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Submission: Totally disagree with Councils application for a rate rise of 9% each year PERMANENTLY. The majority of population in Lithgow and the Greater Lithgow Area is mostly made up of pensioners and unemployed. Those that do earn a wage or income are not receiving a 9% wage increase every year. Even our top wage income earners in the area i.e. Miners, Trades & State Debt workers do not receive an increase to this magnitude each year. The roads, pathways, nature strips on the highways, general cleanliness, weed control etc etc are out of Control. The township prides itself on tourism for income, but trying to navigate the roads to get to those interests i.e. Bridge St / Inch Street is an absolute joke. You want revenue coming in, get the Rangers to start issuing parking fines in the residential areas NOT just Main Street, i.e. parking on Nature Strips / Pathways etc. Bathurst don't have this problem because they have an effective system in place. Use those persons who are on good behavior bonds / Community Service to maintain the Highway Nature Strips etc instead of hitting our hard earned wages and Pensions which are already under stress with the increased percentages for health, Electricity and gas, and Childcare increases.