

# LG Submission Form 2020-2021

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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.	Lismore City Council has 125 LESS staff than Ballina shire council BUT pays nearly \$11 MILLION more in staff wages. In fact since the July 2019 Annual Financial Report and the December Business Quarterly report we have further INCREASED our staff wages in Lismore City Council by \$4.5 MILLION. How is that not mismanaging our money? LCC need not to RAISE our Rates to pay for roads and essential infrastructure - they need to PROPERLY MANAGE our money they already receive.

Your comments on Criterion 1:	Do a full restructure of council staff, only rehiring essential base staff required. Do an Activity Based report on staff activities and hire only what is NEEDED. Staff wages can be reduced by over \$10 MILLION a year if we act accordingly. Also sell assets that DO NOT incur any positive income ie: The Art Gallery, The Blakebrook Quarry, and GSAC. They need to do these things and demonstrate to our electorate that they have done measures to mitigate losses. The Roads Budget in LCC has not been increased one dollar for over a decade. Even though wages for staff to do the road works have increased, and materials have increased and costs of machinery have increased. They have taken money away from the roads budget for the past 10 years systematically and not even passed on the CPI increases we pay in rates towards this roads budget and now cant afford to fix what is broken. NO MORE MONEY for Lismore City Council Staff to MISMANAGE.
Your comments on Criterion 2:	Nope, this has been miscommunicated. At the last time the local newspaper told us of the rate increase, and the Mayor was quoted it was going to be the "cost of a cup of coffee a week". But since then the Valuations have been done (in December 2019) and now I have NO IDEA how much the rate increase is going to be both in a reflected percentage and a dollar value. Not good enough.
Your comments on Criterion 3:	We have one salary wage coming in and one full time commission wage coming in in our home. My wifes income is limited to \$0 for 12 weeks during school holidays each year, and as she is in a competitive market looking at losing clients she has not had any increase in commission since 2009. Yet our Rates increase EVERY SINGLE Year in LCC. Not once have they bypassed the CPI set out by IPART. Our family income does not sustain these extraordinary increases.
Your comments on Criterion 4:	Have not seen these documents, they have not been published in the paper, they have not been sent to me and the council website is such a difficult website to navigate through that it is not user friendly at all. So, NO have not seen this data or information.

Your comments on Criterion 5:	No, again no idea what these documents are. BUT I can say that they have failed to mitigate this issue by NOT increasing the Roads budget once cents for the past 10 years.
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