

LG Submission Form 2021-2022 - Applications

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

Council cannot be trusted to manage the additional funds effectively based on its history since the forced amalgamation and the constant infighting. I want to see Council demonstrating it can manage existing income before contemplating a rate increase. Several councillors have resigned. Unfortunately, the chief [REDACTED] are among those who remain. Ratepayers are already faced with a range of other increases including water. We are just emerging from 4 years drought with Level 5 water restrictions, several months of living in dangerous bush fire smoke and then the pandemic. Many small businesses are struggling to survive. Many UNE staff have lost their employment. Two other big employers have closed stores; Big W and Target Country. We have lost our best restaurant. I want Council to live within its existing means for at least the next 2 years. We need time to take stock and try to recover. If that means reducing services then so be it. By the way, Council is currently delivering some services that are unnecessary. For example, recreational activities for seniors when there is an abundance of such services offered by other agencies such as U3A, churches, Legacy, service clubs, Probus, Armidale Care for Seniors, and the Armidale Branch of National Senior Australia, Mens Shed, CWA etc. I also want it to be compulsory for elected councillors to undertake learning in areas such as financial management, and how their role meshes with that of Council professional staff. Councillors must not interfere with operational matters. Thank you. [REDACTED] Armidale city ratepayer and independent retiree.

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Your Details

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Individual

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First Name

Last Name

Organisation Name

Position

Email

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