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**Subject:** Reject the Special Rate Variation for Lithgow Council

Good Morning,

I am completely against the special rate variation that has been proposed by Lithgow Council as I do not believe that the Council has clearly thought things through and there was evidence of this at the meeting that held for this as well.

The community from Portland do not see the money or any real works done and yet we pay an ridiculous amount of money for roads that are very badly managed. In fact there is not one road that does not have a pot hole in it and when it "fixed: it generally gets worse in a few days as the "fix" was not a permanent one.

I live on a small property and right now am already paying almost [REDACTED] - for rates which include a portion for water. However when I have asked for why this is so much as the property is only valued at [REDACTED] they have no answer.

I am asking you to please consider that most of the people that live in this area are of a lower socio-economic background and as such do not even know that they can complain or email the local government. The Councillors know this and still they do not come out and speak to the locals and find out how they can engage the community and better serve the community. Instead the [REDACTED] at the meeting held, stating that there was meeting held for community information sessions held in Portland and Wallerawang. [REDACTED] [REDACTED]! We never had any information session on the Special rate variation, just a letter in the mail over the Christmas break and New Year's break where most of the people were away. The submission date of 11 Jan 2019 for protest against this rate variation was due, most people were still on holiday or in holiday mood.

It was bad planning and serious manipulation by the Lithgow City Council.

We want to be involved and we want to be consulted fully.

I am not happy with these manipulation tactics and bullying tactics/, which is what is being demonstrated by Council.

I want to see that this is rejected.

Thank you

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