

To
Local Government Team
Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal.
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From John Stewart.

mon. 2nd MARCH 2020.

Dear Sir's. THIS is a short cover Note with my 1409 page.
Submission against, Lismore city Council's application
for a Special Rate Variation (Part B.) to IPART.

firstly, I apologize for the inability to reduce down my
Submission, as I have not got the necessary skills
to do so. I was Born in Lismore so I know its sole.

Please take the time to Read this. There is so much
more I would have liked to write. But.

yours faithfully

2.3.2020.

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my SUBMISSION AGAINST LISMORE CITY COUNCIL SRV
TO IPART.

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balancing community expectations

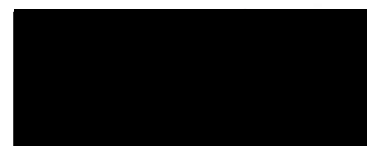
The first and foremost Service Rate payers expect from LCC, is for them to look after our well being Dollar \$ wise, and not use us for want.

No one I know has seen council's, first ever Viable economical Plan, the first one in 50 years.

John Stewart.



Yours faithfully



2.5.2020



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Consultation

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we weren't asked should we do it or not. No you were told which option you wanted. 24% over 2 years or 24% over 4 years

MORE JUST LISTEN to us (LCC), we weren't asked to ask questions. Council Pat frequently asked Questions (17 off) in a Rates Facts sheet. consultation Part 1 for SRV and Part 2. for more rate rises for more money. for Future sporting and recreation facilities, improvement and maintenance.

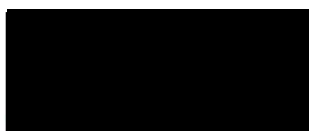
Also. New sporting and recreational projects that are currently unable to proceed due to lack of funding. (Part 2?) and if you would support future Rate rises in the near future with in 10 years so we can again spend money on sport.

Lismore City Council HAS BEEN Planning this for a long time and going for the max \$DOLLARS, along with two other councils its been in the pipe for sometime, along with the \$Black hole (6 million) they kept quite.

Its a lot to take in But it doesnt take long to realize what the Black hole is

Council tried to contact the community But failed to get Possitive feed Back or willingness to except the SRV in any form. The awareness people had of the SRV in format-ion was limited at Best. they are aware But Don't know what to Do about it. They just Don't want it.

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Council only listened to what it wanted to hear, anything they didn't want to hear was dismissed or glossed over. They split the consultation into (3) three options to consider, they wanted your preference to show how the SRV would go ahead. The overwhelming majority of people were against the SRV. Why can't LCC operate with the high rate structure we already pay.

Not a lot of constructive community consultation, they put it out there but it hasn't got through (unreasonable). People don't come forward like they should, it's a waste of time trying to communicate with them, council doesn't get the true feel of the people it looks after. People don't know how to make a submission against. They leave it to others.

THE IMPACT

We already have a good Business district, But it not vibrant as it was. Because people are feeling the Pinch.

Shops are just closing up, not selling on (lots and lots and lots)

The flood may have had something to do with this. (why bother)

Sales are down for sure & Running costs are high, commercial Rates higher than average. Lots of factors involved.

Not to mention the economy out there, \$ numbers are too high eg. How are our children ever going to be able to save for a

Deposit and Buy a home, let alone get a \$500,000.00 loan. couples each have to have a very good job. Ever own flood prone Houses in Lismore are around \$200,000, at the Bottom end of sales.

LCC hasn't got a clue what going on out there in Lismore Town and how tight it is with living costs.

We own an old wooden flood prone house in [redacted] and we don't go out hardly. [redacted] works 3 days at [redacted] and I

have some Rents coming in to survive on. [redacted] is 64 and I am 70, we can't get the pension or part of it. we live within our means amongst Renters and low income neighbour hood.

We know first hand the trouble there in. How do you know? you know how they live, Drink Drug & Fight. But it the stress

factor that is the main thing you see. we keep to ourselves as much as we can. LCC can spend and say as much as they like But it won't make a scrap of difference to the Vibrance and confidence in Lismore.

