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Submission: Given Lithgow Council's record of conflict and waste I feel to give them carte-blanche for a 9% increase without serious oversight would be completely unjustified.

A good example is the large amount spent recently on the 'Main Street Upgrade' which has resulted in a central dead-zone where no-one wants to go, traffic difficulties on cross streets, parking space losses for businesses, etc.

There are many other examples of poor planning, lack of consultation and waste.

As such, I feel that they could easily make savings from such current expenditure wastes rather than inflicting ratepayers with this increase and continuing their current practices.