

# LG Submission Form 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>Lismore City Council is in chaos. The organisation is effectively being run by the General Manager who bullies and threatens elected councillors. Council continues to misuse funds on events, decorations (skeleton of ship) in Woodlark Street and unnecessary upgrades to assorted sporting field. Concurrently roads have deteriorated to an extent where they present a danger to both the lives and property of motorists and other road users. Council does not address the issues, refuses to respond to requests for information and is only able to say "drive to conditions".</p> <p>Most importantly, the proposed SRV was put to an online survey of ratepayers. Analysis of the results showed that 82% of ratepayers opposed the SRV.</p>
<p>Your comments on Criterion 1:</p>	<p>Council has failed to address this issue effectively. Their comment is that we can choose between roads and sporting facilities.</p> <p>The NSW Government has recently advised that it proposes to take over the cost of maintenance of some roads from councils to assist them. As the cost of roads is the main basis for the application, no action should be taken until the details of the assistance being provided by the state government are known and agreed.</p>

Your comments on Criterion 2:	Council has failed to clarify on what land valuation basis the proposed rates would be levied. As many properties have been revalued recently and some owners not yet notified it is entirely unfair to proceed on this basis.
Your comments on Criterion 3:	Lismore Council is part of the federal electorate of Page. Page has been identified as the NSW based electorate with the lowest median income of residents. This SRV will materially damage the financial position of many ratepayers. In addition Lismore rates are the highest in the Northern Rivers region.
Your comments on Criterion 4:	Approved by council only on casting vote of mayor. Significant opposition to SRV among councillors.
Your comments on Criterion 5:	N/A
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