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Submission: I would like to express my objection to the rate increase applied for by Lithgow City Council. The council has mismanaged their finances for a number of years and now expects the ratepayers to prop them up.

We already pay a significant amount to the council and get very little in return, we do not have a green waste bin, our roads are a disgrace and the council still wants more money to waste. My concern is that, if they are granted the increase, ratepayers won't see any improvement in any services provided by council.

I feel that, until this council can show fiscal responsibility, ratepayers should not be forced to continue to support their mismanagement. If we were to manage our household finances the way this council has managed theirs, the banks would repossess our homes.

This is an ongoing increase, I object strongly to allowing this council to continue to increase rates and infinitum.