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Submission: I am AGAINST the special rate rise for the following reasons.

Up to 2004 Lithgow Council had no problem budgeting.

After this date it started funding a private golf club up to \$500, 000 a year!

It started funding a tourist information centre up to \$800,000 a year (up to this date tourism funding was less than \$30,000 a year)

It took out a loan for 3.5 million for an indoor heated pool, knowing that the return on the project was over \$500,000 a year LOSS!

It recently completed a \$2.6 million Main St revitalization project which actually decimated the businesses in Main St causing many to close because of the disruption to traffic it caused over a period of 15 months.

Spent over \$120,000 each year on a Halloween festival, claimed it attracted 27,000 visitors and then had to admit it attracted only 10% of that figure

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