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I dont think a year has past when our council has not increase services or water rates.
\$200 a year seems to be the standard, yet they employ more and more white collared staff, whilst retrenching the soldiers who do the real work, replacing them with out of town contractors who do not spend their money in the area.
The last industry in town was Ferraro nearly 30 years ago.
I hear people rumble constantly about the planning department placing so many ridiculous conditions on people who want to develop land or businesses.
Lithgow has not moved forward in 4 decades.
No jobs, no people, no houses, no developments equals no rate money coming in.
Look at the population sign, 15,000. Where have they gone?
Not hard to work out.
Look at the main st.
Multiple empty shops and closed business's.
Its the councils own fault. No one elected member, past or present, has removed the problem, that being the ancient thinking planning department.
Bathurst and Orange have leapt forward, whilst we are still in 1970.
Now they want the rate payers to chip in again.
No.. eliminate the problem and start budgeting properly, like we have to.
Move forward and let free thinking people develop their dreams for the benefit of the town.
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