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Submission: I'm a resident of the Lismore LGA & I support Lismore City Council's application for a special rate variation of 1.8% to raise \$500,000 p.a. for the implementation of the Biodiversity Management Strategy (BMS). The rate variation is justified because the BMS reflects the community's desire to protect our environment, as indicated by the recent "Imagine Lismore" community consultation project. The Lismore City Council area is part of the north eastern NSW biodiversity hotspot and supports many threatened species, therefore the BMS is needed to protect these species from further risk. Please approve the special rate variation request.