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Submission: * in Council's multi page booklet advising services and assets are to deteriorate if the rate rise is not approved, Council makes NO mention of striving to be more cost efficient and manage its assets more efficiently - e.g. its inspectors drive 6 cylinder petrol guzzling Commodores - could drive smaller, cheaper vehicles with much better fuel economy. Council has spent \$700,000 installing an elevator in a carpark which is already serviced by stairs, ramp & an elevator in adjoining shopping centre. the rate payers were NOT asked whether we thought \$700k spent on this unnecessary elevator was a good idea or not. MANY man hours are wasted weeding plants in roundabouts that could be better served fixing roads, footpaths and bridges. [REDACTED] at the same time Council is requesting us to pay higher rates!!! - this just shows how inefficient and out of touch the councillors really are. Better management, more cost efficient vehicles and no wage rises would mean no need for higher rates!