

# LG Submission Form 2020-2021

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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.	Lismore rate payers cant afford to pay the rates they have now. The deficit is due to the Mayor and Councillors individual agendas taking priority over community well being. Councils poor governance, lack of project management and lack of accountability has left the LCC in the situation it is in. A Productivity review is necessary and cuts need to start within council itself.
Your comments on Criterion 1:	Lismore has expensive rates with lack of services. The tip cost are excessive bins are expensive to purchase and often stolen they should be free. The lack of ongoing road maintenance means the roads deteriorate quicker than they should, small pot holes turn into craters before they are repaired. Cleaning of debris from gutters and drains and curb side mowing in the low lying residential areas adjacent to the Lismore CBD is non existent, this results in storm water over flow flooding low lying properties. The stagnant water lying around poses a health risk from Ross River Fever which is spread by mosquitoes breeding in the drains that don't flow properly. There is no provision of bins on the thoroughfares into the Lismore CBD therefore people litter everywhere.

Your comments on Criterion 2:	Councils Local Matters news letter issue 159,26 February 2020 makes no mention of the SRV IPART submission date closure on the 4th of Feb 2020 . It gives no examples of how much the rate increase will be for rate payers and there is conjecture that the figures provided by council are incorrect on the submission to the SRV. Letters to each rate payer stating exactly how much the proposed increase would be were not sent to rate payers. Given Councils recent mismanagement, ratepayers are doubting the accuracy of the submission. How dare Lismore City Council make the rate payers responsible for their poor management of funds.
Your comments on Criterion 3:	Lismore is known to be a Lower Socioeconomic area. Average house holds struggle to pay their gas and electricity bills, car registration, insurances and rates. Finding cash to replace major household items is hard. Most families find it hard to make ends meet. The lack of individual income well being trickles down into the community with many businesses now closed. Lismore rate payers cannot afford to foot the bill for Lismore City Council's (LCC) 6.1 million cash deficit. Lismore City Council needs to stop bleeding its ratepayers dry.
Your comments on Criterion 4:	No comment.
Your comments on Criterion 5:	Lismore City Council is full of jargon and has no transparency. Closed meetings and embedded information in their documentation confound rather than explain any written information. Plain speaking and accurate figures will give rate payers more confidence.
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