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Submission: As a resident of Wallerawang I totally reject Lithgow City Council's proposition that it permanently increase council rates by 9%.

On what basis if this proposition based? The CPI? I doubt that!

[REDACTED] to seek retention of infrastructure at the decommissioned Wallerawang power station site – contrary to EPA conditions incumbent upon Energy Australia to remove infrastructure to facilitate remediation of soil contamination – has no consideration of the well being of the community, future generations or the environment – in particular the ecology of the Cocks River catchment area.

It is accepted that there may be instances where an increase in rates might be justified where major works are necessary, but how is a permanent increase defensible?

Any such proposition should be audited by and decided by an independent administrator or firm of auditors, so that councillors are called upon to justify their proposition.