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Submission: This is a Petition that was undertaken by the people of Portland as Individuals as a whole to say that we are not appreciative of Lithgow Council wanting to raise our rates again in spite of them not doing what they have said they would do. We do not have any confidence in them at all, as they have lied to us and they have constantly not done what they say they will do.

Now we want to see that they cut back on the services and go back to the basics and start budgeting properly first before they are given permission to get more moneys from us as a people. Where has all the money from last year gone? How have they spent it?

[REDACTED]. Now when you ring through to get an answer, nobody knows the answer to any question. Why is the Lithgow Council being allowed to run as such?

[REDACTED] How does this apply in circumstances when we the people believe that [REDACTED]

Please do not give them any more money as they are not trust worth and they require a very clear budget that the people need to be able to look at and also help in putting together. If this was a household, we would find ways to make sure that what we have coming in as income would be utilised in the best way, not go back out asking a poor area to give more. Where are we supposed to go to get money? Literally from what tree? We cannot afford an increase for properties that are not worth so much. Plus if budget is an issue engage the community with incentives to put in water tanks, so they do not have to pay for water I would rather be put in with Bathurst Council than stay with Lithgow Council. NO!!!!!!

***PORTLAND SAYS NO TO RATE INCREASES PROPOSED AND OPTION 2!***

WE ARE NOT INTERESTED IN INCREASING OUR RATES AS WE HAVE NOT SEEN ANY UPGRADE TO SERVICES FOR THE LOCAL AREA OF PORTLAND. OUR ROADS ARE DAMAGED, AND MOST SERVICES ARE BASED IN LITHGOW, WHICH IS 25.9 KILOMETRES BY CAR. WHY THE INCREASE? IT IS NOT ACCEPTABLE.

**WE SAY NO!**



# **NO TO RATES INCREASE IN PORTLAND NSW 2847**

**We, the undersigned eligible voters of Portland NSW, petition the City Council of Lithgow to recognise that concerned citizens are against the increasing of the rates that have been currently proposed.**

| <b>Printed Name</b> | <b>Address</b> | <b>Date</b> | <b>Signature</b> | <b>Live near a road that needs repair</b> |
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