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Submission: As a self funded retiree who bears the full burden of rate charges with no concessions , the present cost of rates for Lithgow are very high and a major cost in my budget, I know I'm not the only person saying this. Compared the the high property values of my family living in other Council areas our rates are off the scale.

As ratepayer I fail to see the advantages our Council suggests it provides or will provide by a rate increase. But in fairness as a body they do and support some good/great community work and activities, Halloween as an example.

However in the end it is a simple question of affordability for ratepayers such as myself and the community at large.

The Council needs to improve its effectiveness and efficiency in budgeting, cost control, staffing & management and lifting service standards which from my experience and observations are generally poor.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.