point of contention as an ambulance cannot come to our place as the unsealed roads are so bad. We have approached Bathurst Council as the roads on their side of upkeep is always maintained well and the rates the Bathurst rates payers pay is smaller. Why is this?

I cannot phathom where our money is going. With the current climate of drought and possible recession why is Lithgow Council not looking at alternative ways to raise funds instead of the only way they know how, to raid the people's funds!

We in our household are not happy and will find a way to make this publicly known if need be as this is not right. We have never had any Community Consultation on this or seen a proposed budget for what they will do with the money, not a piece of paper of what they propose to do with the funds but an actual documented budget that can be transparent.

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I Oppose this fervently and I am hoping you are in agreement with this.

Thank you

Please keep me anonymous. I am happy for the letter to be published.

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