(more living pressure, more stress.) across the Board.
IMPORTANT: Its the hidden ones that snap.

Councillor [REDACTED]

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is right in saying the obvious

that there's something wrong internally for us to be in the position we're in, and that we should be focused on what the council is doing internally and what changes they can make internally. [REDACTED] was disappointed the mayor, who used his deciding vote for, and didn't stick with the "status quo" and not support the SRV.

No one trusts the council to do exactly what they say. Any money in general fund is fair game to do what they want.

Lismore [REDACTED] debacle LCC, WHAT did the judge say about it? WHO knows that the co-logical mind of the council is. Lucky I'm not up there. (L & E. court).

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It's a case of too much too late for LCC. Lismore has a fragile economy, there's cracks through all parts of the community. People in Lismore have learnt to live within their means, they don't need or want more Bill's Pressure, everything is so expensive.

LCC has been pushing sports tourism ever since they put the gaba second hand grandstand [REDACTED] on the Public Park land in Lismore central 25 years ago and it's been handed onto every successive council ever since, now \$20 million (around that) and LCC are wanting more for economic development. THE (2) oval OAKS & Crozer and associated infrastructure have been a Bottomless pit. Lismore city council has been getting money from anywhere it can.

And now yet another grant of 6 million \$. MODELLING projections indicate LCC can pay for it in three years? They are only projections, you first have to actually get the events. you can count on one hand the number of external events LCC has attracted to Lismore central ovals in 20 years.

They don't dare mention the OVALS straight out for economic Development. Touchy subject. People know the waste that's take place.

Here is what [REDACTED] said about the SRV (PEC 2019.) Mr Smith told ABC North Coast the 25 a day rise will go towards Lismore's biggest asset (another up-grade.) that's the two ovals OAKS & Crozer.

He also said it was the council's role to ensure important infrastructure projects were carried out (PEC 2019)

The sport fanatics have got him.

It's a touchy topic in Lismore, the fanatics say your either with us or your anti-sport. That's right, that's exactly what they said when they illegally put the grandstand in the open Lismore Park. fences every now.

We need a softer, town centre, not a flood prone Bottle neck with fences everywhere. Other cities pay big money for green space in the centre of town. It's good for the soul & good for people to walk and relax in "open space".

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Lismore area used to be a [redacted] country [redacted] seat;
now the area has changed, [redacted] also has a show.
So money is thrown at the electorate, Hospitals, Schools, Flood.
Sport. the all put there hands up.
Sport is the safest Bet for Votes, they can't say no to Sport,
So all this money comes in to Develop Sport, each party trumpets
Sport to the electorate. (now councils sports tourism)

LCC parades the [redacted] of Parliament in front
of TV & Papers, to show what good fellows we are it makes
them look good.

The truth is LCC can't have Both. they need to concentrate
on Roads more, instead of looking good, they have no idea
how to Dismantle and redirect energy.

They can not advance to the rear and make a better start.
LCC just has to look around at what's happening now
out in the real world, the economy and this new
[redacted] Virus coming our way. (World Health Organization)

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New proposal SRV I just recieved from council 28.2.2020.

Option provides \$3.74m total addition fund for Roads.
would go into general fund (eg. fair game)

\$1m total addition fund for economic development.

It looks like all the economic development \$ are going again to the two ovals, as stated By [REDACTED] [REDACTED] "Lismore's best asset" its councils role to ensure important (march 2019) infrastructure projects were carried out.

MARCH 19. LCC recieved another grant from the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] for \$6 million, to upgrade the oval's again to create a Regional Sports Hub in Lismore. Saying MODELLING says 20,000 new sports tourists will visit every year, generating \$2.3 million annually he said. So councils contribution will be paid for in three years?

"me." as before its Been going on for 20 years under the same Banner, saying people will come to the city.

And nothing has happened, only local club's games.

you can count on one hand how many outside Bigger games have been Played on OAKES oval & the main one. none on Crozer oval. in 20 years. But the over spending has never stopped on the ovals

Again now Lismore [REDACTED] defended the expenditure of millions on more upgrades to crozer and oaks oval, as council Struggles to Deal with its \$6 million budget Black Hole (Bad Debt.) the Black hole just gets Bigger, it just didn't happened all of a sudden, its been there and happening for quite a while, hidden somewhere out of sight till it just popped out in sight.

