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Submission: I strongly support the special rate variation for Lismore. This is an area rich in biodiversity, and without a Biodiversity Management Plan in place there will inevitably be further degradation and potential loss of native species. Lismore Council can only afford to implement the BMP if there is a rate increase. The small proposed rate increase, estimated at only an extra \$48 per year for farmland (and less for other categories) is a paltry price to pay for saving our precious wildlife and native plants. Its our responsibility to manage our environment so that its still there for future generations, and this is our chance to make a difference.

As a rural ratepayer in Lismore, I'm more than happy to pay a small amount to help stop the decline in our environment. Please approve the special rate variation!

Yours Sincerely
Claudia Catterall