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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 have gone against community consultation to push this SRV through. The Council is in financial crisis because of mismanagement not because of lack of funds.
Your comments on Criterion 1:	If Council cut back on the excessive number of consultants, indoor staff, staff vehicles and new positions created that do not reflect core business that our rates should be used for.
Your comments on Criterion 2:	<p>Council has been misleading to the public and dishonest on current and proposed spending. They need to get back to core business and budget appropriately instead of alternate airyfair projects that only a diverse minority are in favor of.</p> <p>About 10 years ago there was a community consultation process following local rural and town hall meetings the outcome was unanimous to no rate rise. [REDACTED] at the time used [REDACTED] casting vote to push the rate rise through, against the clear and documented wishes of the community. The purpose then was for road works. This money has been since diverted to other alternate projects hence the roads are still in disrepair through neglect and mismanagement of funds and staffing. For the past 5 years the roadwork funds have been reallocated to other project to prop up their budget failures.</p>

Your comments on Criterion 3:	Lismore City Council has some of the most expensive rates in NSW and this proposed increase is going to put so much unnecessary financial pressure on struggling families and businesses. Particularly when they are incapable of managing current funds. The Lismore CBD has about fiftyeight shops vacant with many more stating they have had enough but still our so called progressive council pushes on.
Your comments on Criterion 4:	There is a point of order on the corrupt procedure that the [REDACTED] pushed the motion through for the rate rise at the Council Meeting. He used his casting vote fully aware that absent [REDACTED] had contacted him by email prior to the meeting against the motion going through ignoring that all together. Also he went against community consultation results. He also set up a seconder to the rescission motion to stifle debate in favor of the rescission motion. That seconder then voted against the rescission motion. The figures the Council used to sell the SRV were incorrect and they failed to disclose that the new land valuations would also impact further on the increase. Therefore I believe that is fraudulent so why would we trust the council to do the right thing.
Your comments on Criterion 5:	There should have been an Administrator appointed to this Council 5 years ago because of irresponsible over expenditure. Too many indoor staff. Projects running at a massive loss. Massive debt.
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