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<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 am against Lismore Council's proposed rate increase of one year increase of 17% and a year two increase of 6.9%. I am a 63 year old home owner in Lismore. This area has high unemployment and an ageing population. This Shire simply cannot afford Council's proposed rate increases:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lismore is primarily a service town. It does not attract the tourist dollar, as say, Byron Council does. The demographics of this area is diverse but not wealthy. To illustrate this, to try to put it into perspective, I am comparing the wealth of Byron, as an example, to that of Lismore. 2. The median house price for a 3 br house in Byron is \$1,260,000 compared to Lismore at \$340,000 (source: realestate.com.au 27/2/2020). While only 52 kms from each other, it is clear that Lismore residents are not wealthy in comparison to other Shires. 3. Again, Lismore's position in terms of average earnings is low. For example, the median weekly income of Byron Bay is \$1,197 while the median weekly income of Lismore is \$838. <p>My 2019/2020 rates was \$\$3,341.76.</p> <p>This increase, I believe, will harm the economic growth of Lismore. Its housing is more affordable to lower income people than other surrounding areas, and attracts students and hospital staff. There is a vibrant arts movement evolving in Lismore because of this. Landowners will put up rents to cover this increase - both on domestic homes and businesses; home occupiers will have difficulty balancing their budgets. Our wages are not increasing anywhere in the magnitude of these proposed rate increases.</p> <p>How does Lismore Council suggest we do to cover these increases?</p> <p>I cannot afford this colossal jump in rate fees. And, I suspect, neither can most of the other residents of this area.</p>
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