

# LG Submission Form 2020-2021

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IPART Special Variation Submission Form	
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Review	(LG) Special Variations & Minimum Rates 2020-2021
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Select Council	Lismore City Council
<p>If you have any general feedback regarding your council's proposed SV, please leave your comments in the comment box below.</p>	<p>I purchased my house in Lismore 2yrs ago because it was more affordable an area to buy and I wanted to secure a home for my family, at present my rate bill is \$2400 p/yr, ...I can just afford this, if the SRV goes ahead, I would have to sell and move to an area that has lower yearly rates and a more productive council.</p> <p>I don't think Lismore council is considering the impact this rate increase will have on the average household. I work but my salary does not increase each year but household bills does. How can council justify paying over \$3000 per year on rates alone?</p> <p>I cannot afford this SRV increase, it will be a burden on my family.</p>
<p>Your comments on Criterion 1:</p>	<p>Council having plenty of money but they have managed it very poorly, they make silly decisions, regularly waste money on white elephants and do jobs very poorly. Many ratepayers can't afford current rates, so many businesses in the area closing, population decreasing, jobs shortages and how so many have still not recovered from the 2017 catastrophic flood or how many are now dealing with the aftermath of the fires on the back of a prolonged drought.</p>

Your comments on Criterion 2:	<p>I only found out by the proposed SRV by chance. A lot of residents in my street are elderly and are not so connected via internet, I feel that there would be a lot of Lismore residents that don't even know about the increase or even the fact that they can submit an objection thru this avenue.</p> <p>I purchased my house in Lismore 2yrs ago because it was more affordable an area to buy at present my rate bill is \$2400 p/yr, ...I can just afford this, if the SRV goes ahead, I would have to sell and move to an area that has lower yearly rates and a more productive council.</p> <p>I don't think Lismore council is considering the impact this rate increase will have on the average household. I work but my salary does not increase each year but household bills does. How can council justify paying over \$3000 per year on rates alone?</p>
Your comments on Criterion 3:	council as required by law conducted an online poll of ratepayers. 82% voted against the rate rise. In addition the NSW Government has announced that it is looking at taking over the maintenance of some roads to help councils. Roads are the main excuse council is giving for applying for the SRV. They should wait till the allocation of funds from the government is announced as it may remove or reduce the need for the rise.
Your comments on Criterion 4:	
Your comments on Criterion 5:	
If you have attachments you would like to include with your feedback, please attach them below.	
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