

LG Submission Form 2020-2021

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Review	(LG) Special Variations & Minimum Rates 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.	The proposed rate increase is excessive and will lead to increased levels of financial distress for residents who are already sitting well below the median annual income for Australia. Residents have little control over Councils financial decisions and Lismore Councils financial problems as a consequence of mismanagement and poor investment should not be passed on to ratepayers. Based on calculations (not the ones initially provided by Council which were misleading and based on old land valuations) my rates would increased to nearly \$4000 a year. I struggle to afford them as they are. Council will end up financially ruining ratepayers with poor credit scores chasing up unpaid rates.
Your comments on Criterion 1:	The community has strongly objected to the services and infrastructure investments of the council and the suggestion that the increase is vital to address flood damaged infrastructure from 2018 is rubbish. Council has invested poorly in services the community does not want and has made no real effort to access state based funding to address the recovery efforts from the declared natural disaster.
Your comments on Criterion 2:	Council mislead the community on the full effects of the rate rise with incorrect calculations provided during the consultation phase. Further to that, the community wholeheartedly rejected the proposal during consultation.

Your comments on Criterion 3:	The rise is not reasonable and people will be unable to afford the rates. This will result in bad debt and legal action against many within the community. Local small businesses will close and the whole community will suffer.
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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