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Why?

We are residents of Portland. We already pay as much as Lithgow resi and from work just like everybody else creating wear and tear on our cars. We live in Jamieson Street, no curb and guttering so each time it rains the front of our driveways wash away and for some residents the water floods into their garages because there are no gutters etc to guide the water elsewhere. We have lived here for the past 15 years and have seen no improvements for our rates, well not in our local vicinity anyway. Why do council need more money? They fund Halloween which is the biggest waste of our ratepaying money I have ever seen! Sure it brings people to town (lithgow) for 1 night, but we the ratepayers suffer with less repairs to roads, no curb n guttering! Council struggle to [REDACTED] mow around the town's. I mow our median strip in fear of snakes and living in a rural area, it can be quiet a big task. Maybe council needs to be like our normal households who budget and cut back spending where it's not needed!! ie Halloween. I know people in rural areas struggle already...9 % is going to hit the pockets of our most vulnerable people that are already doing it tough!! Please rethink this variation...We already receive late notices because we get behind. It will be more of a regular occurrence and believe me rates or food on my table and fuel to travel to work...I know which comes last on my list! Think about the affordability for residents in small towns!

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