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Submission: I do not support this permanent increase each year by over 9%.

Lithgow City Council can not appropriately utilize current rates. Our roads footpaths and Main Street are in a torrent condition. This has nothing to do with council not obtaining enough funds via rates collections but more the misappropriation of funds.

It is time Lithgow council put their hands up and admit they have no cue how to run a Council! In fact they are doing a shocking job.

It is time rate payers got back some funds NOT putting ours hands deeper into our pockets that are already empty! We are not getting any bang for our buck. Rather a bang on the car suspension every time you drive down any local road. You should be ashamed and embarrassed of yourselves asking this this increase.

What do you need the extra monies for? Fixing up the very expensive awful & ugly destruction of or once busy Main Street. Council has ruined Main Street business in fact ruined any chances of new businesses wanting to come to Lithgow. Shame on you. You should have your rate payers at the heart of everything you do. Not trying to the street still sundertake some training from Bathurst Council. Look at their history and how well they are performing. Better still amalgamate Lithgow with Bathurst so we can finally live up to being a "city".