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<p>If you have any general feedback regarding your council's proposed SV, please leave your comments in the comment box below.</p>	<p>I strongly oppose this application for a SV as</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Lismore Council rates are already very high, much higher than surrounding councils 2. There is already a Special Rate Variation for businesses to pay for special events 3. The current rates are destroying businesses in the CBD. There were up to recently 49 empty shops in the 1 block CBD due to the high cost of rental. 4. The LCC has a poor record of money management i.e. the loss with Lehman Bros and now a suddenly discovered \$6.1 million dollar deficit 5. The LCC spends money on non essentials and does not use money wisely and on essential services. e.g. They built the Goonellabah Sports and Aquatic Centre but it has continued to lose money. There was already a swimming pool in Lismore 6. The LCC has used a threat that if the ratepayers don't agree to the SV then the roads will not be fixed Disgraceful. The roads should be a priority. 7. I was sent a survey to fill in to list the items I thought the council should concentrate on. It did not include roads but only items I felt were outside the brief of council e.g. They proposed to set up a technology hub. This I think should be left to private enterprise and the only council involvement should be in the DA 8. There should be a reduction in rates to encourage businesses to come back to the CBD especially now after the flood. 9. The rates on my small shop would increase by` \$551 per year. My shop is leased to a charity so the money going to aid would be reduced 10. I believe the LCC should be put into administration and action taken to pull the finances into line to be used for essential services and wisely until such time that there are sufficient funds to support non essential activities. <p>s</p>
<p>Your comments on Criterion 1:</p>	<p>There is a great need to get our roads fixed but I believe LCC has already sufficient funds</p>
<p>Your comments on Criterion 2:</p>	<p>The LCC has made it clear if the ratepayers don't agree to this SV the roads will not be fixed. A threat what a disgrace</p>

Your comments on Criterion 3:	The impact on business owners will be immense not reasonable. The current rate levels are already much higher than surrounding councils. The proposed purpose is to fix roads This needs to be done but not at this cost
Your comments on Criterion 4:	
Your comments on Criterion 5:	I know nothing of the actions taken by LCC
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