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**Subject:** Lithgow Council Rates Increase

[REDACTED]. What will these increases mean?

1. Increase in rents.
2. Cause poverty to low income and Centrelink recipients.
3. The risk of increased crime due to the need for money.
4. Cause homelessness because of rent increases/ water usage bills.
5. Children will go hungry.
6. Low spending will cause poor economy for the town.
7. People may overlook to buy here because too expensive.

The council squandered the money that was given to the town to redo the area next to the post office and is nothing short of being an eyesore, the council provides nothing at Christmas time to decorate the town, same for new years eve, zero activity in the town yet they can spend all this money on one night called Halloween.

Where is your justification Lithgow Council that you feel you should do this to the people? WHERE? Your 9% increase the first year, then will the 9% increase in the 2nd year be based on the amount from the 1st year? then the 3rd year based on the amount we pay the 2nd year and so on.

I have not met one person in this town that has any regard for the actions of Lithgow Council.

[REDACTED] Do you even care what this increase will do? no, probably not, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and you care not for the struggles of the people because you are sitting pretty all thanks to the ratepayers.

Why don't you let the people know what it is you intend to do with all this extra money, justify the increase, if you can, [REDACTED], but the truth because God sees everything or am I not allowed to mention God to you?

What this increase will mean to me and my partner.

We will NOT be able to afford to continue to live here and will look at leaving the town.

What do you think it will do to the pensioners?

[REDACTED].

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