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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>As a Small Business owner and Resident in Lismore, I have to say that I'm quite alarmed by what I'm observing in connection with this push for a Special Rate Variation.</p> <p>People like me will, in effect, be slugged twice – and the whole thing, I feel, bodes badly for business, especially in the CBD.</p> <p>I rent the business premises that I operate from in the CBD. My landlord has made the point that having the highest rates around, means he must pass that SRV increase on to me.</p> <p>I'm not a large business and have a fragile financial structure. The anticipated rise through the SRV would certainly have to be passed on to me. The result at this stage, would mean I would have to close down. Even moving somewhere else is not an option.</p> <p>Contrary to the PR stories circulating – businesses are closing at a steady rate. With the added financial burden of a SRV, this could increase to a 'stampede' !</p> <p>In addition, I am a landowner and ratepayer here in Lismore. One of the reasons that my business position is so fragile, is that I would be facing a large increase at home also, with this SRV.</p>

	<p>I am certainly not the only one to be affected by this 'domino effect'.</p> <p>If Local Council truly wants to assist Business in the CBD and surrounds, it should be backing away from this measure at speed.</p> <p>We all have budgets to work to – Council needs to operate within it's financial restrictions and not go 'cap in hand' each time, to the very people who can least afford to give.</p> <p>For these reasons, I am urging you to vote down this measure and find a way to operate within a strict budget – like the rest of us.</p> <p>I sincerely hope you will see my remarks in their proper light and let them sway you, in your position of authority, to change the methods of what appears to be, a struggling Local Council.</p> <p>My kindest regards,</p> <p>Rob McIntyre.</p>
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