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* the council uses my rate payments for a number of silly things.

* for example, to pay "garbage inspectors" to wander around, ferreting through my garbage.

* another example: to fund a club house in Medowie, which is a dormitory town.

* rumour has it that the council has gotten another bloody nose in court, in the long running (30 years and counting!) Lagoons Estate dispute, and that they went ahead and had their latest fling in court, even though they were advised by experts not to do it.

So: are ratepayers expected to pay for this stupidity?

* in the most recent council elections, we somehow got a mayor that no one had ever heard of before, who seems to be a representative of the Nelson Bay chamber of commerce, and all the property developers on council are very happy.

With Regards from [REDACTED]