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Submission: To whom it may concern,

As a rate payer of Lithgow paying approx \$2700.00 per annum for rate and \$1000.00 for water I am appalled at the state of the roads and infrastructure in our town. There is a lack of employment in our area I feel is due to a stagnant council not able to move Lithgow from mining based income to some other sources like tourism and renewables and other technologies. How are the residents myself included supposed to afford the rate rises when a lot of us are under employed or on a pension. And, what exactly is the rise going to pay for? Other towns of a similar size with lower annual rates have; nice roads, clean streets, no weeds growing out of the footpaths and kids playgrounds etc. There are pot holes in our roads you could park a bus in, literally. And they have their hand out for more. I think this council mismanages the rates we already give them and how dare they ask for more when they are already bleeding this town dry. and not offering value for money.