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Submission: I oppose further rate increases by Lismore City Council. Our town has experienced a natural disaster in the last 12 months, significantly affecting businesses and home owners financially. A further rate increase will cripple our town and affect local business owners. I have no idea where Council is actually spending our money as our roads are in desperate need of repair (mine in particular), our infrastructure is falling apart and businesses are closing down, lismore lake pool closed. You ask consumers to shop local LCC but increasing rates will only disadvantage the low incomes we already earn (including the wages you offer to work at Council) and we will put our \$\$\$ into buying online. You want to attract people to our region? Stop charging us ridiculous rates so we can establish new small business!