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Submission: The rate increase the council is asking for is way out of line and unaffordable for most families in the council. We have had increases on the cost of living in every area, and I believe councils need to tighten the budget, not increase it at such a ridiculously high amount. I have not spoken to anyone in our village of Lemon Tree Passage that is in favour of this proposal. The rise is way over the CPI and will be a burden on fixed income families. A small increase over a few years, not 7, would be much more affordable and inline with what ratepayers want. The council works for us and need to LISTEN to us.