## **LG Submission Form 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.	I am not in agreement with the Council claim for increased rates. The Lismore City Council has steadily lost money over several years, and consistently tries to lay blame on multiple factors, but never their own poor decision making.  If council did not ally itself politically, it would also most likely produce decisions based on community need and welfare.
Your comments on Criterion 1:	This Council, not unlike many others, continually seeks more money to provide resources and infrastructure. However, this Council seems to be unable to make any decisions without employing expensive consultancies. Whilst I am in agreement that sometimes consultancy is needed, surely the people already employed are those most suited to many of these decision making processes.

Your comments on Criterion 2:	Council constantly claims to be in consultation with its ratepayers - exhibiting plans at Goonellabah may be well and good for those residing in Goonellabah, but why not also in the CBD where there are still so many empty premises.  Council skates over the real amount of increase it accumulated during the proposed period of time.
Your comments on Criterion 3:	We have the highest rates of any surrounding or nearby council - Ballina has surpassed us in population numbers, yet they are leap-frogging us in establishing infrastructure, and manage on so much less rates Nearby towns of Casino and Kyogle, whilst significantly smaller in population, are doing a far better job of attracting industry.
Your comments on Criterion 4:	I would like to know where the council obtains its figures and how the average valuation is \$133K the figures remind me of the bible - there's a quote for any occasion or act, and council has a figure to manipulate for same.
Your comments on Criterion 5:	No comment on this, as in my opinion, this Lismore City Council should have been put into receivership and administration at least two years ago.
If you have attachments you would like to include with your feedback, plese attach them below.	
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