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Submission: I wish to submit my protest on the rate rises being sought by the Blue Mountains City Council. The current rate structure is currently too high compared to other councils for equivalent services. The BMCC's services are not such that they warrant the current high rates. As a long term resident in Hornsby Shire area my rates were under \$1400.00 while my rates in BMCC area are over \$2,000.00. Hornsby's services were better e. g. libraries, and they had a three bin collection service against two here. If the council cannot live within its current high income then they need to learn to control their expenses. Nobody I have spoken to here has any confidence in the BMCC and their procedures and their ability to improve..