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Submission: I am opposed to Blue Mountain Councils application to increase rates by 41 percent. As an owner resident living in a unit the proposed increase would make the rates an unaffordable \$2000 per annum. Council needs to get their financial house in order & live within its means just like any other individual/organisation & stop wasting vast sums on unwinnable court challenges as well as major loss making ventures such as the million dollar per annum unfunded cultural centre at Katoomba. No increase should be granted to rates & Blue Mountains Council needs to be amalgamated immediately with Penrith or Lithgow regions.