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1. The only acceptable option Council can choose is to freeze at the current level. Over the last 10 years the rates on my property in Lincoln increased 78% which is unacceptable given that over the same period inflation has struggled to reach 3% in any of those years. Over the same period Salaries and wages increased by 100%.

This points out the sheer inefficiency and poor financial management given that rating units have increased exponentially which should (and would in the real business world) reduce costs per rating unit. I strongly suggest that Council has to look long and hard at all expenses with a target of cutting costs - it is just to easy and false to say "if we find savings the level of services will fall". That is just not true.

For too long ratepayers have had to accept increases over and above what they should be. Recently the Council congratulated itself for achieving a good Credit Rating but that was a result in large part by excessive increases in annual rates.

2. Prebbleton Community Centre - should more detailed consideration be required it would be wise to pause until that has been done.
3. As 2 above - wait until review is completed.

4. Council simply can not increase water rates to cover " any impact from the Three Waters Review ". When the review is done then will be the time to address any impact, it is totally wrong to increase charges before any detail is known and the economic impact is clear.

5. As 2 and 3 above.

6. No comment to be made except to say that the Development Contributions should be sufficient to cover the cost of additional community facilities due to growth. It should not be the responsibility of all ratepayers to provide facilities for the effects of new developments,