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Submission: I am NOT HAPPY with the Lithgow councils application to increase our rates by 9% each year and do not support it at all, we have some of the highest rates already and see nothing for our money, our council appears to be dysfunctional and are renowned for being difficult to deal with, this money will only be wasted and the community will see very little for it, the council need to focus on getting business to come to our town and assist them not chase them away as they do now by being so hard to deal with, we are the closest City to Sydney but all other city's like Bathurst , Orange , Mudgee etc are growing and are thriving with business growth but we are stagnant with no options for new businesses and a council who would rather chase them away to these other areas than assist them, but apparently we need our rates raised to help them do more of this.