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I strongly disagree with the Lithgow council raising my rates by 9% per year.

We get little council support and minimal servicing in our area with the only major work being done by contractors as part of their development subdivision requirements as they rip down trees and divide up the land with scant regard for the environment and esthetics of our once quite community. The revenue generated from the new multiple subdivisions will add to the income of the council for little servicing the provide in return..

CPI increase is surely the maximum increase any one (government or private industry) can fairly seek to align with wage/income increases and general cost of living. If I asked for a 9% increase at work p.a. I'd be laughed out of the bosses office.(or abused out..)

I could suggest several business strategies/options if they are struggling to achieve budget.