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Subject: Lithgow Council Variation: Opposed

I oppose this rate increase and the submission of the increase as there is no substantiated reason for an increase unless the Council is not sure how to budget and get things done within a budget.

I see Lithgow Council having not done the works they promised to do with the previous rate increase that was not permanent. Now they want to have a permanent increase when there has been no actual work done in Portland to substantiate the increase.

I am not adverse to an increase, however I cannot justify this increase as they have shown they are capable of doing what they have said they will do. What I would like to see is community engagement and a clear demonstration that they can handle a budget and do what they say they will.

However I find Lithgow Council to be like a spoilt child that has rich parents. When they have made a mistake or over spent they come to parents for more money instead of cutting back and seeing where the most important things that need doing is completed. We have no confidence in the Council and I implore the group to please knock back this increase and ask them to rethink and cut back basic things instead of threaten the people with less being done. I am disappointed with the current Councillors as they have not demonstrated Community spirit bar a few that did stand against this proposal. I am not young and I do not want to see Portland do to the waste side and I would much prefer to join with Bathurst Council than stay with a very mismanaged council with a a to the people rather than working with the people.

A complete NO to this proposal. Ask them to do the basics and rethink what is really necessary!

Thank you

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