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Subject: ANONYMOUS - Lismore City Council Rate Rise

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This council needs SACKING!!!!

Late 2018 we were told council was \$1,200,000 million dollars in debt. Early 2019, this figure jumped to \$60.000,000. With the quiet departure of a staff member, & no explanation to rate payers, we were then told there wasn't a problem. Something has been swept under the carpet.

The current mayor says the increase is the cost of a cup of coffee per day. Not all ratepayers are Latte sipping residents, & not everyone can afford to be. By the time we get to the fourth year, that becomes four cups of coffee per day. The rate rise is permanent & at the end of the four years, there is sure to be an application for another increase. Where does it all end? Council need to work with the community & spend our money wisely. Several years ago, council paid \$50,00 to have a rainbow crossing painted on a one way street, to appease our [REDACTED] society. Then they painted bicycle lanes around the city for our cycling society. What a waste of rate payers money as it is very rare to see a cyclist using the lanes. Council also widened other footpaths to become shared by pedestrians & cyclists alike Lismore is rather hilly & not an enjoyable experience on a bike. What a waste of money. This money should have been spent on roads for the benefit of all , however I guess filing potholes during rain, is a waste of money also.

Monday, 17th February 2020, three Rural Fire brigades were deployed to "ASSIST" council with the cleaning of a car park, that had gone under water during local, low level flooding. When the RFS members arrived, the council's water tanker was there with no council employees to be seen. The volunteer RFS men contacted council & were told to go ahead & hose the debri off the car park. Where were council's own PAID staff?

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