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To whom it may concern

We strongly disagree to the 'special rate increases' over the next 4 years. In support we offer the following:

- In our area there is high unemployment, a high number of single income families, a high number of welfare recipients, self funded retirees & small businesses all of whom are struggling financially & cannot afford any rate rise.
- The recent bush fire & floods have placed further financial strain on a great number of ratepayers in the Lismore area.
- Council engaged in a "Have your say" with ratepayers regarding these rises, the overwhelming response from ratepayers were against the raise. Council ignored ratepayers and voted to ask IPART for the rate rise.
- Council over the years has not been wise with it's financial dealings & spending e.g. investment with Lehmann Bros, costing rate payers \$800,000 during the GFC.
- Spending public monies on artwork installations which no return on Council investments.
- Rather than Council seeking rate increases, we ask that Council improves it's work practises, policies & procedures to save money.

Yours sincerely

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