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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 City Council has run itself and Lismore City into the ground over the last decade. Wasteful spending on assets which run at a significant loss including galleries and gymnasiums, expensive and subsidised rubbish and recycling programs and large staff numbers and huge wages bills on council books has resulted in the Lismore city council being at a crisis point. The large number of Greens and Labor councillors dominating councillor positions over the last decade have been ill equipped to make sound financial decisions. Many are ideologically driven by their political parties and are not making decisions in the best interest of the community or the financial strength of the council. Their only solution is to push rates increases onto the rate payers instead of finding savings or looking at other ways to increase revenue such as allowing building and land development to move at a quicker pace.

Your comments on Criterion 1:	<p>LCC's only solution is to push rate increases onto the rate payers instead of finding savings in wages bills for example or looking at other ways to increase revenue such as allowing building and land development to move at a quicker pace. Lismore City Council should understand that the communities desire for extra services will only be fulfilled when roads are at a standard expected, when the rates are fair and when the rubbish collection and processing doesn't cost the community a fortune.</p> <p>Don't waste ratepayers money painting a road in rainbow colours. Fix the potholes with that money. Better still....fix the whole road.</p>
Your comments on Criterion 2:	<p>Upon reading Lismore City Council's submission to impart it appeared Lismore City Council did not disclose all options to the community.</p> <p>After 2 rounds of community consultation it appears the majority of councillors especially the mayor are not even listening to the community by voting to submit the rate rise to IPART.</p> <p>The community overwhelmingly said no to the rate rise!!!!!!! Look at the online results especially. 80% of respondents said NO rate rise.</p>
Your comments on Criterion 3:	<p>There has been almost minimal effort at increasing the rate payer base in Lismore over the last 10 years. Business is in decline, land is not being developed. Ideology is getting in the way of common sense. I would request the IPART panel make the effort to meet and ask a few questions of the current Lismore City Council to understand their level of competency and financial acumen for the job.</p>
Your comments on Criterion 4:	<p>I believe this was done although their was a third scenario in the submission that was not even put to the community before submission to IPART.</p>

Your comments on Criterion 5:	I would be very sceptical of the numbers provided to IPART by Lismore City Council who seem to have a history of fudging things around to make it seem like there's nothing to see. The financial difficulties Lismore City Council are in now are a decade of creative accounting whilst not communicating with the rate payers or the community the seriousness of the financial mismanagement in the organisation.
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