

LG Submission Form 2020-2021

Submission date: 20 February 2020, 4:53PM

Receipt number: 58

Related form version: 9

Question	Response
IPART Special Variation Submission Form	
Industry	Local Government
Review	(LG) Special Variations & Minimum Rates 2020-2021
Document Reference	
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.	As a retailer I would like to voice my anger at the council even considering a rate rise, our town is dying since before the last flood, in the main street there are so many empty shops, people don't like seeing this, they are going to Ballina or up the coast to shop. We have been in business since 1980 and have seen our council being less efficient , if we ran a business like they run the council, we would be bankrupt, we are always being told to listen to our customers the council needs to that as well.
Your comments on Criterion 1:	The council isn't going to listen to what the rate payers want, they have not for along time and it tells in the lack of growth to our town, and the young people getting out as soon as they can, even with our university they are preferring to move away, which is a shame. it is sad to say our town is slowly dying and the council, doesn't have the answers or doesn't seem to care, where are the attractions for the young ones to stay.
Your comments on Criterion 2:	With the proposed rate hike, it is sickening to think what we will be paying, for the council to play around with our money given their track record.

Your comments on Criterion 3:	As a high unemployment area it won't affect the unemployed or people on benefits as much, but the business owners who are struggling and the pensioners that own their own home, which they worked hard to buy which are going to be penalised again.
Your comments on Criterion 4:	I feel our neighbouring councils are offering more to their rate payers for less rates, and the Lismore City Council appear to fight among themselves and not a lot gets achieved.
Your comments on Criterion 5:	I feel as a retailer, who will be retiring in the coming years, Lismore can boast a new art gallery, but if you aren't into art like a lot of people, it has no appeal, we had a big free pool, which was a big family drawer, council canned that, but are happy to give the grants to the [REDACTED] and such things as that, we are losing our family image
If you have attachments you would like to include with your feedback, please attach them below.	
Your Details	
Are you an individual or organisation?	Individual
If you would like your submission or your name to remain confidential please indicate below.	Anonymous - my submission can be published but my name should remain anonymous
First Name	
Last Name	
Organisation Name	
Position	
Email	[REDACTED]
IPART's Submission Policy	I have read & accept IPART's Submission Policy