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Submission: While understanding and acknowledging the need and desire for council to facilitate their works plan, the excessive nature of the rate hike in such a short period of time, without significant costings is unreasonable.

In addition, the majority of proposed works seem to focus on areas of the LGA that have already seen significant capital works in the past decade, with no real plan for the civic centre of the LGA.

Finally, the majority of councillors pushed ahead with this submission, despite the significant and vocal pushback from the residents. If we can't have faith for them to listen to our concerns, how can we trust in them to implement these plans as promised.

I'm coming from a place where I can afford the hikes with adjustment, however recognise that I live in a low-medium socio-economic area and not all residents are in the same position. The response to affordability concern has, I think, largely been brushed aside by council.