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Submission: I believe the current rate rise will do nothing to increase the amenity of residents or condition of roads within the blue mountains area. I have lived here for close to 30 years and although the population has increase somewhat the rate rises have consistently exceeded the inflation rate and the rise in population. I believe council is overstaffed with bureaucracy and understaffed with actual people who can do things. Council has repeatedly shown that it is incapable of running an important organisation within its mean. It is always the easiest option - increase rates. The hard decisions such as productivity checks, scaling back of unnecessary infrastructure and so on is never undertaken. In summary I strongly object to any rate rise whatsoever