LG Submission Form 2020-2021

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| IPART Special Variation Submission Form | |
| Industry | Local Government |
| Review | (LG) Special Variations & Minimum Rates 2020-2021 |
| Document Reference | |
| Select Council | Lismore City Council |
| If you have any general feedback regarding your council's proposed SV, please leave your comments in the comment box below. | council has shown that historically it has not managed its roads budgets properly & there is no evidence provided to suggest it can or will properly in the future. There is little it will able to successfully achieve to revilatise the CBD as its work to date in the cbd given the rates it collects is substandard at best e.g. footpaths, landscaping & general repairs & maintenance of public infrastructure. Council should be required to demonstrate on the ground it can operate within it's means before been "awarded" any increase. The lismore community is not one of a high socio economic status & the increase will unfairly burden ratepayers on low & fixed incomes. Regards, Malcolm Scott PS I will prepare a written submission & separately email that as I am unsure this has been successfully sent |
| Your comments on Criterion 1: | The community said no during the consultation period and the council ignored the people it is supposedly representing. Council dithered at it's meetings in regard the rate increase & confused the community. And it resolved to continue only on the casting vote of the mayor. |
| Your comments on Criterion 2: | As above |

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| Your comments on Criterion 3: | The lismore community is not a wealthy one & the increase will regressively impact on those people on low & fixed incomes, without any apparent benefit to them. |
| Your comments on Criterion 4: | Council was "hung" on the matter & decision to proceed made after 2 or 3 special meetings on the casting vote of the mayor. |
| Your comments on Criterion 5: | There is nothing "On the ground", which gives me confidence that the additional income will be better managed or used. |
| If you have attachments you would like to include with your feedback, plese attach them below. | |
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| Are you an individual or organisation? | Individual |
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| First Name | Malcolm |
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