

# LG Submission Form 2020-2021

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| IPART Special Variation Submission Form   |   |
| Industry  | Local Government  |
| Review  | (LG) Special Variations & Minimum Rates 2020-2021   |
| Document Reference  |   |
| 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 oppose the special variation for Lismore City Council as the Council has not managed its finances well for a long time and now expect the ratepayers to chip in. The ratepayers have to tighten their belts when required. Council should not be excluded from living within their means.   |
| Your comments on Criterion 1:   | Council has received significant state and federal grants for fixing poorly maintained roads. If Council was to fix these roads properly the first time there would not be a backlog of maintenance. There are quite a few sections of road that have been repaired, then 6 months later the same section has to be redone as it was not done properly the first time. Two examples are Conway Street and Lismore- Bangalow Road. |
| Your comments on Criterion 2:   | There is a need for improved performance in repairing and maintaining roads. Extra money will be wasted. The alternative is conduct an independent audit and have the road engineers retained in proper road design, repair and maintenance.  |

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| Your comments on Criterion 3:   | Lismore City Council has the highest rates in the Northern Rivers. There are self funded retirees, who are receiving a lot less interest on their investments and bank deposits, that have worked hard all their life and get very little in return from Council. There are also a lot of low socio-economic rate payers. It is not fair to burden this group of people with excessive rate increases because of Council's financial and project mismanagement. As you may be aware when the new General Manager took her position recently an audit of Council's finances found that there was \$6m shortfall and as a result a lot of need projects were scaled back or axed. There are people employed by Council to manage finances. The ratepayers should not be penalised for Council's financial mismanagement. |
| Your comments on Criterion 4:   |  |
| Your comments on Criterion 5:   |  |
| If you have attachments you would like to include with your feedback, please attach them below. |  |
| <b>Your Details</b>   |  |
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