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Select Council	Lismore City Council
If you have any general feedback regarding your council's proposed SV, please leave your comments in the comment box below.	Lismore City council do NOT need more of our money, we are in a struggling community hit hard by floods and now fires and every week we have more businesses and shops closing as they can not afford the exorbitant rates that we currently have. Our wages have not increased in any way shape or form to allow us to accomodate this erroneous increase. LCC has and continues to mismanage the funds that they currently have access to, they need to cut staff to save wage costs, they need to sell assets that they can not afford to keep and/or maintain ie: the Art Gallery, GSAC and Blakebrook Quarry. They have NOT done everything possible before asking us for more money until the take drastic measures to mitigate our losses. They have not increased the roads budget - not even by CPI - for the past 10 years. This is how they have mismanaged our rates money - we dont need to pay them more money for them to continue to mismanage it. They have more than enough money available to them, they just choose to run "pet projects" benefitting the minority within our community over and above getting back to what they are there for Roads, Rates and Rubbish!
Your comments on Criterion 1:	No more money from the community - close your assets that are not making a profit and costing us money.

Your comments on Criterion 2:	The rate has not been clearly identified. The amount of money stated by council is not truly reflective of what our rates are now let alone once it is increased. The VG has just upgraded our land values which will in turn increase our base rate, which in turn will increase the SRV as it is quotiented out as a percentage - of which amount I have no idea. But they continue to mislead us with the \$\$ value we will see increased and the end result % of increase both cumulative and severally each year.
Your comments on Criterion 3:	We currently pay over \$3,000 a year to LCC (excluding water) which is extraordinary for our property (approx 990 sq) and our wages do not reflect that high cost. We are a single family income with my business only earning money on a commission basis and having no income for over 12 weeks every year, this cost burden is unreasonable. Increasing rates will kill our town and severely be detrimental to our limited family income.
Your comments on Criterion 4:	Have not seen these documents exhibited anywhere.
Your comments on Criterion 5:	Nope, again have not seen any such documentation.
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