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Submission: Dear IPART,

As a ratepayer and long-term resident of the Lithgow government area (LGA), I am completely against the application for the Lithgow City Council Special Rate Variation.

The LGA ratepayers are already incurring rate rises based on the increases in land values alone, with no additional council services.

Rather than an excessive special rate rise, perhaps focus and resources should be turned to improvements within the Lithgow council itself:

- providing effective management of council maintenance and works programs;
- seeking funding from other sources, including mining affected communities fund;
- providing value-for-money council services.

Why should the rate payers pay for years of financial mismanagement and council inefficiencies.

In your decision, please also carefully consider the financial impacts on ratepayers (including some pensioners), and the pass through to renters (please note, rental costs have already increased dramatically in recent years, which is overstressing the community's most vulnerable), that will in turn have consequential family and social impacts and increased pressures in the cost of living.

Yours Faithfully,

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