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Submission: Lithgow Councils application to increase rates by 9% each year is strongly opposed.

Evidence has not been given that the Council has attempted alternatives such as cutting costs & waste.

No evidence seems to have been given that the Council is adequately serving the basics while it seems to deliberately look for new ways to spend ratepayers money, sometimes competing with private providers & at the expense of basic services it is poorly providing.

Perhaps consideration should be given to dismiss this Council if it cannot prove it is cutting waste, providing basic services adequately & spending \$ locally instead of using outside contractors & services.