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Submission: Hi

I would like to ask Ipart to deny the 9% increase in rates to the Lithgow Council. Lithgow council has been mismanaged for years and have squandered our rates on things that it should never had paid out on.

Their mismanagement of funds is why they are now in the position that they have to ask the lithgow rate payers to pay even more, when we are already paying the highest rates in NSW as it is.

Their infighting between councillors, the sacking of key staff and the redundancy payments paid to staff are why they don't have the funds needed to service Lithgow properly.

I can't see how increasing the rates will change the above. The council itself needs to be abandoned and an administrator put in.

I totally disagree with this increase.