If That misappropriation happened in the private sector, they would be in the [REDACTED] we still do not know where it went. to or who they were, the \$ went somewhere (it gone)? they cut future projects and services to level the Books.

But now they want an extra .6 million off us Rate Payers in the form of a SRV to Bale them out.

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Rate Pegging is in place to protect us the Rate payers from councils that are out of touch with the electorate. The ~~ones~~ that follow their own agenda. ✓ and incompetent. the [redacted] and debt of 6 million £ was enough for me, they cut services not needed to level the Books, But its still missing. It was announced just before the SRV was announced. Now they want 6 million from Rate Payers to Plug the Black Hole By Raising Rates. They want us to Bale them out for these [redacted]

They can't say its only 25 p per day each and every day for 4 years. It more than that, its 24% extra over 4 years above and over our Rates we pay now and it compounds. After 4 years it stays as our normal rate, then the new Peg kicks in (Rates are through the Roof now) without any SRV. we have to find them every quarter. we not here to go broke paying Rates to a council who wastes our money.

Rate Payer do care about the amount of money they pay in Rates, everyone I have spoken to are against the SRV. everyone is impacted by the cost of living, let alone be interested in a SRV. No-one is willing to support it.

IN THE consultation any one in Lismore Area can make a submission anyone. But only Rate payers foot the Bill. Renters etc also Don't benefit from the SRV either. As I have written under. Renters will be Doing it tough in the longer Run. Its not Fair to the Rate payers or the Renter, Young Families, who may Have a mortgage, first Home Buyers, pensioners who live from fortnight to fortnight, Farmer who have coppeel it. AND Retailers. who are falling By the way side.

Rates are as high as they have ever been without this SRV. Rate payers don't mind paying set Rates each year and the set Peg. But now its a joke, and people are not Laughing, "Laughable" ^{prox 2.5%} But Double Dipping "No". THE system has been broken.

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Renters

THE WILLINGNESS TO PAY

NOW RATE PAYERS get a say, ^{But} Don't pay for the SRV.
they somehow think it won't effect them, or it doesn't matter.

Its ~~every~~ hard to lift Rents, when the person who is
Paying Rent is already Paying the max amount. Rent stress,
land lords are not allowed to go over Board with Rent
increases, people just can't pay without stress.

if a landlord Does increase to excess, they will find
themselves called to a rent fair trading tribunal.
OR just churn over tenants.
"churn" (to move with agitation)

But its not going to Help them, they may well Be on
the street.

AND. the ^(SRV) Rises ~~to~~ are not on there mind yet.

It just turns into Rent stress & turmoil
"turmoil" a violent or confused state.

this is what is going to happened to our
young people. and it is right now happening
out there in the real world.

IF the SRV gets up Rents will rise in Lismore causing
hardship all around.

Thank you.

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Roads are a big responsibility, of that there is no Doubt.
LCC has to choose between wasting money on NO NEED Items,
and the road network, they can't have Both.
They should keep Rates at normal, just with Peg only.
and go out of there way to live within there means.
not Big noting them selfs to Be better than all other councils
(eg we dont want to Be left Behind them.)

its a low social economic area (Socioeconomic) and
flood prone to Boot. THE Rate Peg only wont affect the
community as much. as a SRV.
they need to tighten there Belt, Do Better and try harder.
thats the Bottom Line. its also far to top heavy.

Roads will always need to be repaired and rebuilt.
LCC has not put them front and foremost on its to do List.
If they do this they will get on top of them, it has to be a
priority (Like the sport ovals) But they can't have Both at
wonce. (it stands out that clearly)
the SRV will only do so much But the compounding will
would stay and that will cause financial Hardship and
stress. We would be the highest Rated council in AUSTR.
LCC can't have everthing at wonce.

when people say on MASS, we need more to Be done on Roads
what they are really mean, is spend more money on the Road
network rather than spending all this money on the two
and sport. ovals."

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