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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.	I oppose the proposed rate increase. This comes after years of excessive rate increases combined with new Council levies, which together have greatly exceeded inflation. My reasons for opposing the increase are stated in more detail below.
Your comments on Criterion 1:	Lismore City Council stated its reasons for the rates increase proposal, and the ratepayers were invited to comment on the proposed increase in two surveys. The ratepayers comprehensively rejected the proposed rate hikes, yet LCC arrogantly ignored these surveys (on which it had spent large amounts of ratepayer's funds). Is this democratic?
Your comments on Criterion 2:	
Your comments on Criterion 3:	LCC has been increasing rates by well above the consumer price index for years, so that Lismore rates are now becoming exorbitant. There is already ample evidence that high rates are destroying the city, with very high numbers of closed businesses, and large parts of the CBD vacant. Meanwhile, through incompetence and waste, the Council continues to live beyond its means. The ratepayers have to live within their own budgets. LCC needs to show some financial discipline. If not checked, this Council will blithely continue to overspend and waste other people's money indefinitely.
Your comments on Criterion 4:	

Your comments on Criterion 5:	
If you have attachments you would like to include with your feedback, please attach them below.	
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