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Submission: Lithgow Council have a serious problem with managing the money they already receive from rate payers in the area. I don't believe giving them access to MORE funds will do anything other than give them the opportunity to WASTE a bigger budget which will then see them crying poor again! They need to take steps to convince rate payers that they are capable of managing our money before we agree to any increase. I constantly see failure and wasted opportunity where time, effort and money has been supposedly put into making something better. Any time the council attempt work it seems as though they only make matters worse! Before taking a look at increasing the money they receive they should look into how they can increase their own productivity. If they can't get by on one of the highest rate pools as it is, I seriously doubt they will do any better no matter how much additional funding they get. Too many of us are tired of paying for [REDACTED] in an attempt to supposedly make it a better place to live.