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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.	I'm against this large rate increase as the council isn't working within their budget and going against what the ratepayers would like. Community survey has indicated that the LCC ratepayers are against this increase. If this rate increase goes around I will have to increase the rent on three of my investment properties to be able to afford them. If I don't have renters in them I might have to sell and no one is buying due to the high rates. This increase will cause more harm than good as far as the business community goes. We have shops closing down more than opening up. The town is dying slowly. The council have more indoor staff than outdoor staff and they are top heavy. Management needs to be hold accountable for all the wrong doing and start to lighten the load at the top. The council needs to stop thinking of one community group (Art) and think of all people within the council area. Roads are the worst they have ever been but the council still insist on having a free entry Art Galley but charge high prices for the swimming pools. Council has received money from Government to roads from 3 years ago but still waiting for the work to be completed. The roads are getting worse. Start employing local contractors instead of out of council or out of state. PLEASE DON'T GIVE THEM THE GO AHEAD FOR THIS INCREASE AS IT WILL BREAK TOO MANY PEOPLE.

Your comments on Criterion 1:	Why does the council needs such a large increase? Because they have more indoor staff than outdoor staff. The have a top heavy management team that don't know how to budget correctly or believe what they have been told over the past few years. They don't listen to the ratepayers on what is needed for the Local Government area. Can we be certain that the money that the increase will be spent where they have indicated. I don't think so as they haven't any other time. PLEASE DON'T GIVE THEM THE GO AHEAD FOR THIS INCREASE AS IT WILL BREAK TOO MANY PEOPLE.
Your comments on Criterion 2:	A survey was held last year online which can be hard for some who don't have computers and the ones that did try were often blocked. The results from that survey was that the majority of ratepayers didn't want the SV rate increase. This SV increase will also be on top of the increase on land value. It's getting harder for the young to own their own property but just as hard to rent. PLEASE DON'T GIVE THEM THE GO AHEAD FOR THIS INCREASE AS IT WILL BREAK TOO MANY PEOPLE.
Your comments on Criterion 3:	The impact of this large rate increase is great to the whole of the ratepayers. People are struggling now letting only more pressure from this increase. This SV increase will also be on top of the increase on land value. It's getting harder for the young to own their own property but just as hard to rent. PLEASE DON'T GIVE THEM THE GO AHEAD FOR THIS INCREASE AS IT WILL BREAK TOO MANY PEOPLE.
Your comments on Criterion 4:	Would like to know where this is exhibited and the times that you are able to view it. Remember plenty of ratepayers are workers as well. PLEASE DON'T GIVE THEM THE GO AHEAD FOR THIS INCREASE AS IT WILL BREAK TOO MANY PEOPLE.
Your comments on Criterion 5:	PLEASE DON'T GIVE THEM THE GO AHEAD FOR THIS INCREASE AS IT WILL BREAK TOO MANY PEOPLE.
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