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Submission: Our council acts without transparency and without consultation. The Council makes decisions with a vested interest, not in good faith and has gone as far as to lie publicly throughout this process. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] stated in the last extraordinary meeting that there were consultation meetings which took place in the community of Portland which is untrue. If the council cannot be trusted to manage the monies and resources they have now why should they be entrusted with even further funds? Council were already investigated regarding previous misappropriation of funds regarding prior Halloween event that went well over projected budget and do not currently have a proper published budget for the community. We already pay rates both general and water that are significantly higher than our surrounding councils and yet see the least value. Our local community is neglected in Portland and having been a resident and home owner in lithgow also: it is really no better.