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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.	Mismanagement is the primary feature of this Council. The August 2019 compost fire typifies the inability of senior staff to run a business- that fire was a direct result of Council's failure to maintain an essential wetting program over a weekend of a predicted heatwave. The fire itself smouldered through machinery/shedding and tens of thousands of tonnes of contaminated compost which Council was already unable to sell. This fire came on top of Council's sudden discovery of a budget deficiency of Millions of dollars... I dont know whether EPA will take action against Council for creating a giant combustible compost heap in Lismore- I dont know whether the budget deficit discovery resulted in a cleanout of deadwood in Senior management, but lots of motherhood statements are made and nothing constructive is happening to mend potholes and ease the rate burden on shopkeepers in the Lismore CBD- vacant shopfronts show that Council is already bleeding its community.
Your comments on Criterion 1:	
Your comments on Criterion 2:	I believe the community clearly OPPOSED another rate increase- we expect that Council will use its current rate income wisely.

Your comments on Criterion 3:	CBD businesses cannot sustain the existing over-rating= empty shops. Council has excessive charges on residential properties in relation to the services actually provided. New businesses cannot set up because Staff set high demands and changes of use are overly expensive- Council should not profiteer from a proposal to change an existing business use.. the change is because the previous use was not viable, a new use should be encouraged rather than penalised.
Your comments on Criterion 4:	
Your comments on Criterion 5:	I dont accept that Council has achieved anything by simply changing the job descriptions and titles in administration- Quarry quality has been abysmal... Compost sales have become non-existent through poor management. Council requests a 24% increase over four years, but fails to tell the people that this is in fact a rate rise of over twenty-six percent.
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