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Submission: To the Lithgow City Council and Councillors,

I am writing this letter to you as well as sending my feedback to the NSW Government.

This council surely cannot contemplate a rate rise, they are incapable of undertaking the normal business of a council such as infrastructure (roads, footpaths, garbage, parks and gardens)

Where are the outdoor staff, and how much maintenance is carried out, or do we just dispose of mowers, utes, etc. I believe that our council is top heavy, we surely don't need so many high paid Administrative staff and so few workers.

Also I feel the ratio of staff driving ratepayer funded cars is another area to save funds, and surely these cars should not be used for personal use, I was a Public Servant and when I became a Manager and needed to travel for work, I was required to complete a running sheet for all use ensuring work related travel only, council staff appear to have no monitoring at all, this would save money.

Queen Elizabeth park is usually nicely maintained and the roses are beautiful, however very little else is regularly maintained, the gardens around the Council office in Mort St, are poorly maintained, and show a complete lack of caring. Please take a walk down Main St " this is so heartbreaking", please note how depressing it is, footpaths are appalling with a thick black sticky tar strips running down the middle of dirty uneven pavers, no clear markings for pedestrian crossings, they are nearly invisible and if someone is injured, I am sure the council would be liable. I totally despair at the Cook St plaza which is a very uninviting concrete slab, and please don't insult me by saying that the public were shown plans, and asked for public comment, yes this did happen, but the plans made public bear no resemblance to the finished product.

I feel there is far too much wastage by council, an independent auditor or Administrator needs to be appointed to protect Ratepayers money and find efficiencies.