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IPART Special Variation Submission Form	
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Review	(LG) Special Variations & Minimum Rates 2020-2021
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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.	The applied for SV is both far higher than necessary, should not be permanent as the current budget issues are not likely to be permanent, will cause hardship for residents and will have negative impacts of the viability of local small business.
Your comments on Criterion 1:	While there is currently a budget deficit, it has come about largely due to accounting mistakes and mismanagement of funds. At most a small, temporary variation to rates would be needed to return the council to a solid financial footing.
Your comments on Criterion 2:	The community is aware of the size of the increase via SV, and most agree that it is far in excess of what is actually needed to cover the cost of providing essential services.
Your comments on Criterion 3:	The proposed special rate variation is both large, ongoing and cumulative. The Lismore region is home to many lower income persons who find it difficult to pay the current level of rates, and they will likely be in financial hardship if this SV goes ahead. It will also make it difficult for small businesses to continue to operate - many have closed due to rent rises relating to rates costs.
Your comments on Criterion 4:	No comments.
Your comments on Criterion 5:	No comments.
If you have attachments you would like to include with your feedback, please attach them below.	

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