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Submission: I do not support further rate rises for any reason at this time. Lismore businesses have suffered enough with continued loss of consumers as it is due to poor funding distribution from the council in the first place, and now they want them to pay more in rates? After the 2017 flood, many businesses in the CBD were forced to close, people lost their livelihoods, and now more will suffer the same fate because of ridiculous rate rises when all that will happen with the revenue is that it will be spent on art that does nothing for the community. Please think about this realistically and start helping a sinking community rather than drilling more holes.