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Submission: LCC do not have a proven track record in regard to financial management and recent council decisions/projects have disappointed local rate payers. We heard the same reasons for rate increases year after year yet see no evidence of money spent wisely on these reasons - our aging infrastructure has not been improved, simply patched and repaired, not replaced or upgraded. There is the strong belief amongst people I speak to that financial mismanagement and poor priority ratings needs to be addressed before more money is thrown councils way.