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Firstly I am a multiple ratepayer in Lithgow, and every year the council increases its rates in any case, however they now want to increase it again by 9 percent each year. Council should take into account the fall in house prices in Australia, the equity burden that can be experienced to some home owners because of this, and the passed on cost increases to renters due to council rates.

Another factor, is the stagnant wages, plus rising costs to low income pensioners. Government increases cannot keep increasing while the country

faces an economic decline especially in the rural

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faces an economic decline especially in the rural areas, Bankers and government borrowing is gradually transferring public equity and wealth to the lenders of debt. Constant debt cost spiral cannot be sustained by the people who pay for everything, (the worker and taxpayer), it is time government realised that. ~~So I am concerned about government charges, and object to more extraction of the declining wealth of the general public. Like the public, councils should tighten their belts, reduce fringe benefits, and perks, and do more for ratepayers without raking in more money.~~



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The recent added infrastructure binge on the civic centre, and part of the main street road rebuilt, were costly exercises to increase employment being done country wide, but was it the most necessary public works? there was the main street footpaths still in a mess, and other roadworks needed, not

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Centre, and part of the needed, not many people liked the civic centre revamp, nor did they think the main street road changes reducing parking spaces were the most important, was this done without public input?, has council been pushed into these expenses? if so council is losing control of its spend and debt build, even if it was paid by the state it is taxpayers that eventually pay.

I think that all governments are ignorant of the economic pressures they impose on the public, and it is time for more efficiency and not time for just adding on to the cost of ratepayers and taxpayers.

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