

# LG Submission Form 2020-2021

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If you have any general feedback regarding your council's proposed SV, please leave your comments in the comment box below.	The proposed rate rise is not for our community who are struggling with employment opportunities, due to flood, drought, fire and also the low pay rate in our area.
Your comments on Criterion 1:	I have been involved in two surveys, one on the internet and then one by telephone. The internet survey over whelming concluded the community did NOT want a 1`8% rate increase in the rates, the pegged increase was acceptable, there were number of choices put forward. The telephone survey which I was involved in the whole survey was read out, impossible to completely understand and there was only three items to choose from which of the percentage rates was not acceptable, I informed the person doing the survey that there was 4 to choose from on the internet survey, where was the pegged rate rise and I requested that I was voting for then pegged rate rise only. The telephone survey was in correct when all choices were not available.

Your comments on Criterion 2:	<p>The long suffering rate payers have been putting up with inefficient Lismore City Council for a long time. The council stated when the Solar Farm was installed this would reduce costs and benefits would flow onto the rate payers. What benefits? Large increase in our rates.</p> <p>The council stated the recycling site at the Lismore would reduce rates, benefits would be past on to the ratepayers. OH! NO, 5 million dollar loss, very poor management by council.</p> <p>When the [REDACTED] was employed, immediately two new executives employed to fix the problem. Now rate payers get an 18% rate hike in their rates.</p>
Your comments on Criterion 3:	<p>The Lismore rate payers have been one of the highest rates in the North Coast, coupled with this high unemployed, The largest CBD rates on the North Coast e.g. Ballina Council shop owners pay half the cost of our rate charges compared to Lismore that is why our CBD is a ghost town. The council requested a massive new development at the Lismore Square, more jobs etc. The social economical structure of Lismore is very poor, therefore the rate increase should only be the pegged.</p>
Your comments on Criterion 4:	<p>It is noted that the only person who voted for the rate rise at the Lismore City Council was a Ballin person, he was NOT a Lismore rate payers, this was reported by the local paper the Northern Star.</p> <p>The Council stopped other people who wanted to put forward points against the rate rise. The local [REDACTED] is NOT standing re-election and it was his casting vote that allowed for majority of votes for the rise.</p> <p>This is not what the people of Lismore need or require at this time. There are properties still waiting to the repaired from the 2017 flood event, the last thing the people of Lismore is a large rate increase due to the mis-management of the Lismore City Council.</p>

Your comments on Criterion 5:	The cost of the rate increase will NOT FIX mis-management of the available funds. The Council has promised things in the past and HAVE NOT delivered. It would be better to try after the coming Council elections and see what the people vote for. I am sure the existing councillors who do sit on the existing council will NOT BE on the newly elected Council as rate payers are very unhappy with their service.
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