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Submission: So ABSOULUTELY AGAINST this rate increase.

We pay such high rates as it is & we really get very little for them.

People on the nsw coast, who live in beautiful areas pay less than we do!

As much as we love the Halloween thing they do & go to it every year, I would rather see it go, than pay any more rates. As detrimental as that would be to the community as a whole.

Our council appears to be very backward in their thinking. They do little to encourage new business or developments in the Lithgow area. We should have facilities like Bathurst does (even better really) due to our proximity to Sydney - but our council is too hard to deal with & not forward thinking. Our pool for example could've been so much better.. there is a whole area up the top that is unused/wasted...

Some builders who deal with the planning/building areas of the council, when they hear they have to deal with Lithgow council, say they are no interested in doing the jobs because they are just too hard to deal with.

The council do not keep many of 'their' areas mowed & in good order. The footpaths in some areas are downright dangerous with their unevenness & slipperiness - take a wander up our main st - as just one example. There have been works undertaken that have lead to pavers being pulled up. Instead of placing them back as they were -they have just put asphalt in. It looks terrible.

The so called upgrade to the plaza area is a disgrace. It looked better as it was before any work was undertaken. It has inspired a no confidence in the council feeling across the community.

There is also a feeling of mismanagement of funds & resources, if they are applying for an increase - because they don't appear to do much or do it effecitively, why do they need more money of ours to waste? They can't even maintain their assets.

They still seem to have that old attitude of yesteryear where they would do as little as they possibly could for the days work.

