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**Sent:** Thursday, 7 March 2019 7:20 PM

**To:** Local Government Mailbox <localgovernment@ipart.nsw.gov.au>

**Subject:** Lithgow City Council, special rate variation

To whom it may concern,

Please find my individual submission against the special rate variation for Lithgow City Council, please DO NOT publish my name and address, but happy to publish my submission. I was unable to use the online form so have done as suggested and emailed.

Regards  
[REDACTED]

To whom It may concern.

I wish to oppose Lithgow City Councils rate variation for a permanent increase 9%. I live in Marrangaroo and when we bought and built our house in the estate it was classed as Rural and the rates were 30% of what we pay now, after the council changed it to rural residential sub-division. We have no kerb and guttering and our stormwater drain is grass and overrun with weeds which has caused the drain to stop flowing effectively, yet we pay close to \$3000 per year in rates. Our roads are full of potholes and the road itself is deteriorating in width and barely fits two cars side by side without crashing. We have a seriously outdated and dangerous bridge to access our estate which is deemed as one of the prestigious estates in town yet looking at the state of the roads and frontage with no kerb and guttering I fail to see how this is the case. Our towns roads are a disgrace with most cars needing more regular maintenance to keep them safe. We have just had the council spend hundreds of thousands if not a million plus dollars on beautifying the town centre, of which they only poured concrete, only to have it ripped up and patched with tar as underground service upgrades were scheduled after the job was completed. Council knew of these upgrades prior to work commencing and rather than wait until upgrades were carried out they still went ahead and started the work, this I believe shows councils complete disregard for money and an inability to control it and the town. This council has proven time and again it is incapable of managing this towns budget and has squandered the money at every turn. I VEHEMENTLY OPPOSE THIS APPLICATION.