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Submission: Living in Portland it's a rarity to see a council worker day to day. They mow the sports ovals reasonably frequently but other areas such as the dog park or play areas go 6 months between mows. The rangers refuse to come out to pick up stray dogs. Our roads are disgraceful, even if there are no potholes the overall quality of tar and gravel sprayed over dirt feels like you're on a roller coaster. Whilst the library is finally getting new titles the building itself areas to be crumbling, smells damp and the render is falling off the walls. The majority of improvements in the area such as the adventure park and skate park improvements are funded with state grants not council money. Council do very little to attract jobs or industry to the area. They are always slow to seize opportunities or only appear to be aware of them after it's too late. Most people in the area can simply not afford to pay an increase, especially when you consider our value for money is non existent.