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To: Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal

I am writing as a rate paying resident, re the proposal by the Lismore City Council for a Special Rate Variation (SRV) to fund its biodiversity plans.

As an 84 year old widow of 7 years, living independently on the rural property my husband worked, I am looking at paying for assistance with everyday chores which become more and more difficult. I have no family in New South Wales to assist, but resist the attempts of well meaning people to leave my home of 36 years of memories.

My rates are already over \$2,000.00, together with rising costs for essential services, I believe introducing the S.R.V. across the board is unfair and will result in more cutbacks in what I eat, what I wear, and definitely no thought of going to the cinema or eating out.

I do not believe that all the money raised will go towards beautification, as the Council appears to be in a bad financial state and maybe should cut its cloth to suit what is available. In other words, ECONOMISE, as many of us are forced to do.

Kind Regards, and thank you for the opportunity to comment.