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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.	<p>Hi, Thank you for the opportunity to voice my concerns about Lismore City Councils proposed SV. I am a resident of Lismore and a rate payer, a single parent of two who works full time. Lismore has many homeless people and the majority of us that are buying our homes and working in Lismore are blue colour workers. Just the people who all around Australia are battling to put food on the table while keeping up with the rising cost of living. Secure employment is very hard to find here and when you do it is extremely rare to find an employer who will pay more than the award. There also many single wage home owners and as one of these I have to say that it is so, so stressful to just keep that roof over the heads of our children. The streets and shopping centres in Lismore are lined with many empty premises, as business owners find it hard to make enough to survive in our town. It seems council are happy to take more money out of its community members pockets - money that would be spent at local business. We pay such high rates now I can only see this as a bad move for our town. I know the council has not been able to budget at all well shown by last years huge blow out but they need to own that. There are other ways to make money but you have to be creative and put energy into new ideas. We can bring people to the town in many ways. These people will spend money. Council are lucky to</p>

	<p>be in a region that has access to so many tourists at its doorstep. If these tourists can be drawn into Lismore from the coast on a constant basis, hey will spend their money, at local business, attend council business and create overall wealth. Taking more money from the community is so lazy and will not help this town grow as it should be. This decision has many not only annoyed but embarrassed and feeling deluded about the town we chose to live in the town seems stagnant and even backward. Councils decision shows a lack of concern and respect for rate payers and ignores the opportunities that a Council in the Northern Rivers has. IPART by saying no to the Council is a way you can be "Cruel to be Kind". It will make them dig deep and grown instead of resting on their lazy laurels. Thank you again for listening, Karen Gray - [REDACTED]</p>
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