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Submission: As a business owner I do not support any further rate rises for any reason at this time. Lismore businesses have suffered through the worst flood in thirty years in 2017. The effects of this are still being felt 12 months later. The proposed increase in rates is imposing a further burden that many businesses cannot afford. Lismore City Council have shown a history of financial mismanagement and seem to believe they can reach into the pockets of ratepayers rather than get their house in order. Every time they mention increasing rates they say they need the money for roads and infrastructure, which they have been systematically cutting in recent years. Or for business promotion which lead to expensive advertising campaigns or engaging of "experts" to come up with these campaigns - more spin and distraction from the councils' real job - roads, water and waste management.