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Submission: I would like to oppose Lithgow City Council's application for a 'Special Variation' over and above the advertised Rate Pegging.

This is not the first time Lithgow Council has requested Special Variations and from previously successful applications, very little, if any increase in public amenity has been noticeable.

As a former Director of Engineering Services at Lithgow City Council, I can attest to the then high standard of Public Infrastructure and ongoing maintenance that was undertaken over fifteen years ago and have seen the rapid decline in maintenance and limited increase in Public Amenity, post 2005.

Lithgow City Council was deemed 'Fit For The Future' and as such, was not listed for Amalgamation - therefore Council was, at that time, also deemed financially able to meet it's financial commitments for both Capital Works and Routine Maintenance of current Assets.

What has caused such a sudden change in Council's financial situation to warrant a Special Variation ???

I strongly oppose any additional rate increase above the IPart imposed State Wide Rate Pegging.

Thank You.