From: Frank Lombardo

To: <u>Local Government Mailbox</u>

Subject: Rate increase

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Dear ipart,

I strongly disagree with any increase in rates for the city centre of Lismore NSW 2480. As a rate payer / landlord we are still recovering from recent flooding in the cbd. My family personally has not been able to access any government funds as we did not meet those requirements. I'm sure if you were a business operator you would qualify however it seems as a landlord you are stuck in the middle and have to wear the costs yourself. We personally spent around \$20000.00 in fixing problems from these floods. If we where to wear a rate increase now it would be a slap in the face for land owners. Also there are now increased insurance premiums we are paying even though our claims were denied in the recent floods. For these reasons I would strongly discourage any rate increase above CPI.

Frank Lombardo