

LG Submission Form 2020-2021

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| IPART Special Variation Submission Form | |
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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. | This is an unjust and unfair imposition on our community during a time that we have been devastated by natural disasters. No other council in the state is seeking a SRV and in fact some are waiving their right to charge the standard rate peg due to the hardship their communities are facing. |

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| <p>Your comments on Criterion 1:</p> | <p>LCC is top heavy with executive management when compared to surrounding LGA's. Despite this they have been very unsuccessful in lobbying State and Federal governments for funding / grants compared to our neighbouring LGA's. LCC has not even lobbied for promised funding</p> <p>https://l.facebook.com/l.php?u=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.rms.nsw.gov.au%2Fabout%2Fnews-events%2Fnews%2Fministerial%2F2019%2F190224-a-new-era-for-nsw-local-roads-and-iconic-timber-bridges.html%3Ffbclid%3DIwAR2Q4tkz2mrnXvEGBcOYwrWIMi5xltD7Wq9PnJht5s_EIF0HSUp2Btmv4D8&h=AT21C7yW48SfgcSTw_vOX1uPF-YC674i8rq7Akpc4JO3RNYxYumHBYJkHS0ZC2MM9gV1ybssYPW_d23bh0h54F-Nj3bmNaE8D_MK1cxvL7H5lr16ZgyDrACsdTy4HtjQAVpSWZBYPo</p> <p>One of the reasons given for applying for the SRV is the need to fix roads - has LCC even bothered to seek this promise by the State government?</p> |
| <p>Your comments on Criterion 2:</p> | <p>LCC has not been transparent with the process at all. The approval for the SRV was snuck through a council meeting when 3 councillors who most likely would have voted against the SRV were on leave - very unethical. A recision motion was sabotaged. Feedback through the 'Your say Lismore' survey was overwhelmingly against the SRV. A community petition against the SRV had overwhelming support</p> <p>http://chnng.it/Lr7twGf</p> <p>Please look at feedback from our community on this petition. The community widely believes council already get enough funds which they then mismanage. The majority of our community believe we can not afford an SRV now and it will adversely affect our community and negatively effect our local economy and cause hardship for most households.</p> |

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| Your comments on Criterion 3: | As above. Ratepayers can not afford this SRV. Businesses in our struggling CBD can not afford this. Struggling families can not afford this. Pensioners can not afford this. Young first home buyers can not afford this. Our community can not afford this now. It will be damaging to our community. It can wait. Leave it to the public to decide in September at the next council election. Let them run on a platform of increasing rates and mismanaging the money. |
| Your comments on Criterion 4: | The documents lack the correct detail with even local councillors confused about the detail of the SRV. Not good enough. |
| Your comments on Criterion 5: | LCC has not done enough to make savings in areas they could. Such as, looking at staffing, looking at excess, ineffective and overpaid executive. Looking at efficiencies to be made by reducing council staff and contracting services, doing jobs properly with good materials the first time around and not having to waste doing jobs again, seeking grants and funding from government, etc |
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