

Your Details	
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Do you think we should decrease our day-to-day levels of service to reduce the average rate increase? :	Yes
Why / Why not?:	Yes I think there are some reductions that can be made to save the ratepayer some money, especially those struggling.
If so, what should we do less of?:	Excessive spending on health and safety where its more than required and not practical. Over spending on new developments where there are certain expensive sections or items that are hardly used by the community as seen on the art gallery, CBD upgrade and now the civic centre.
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Do you agree with using \$1.7 million from our forestry reserve to pay for major roading repairs?:	Yes
Why / why not?:	It would be great to get more roads built right the first time and not having bandaid repairs regularly.
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General comments:	The huge over spending on the civic centre and the future maintenance spending that will be required are certainly not helping the cost of rates. It seems wrong that when some local business are struggling the council staff will be seated in the new 'palace' with all the latest bells and whistles (which are not required for them to carry out their jobs) while increasing the rates of those struggling business to pay for it. Shouldn't council staff be in an average office environment like the people they represent? It is also disappointing to see so many projects going to out of town contractors, if money must be spent supporting local constructors should be a priority for council, even if the cost is slightly more.