LG Submission Form 2021-2022 -Applications

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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.	In my 10 years in this city I find the city is slowly dying as more and more businesses close with no apparent planning or consultation with its community for ideas that benefit everyone and not just the more wealthy who seem to have fingers in many pies of their own.

I'd like express my concern in regards to Armidale Regional Council's (ARC) recent application to IPART for a special rate variation (SRV). I wish state my desire for no SRV (the discontinuation of the current SRV).

I have made this decision for two reasons Firstly, the region is currently suffering from the economic impacts of drought, bushfire and the covid19 pandemic. An SRV will only add to these pressures.

The council has a demonstrated track record of chronic financial mismanagement. The provision of increased finds to ARC will only increase the mismanagement. It is my view that the council should reduce its operations to core responsibilities. Once it successfully handles those responsibilities the council will be deemed trustworthy to be responsible for a greater level of operations.

I understand that although I have not personally written this letter, this has been prepared by someone who shares the same views as myself. Due to constraints on my time available to write my own letter, I have chosen this template to represent my views. People who are time poor should be just as entitled to be heard as people with more time.

Your comments on Criterion 2:

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Your comments on Criterion 4:

As a recent resident of Armidale and in receipt of a full age pension my water rates have increased from \$1.78 per KL to the recent \$4.20 per KL. I am finding it more and more difficult to meet these increases especially in such a steep curve when a) I installed 2 x 10000ltr water tanks which under normal weather patterns, provides for my garden dripper system and laundry . I note that the recent increase does not allow for those of us who recycle every drop of water from showers, laundry and kitchen, whereas previously there was a scale of usage of three consumption levels . I can no longer afford to pay car insurance or house insurance and this additional costs put more and more stress as a single aging female when monies seem to be spent on unnecessary expenditure in council staff and unnecessary equipment replacement.

If you have attachments you would like to include with your feedback, plese attach them below.

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