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Submission: I believe a special rate rise is not appropriate. Jobs and pay increases simply don't cover these extra costs that council are trying to pass onto rate payers. The council have wasted money on Unnecessary items when the money should have been used to improve our roads. Merriwa has a local park located on the Golden Highway that has no fence to stop children running onto a busy highway and no toilets for locals or travellers. Why can't council put money towards the upgrade of things such as this instead of local community groups having to raise over \$30K for something that would hugely benefit the town.