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Select Council	Lismore City Council
If you have any general feedback regarding your council's proposed SV, please leave your comments in the comment box below.	Lismore City council proposed rate increase is far beyond reasonable. Presently Lismore rates are amongst the highest in the state. The proposed increase would cause increased hardship to this lower socio economic region, together with increasing the exit of businesses from the CBD area. Lismore City Council has a poor reputation with regard road construction and maintenance with considerable funds wasted on repeat works and poor construction. A rate increase to fund further road maintenance would be wasted. I believe that a time and motion study into both internal and external staff is necessary to reduce waste within L.C.C. and further that an administrator should be appointed to sort out the Councils lack of integrity, honesty, and lack of concern for their residents.
Your comments on Criterion 1:	Council, by increase in their efficiency to reasonable responsible levels, would not need to increase rates beyond the guide level.
Your comments on Criterion 2:	A rate rise is not necessary. Council must show a better work ethic, and increase efficiency.
Your comments on Criterion 3:	The proposed rate increase will have an adverse effect on CBD business, and building occupancy levels. Hardship will also be felt by many ratepayers if this rate increase is allowed.

Your comments on Criterion 4:	Councils response to public concern has been to ignore public responses.
Your comments on Criterion 5:	One has only to deal with Council (for instance a subdivision) to observe inefficiency and dishonesty. Observation of external works also shows much waste of time, materials, and poor selection of equipment and methods. Efficiency must be overhauled!
If you have attachments you would like to include with your feedback, plese attach them below.	
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