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Submission: Local council rates are already charged at an amount which is beyond most household budgets. The revenue raised from rates at present should be adequate to fund maintenance and improvements of roads etc however I feel Lithgow council spends the revenue on less important projects such as "Halloween" events and the leasing of top of the line new vehicles for councillors and staff.

The revenue for rates is adequate if allocated properly to the most essential projects. Lithgow is an industrial town and wages are not rising in response to other increases including private Health insurance increases. Also, this is just punishing the home and property owners of the town and we have a large percentage of the local population who are on welfare. and therefore not contributing at all.