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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.	<p>This council doesn't seem to realise that its ratepayers live in a low income area & that our rates are already in the higher scale of regional councils in NSW.</p> <p>The meeting that decided to apply for an SV had councillors absent-one in particular fighting bushfires at MT Nardi. If all councillors were present the SV would have been voted down.</p> <p>The Mayor used his casting vote to pass the motion. This is most unusual as the casting vote is traditionally used to maintain the status quo.</p>
Your comments on Criterion 1:	<p>This council has clearly lost its focus on the core responsibilities of council-being roads, garbage, parks & gardens etc.</p> <p>We do not need to spend money on rainbow pedestrian crossings, Hannah cabinets & copper ships & the like.</p>
Your comments on Criterion 2:	<p>Council has communicated the increase in percentage & dollar terms. This is why it was rejected by the ratepayers.</p> <p>Every council & individual can use more money, but we have to use our available money wisely. I am an aged pensioner & I can't ask for an SV to help me.</p>

Your comments on Criterion 3:	<p>This impact will be totally unreasonable when we already have comparably high rates.</p> <p>The proposed purpose is to continue the way that they have in the past.</p>
Your comments on Criterion 4:	I believe that this has happened.
Your comments on Criterion 5:	<p>I cannot see any obvious productivity improvements or cost containments.</p> <p>They have more highly paid staff to do the same jobs in admin. The outdoor staff are disorganised, the pothole machine they use is next to useless as the fill washes out when it rains & the parks & gardens staff follow each other around with little coordination.</p>
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