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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.	Lismore council have lost funds, mismanaged other funds & spent ridiculous amounts on arts, that should have been spent on infrastructure & general maintenance. For years I have watched them "beautify" roundabouts while the roads around it have pot holes that are large enough to pop tyres and break suspension.
Your comments on Criterion 1:	All we have been asking for is maintenance of the existing roads & council facilities, but the council keep spending it on "new projects", we don't need new, we need the existing to be maintained, since they lost millions that could have gone to maintenance, how about instead of increasing our rates, stop all new projects & work on maintenance of existing infrastructure until they get back to budget. I don't want them to have more of our money, to loss & mismanage, just do what the rest of us do, live within our means.
Your comments on Criterion 2:	the council never inform us on why they need more money, they will however make it sound like we are always broke, but meanwhile spending millions on "art" that we did not ask for & do not need. we are not a tourism town and never will be, especially while this council spends money on art not infrastructure (roads and other maintenance).

Your comments on Criterion 3:	the increase in rates will not only hurt already struggling residence but the businesses that are still recovering after floods, bush fires & droughts cannot afford to have this, we are all hurting from reduced cash flow, employment opportunities and more due to all that we have suffered & the rate increase will just further add to this.
Your comments on Criterion 4:	If they have exhibited it, then it has not been easy to access, I know trying to get to council is hard enough (time & location), as I work in Lismore 8am to 5pm but the office is in goonellabah, if you go to them to ask for anything, they will ask you to wait usually over 30+ mins, making it exceed lunch break, excluding other like myself from information and access.
Your comments on Criterion 5:	I cannot see what productivity increases will be made. we consistently drive past road workers, gardeners, and others in Utes & trucks, doing nothing, standing around, etc. I have worked with a road construction company (large) and they do not allow this inefficiency, as it hurts the business, but, if the workers that are visible are doing this, then I doubt the non-visible personnel are doing anything better, as they are even less accountable.
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