

LG Submission Form 2021-2022 - Applications

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If you have any general feedback regarding your council's proposed SV, please leave your comments in the comment box below.

To whom it may concern

I am writing to express my concern in regards to Armidale Regional Council's (ARC) recent application to IPART for a special rate variation (SRV). I wish state my desire for no SRV (the discontinuation of the current SRV).

I have made this decision for two reasons

Firstly, the region is currently suffering from the economic impacts of drought, bushfire, the covid19 pandemic and the largest employer in town- the University of New England- has just cut 160 positions from its workforce. An SRV will only add to these pressures.

Secondly, the council has a demonstrated track record of chronic financial mismanagement. The provision of increased funds to ARC will only increase the mismanagement. It is my view that the council should reduce its operations to core responsibilities. Once it successfully handles those responsibilities the council will be deemed trustworthy to be responsible for a greater level of operations.

I understand that although I have not personally written this letter, this has been prepared by someone who shares the same views as myself. Due to constraints on my time available to write my own letter, I have chosen this template to represent my views. People who are time poor should be just as entitled to be heard as people with more time.

Sincerely

Sharon Smith

Your comments on Criterion 1:

The community would prefer council to price itself faithful with a smaller pool of funds before handing them a larger budget. The community would prefer to do without special projects for a period than hand over extra funds to an irresponsible untrustworthy council.

Your comments on Criterion 2:

The council have mismanaged funds previously- a rate rise won't solve the inherent problems in the Armidale Regional Council

Your comments on Criterion 3:

The community cannot afford the current rates let alone an increase. People are moving away as it is becoming too expensive to stay.

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.

Your Details

Are you an individual or organisation?

Individual

If you would like your submission or your name to remain confidential please indicate below.

Publish - my submission and name can be published (not contact details or email address) on the IPART website

First Name

Sharon

Last Name

Smith

Organisation Name

Position

Email

IPART's Submission Policy

I have read & accept IPART's Submission Policy