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Dear Minister,

Please consider the impact of the ever increasing rates on families while income has remained stagnant for years. Many families are having reduced hours or one income in these hard economic times. The automatic increase is already an unfair burden and it is strongly recommended that cost cutting should be the priority, and not to keep increasing rates. The Lismore rates are one of the highest in the state if not the country and it's time that some economic reform is needed.

As jobs are not readily available it's not likely that us employees can risk asking for an increase without jeopardising our future. Please reconsider this increase in view of the harsh income limit to households. Lismore council has a wonderful vision that has already shown us a sustainable future, but please halt all rate increases. Accountability for cost cutting must be part of the Lismore City Council agenda.

Regards, Julie Hunt, [REDACTED]