

# LG Submission Form 2021-2022 - Applications

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## IPART Special Variation Submission Form - Applications

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Council	Canterbury-Bankstown Council, Special Variation Application

If you have any general feedback regarding your council's proposed SV, please leave your comments in the comment box below.

**Dear Sir/Madam**

Given the rate rises proposed by council will have significant impact on companies currently struggling from the impacts of Covid-19 associated shutdowns, as CEO of the Canterbury Bankstown Chamber of Commerce I feel obliged to put in a submission.

I question the premise that Canterbury Bankstown Council does in fact have financial problems. Canterbury Bankstown Council has an extremely strong cash position, with CB Council currently having over \$45 million in cash reserves. The auditor's report actually highlighted this strong financial position with net operating cashflow of \$79.1 million.

Using an unrestricted current ratio to assess whether Council has sufficient cash to meet their obligations, CB Council's ration is 4.12 – effectively meaning council has \$4.12 to cover every \$1 it owes. This is extraordinary, given the recommendation for councils is a ratio of 1.5.

CB Council's cash position is so strong, that council has enough cash reserves to cover expenditure for the next 14 months, even if it receives no additional cashflows. Again, the council benchmark is that a council should have at least 3 months.

I am not critical of the amount of amount of cash held by council. It is a good thing and as residents we should be proud of Council's fiscal responsibility; but given this I can see no justification for the increase in rates proposed by Council.

**Canterbury Bankstown Chamber of Commerce**

Your comments on Criterion 1:

Your comments on Criterion 2:

Your comments on Criterion 3:

Your comments on Criterion 4:

Your comments on Criterion 5:

If you have attachments you would like to include with your feedback, please attach them below.

## Your Details

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**Organisation**

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First Name

**Wally**

Last Name

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Organisation Name

**Canterbury Bankstown Chamber of Commerce**

Position

**CEO**

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