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Subject: ANONYMOUS - Staggered Rate increase for Lismore City Council of 24%

I am writing to complain about the rate increase for Lismore residents. My land is in a flood area of North Lismore and is valued at \$127,000. My rates are over \$2,500 per year. I find the rates to be a huge financial strain and I fail to see how just because Lismore City Council cannot manage their finances that we should be expected to pick up the slack yet again. Apparently they did not realise that they were \$6,000,000 worse off than they thought. It was only that they got a new General Manager and she did an audit that they even realised what had happened. I don't think they were being responsible with our money. The roads are poorly maintained and are fixed in a manner that the next time it rains they have to fix the hole again. I know a lot of the shops over town can no longer afford the rates. By comparison George Gooley has 3 shops. One in Casino, one in Ballina and one in Lismore. Casino rates \$8,000 per year, Ballina rates \$4,000 per year, Lismore rates \$24,000. There must be another way instead of continually expecting the rate payers to keep paying ever higher rates in a very low income area.