## **Domestic waste management charges - Discussion Paper**

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Review	Review of domestic waste management service charges
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Are there concerns with the prices councils charge for domestic waste management services? Why/why not?	Lismore city council has reduced our tip vouchers to 5000 per year to service 19000 ratepayers in the Electorate. Only a certain amount is release every month meaning there is a high chance a rate payer will miss out on a tip voucher. The waste charges are excessively high in relation to other electorates in this area. We pay in our rates for waste minimisation and received nothing for our money.
2. If there are concerns, how should IPART respond? For example, if IPART was to regulate or provide greater oversight of these charges, what approach would be the most appropriate? Why?	Our waste disposal should not occur an extra cost. Most cities and towns have free waste resources for their residences. Lismore city council is constantly charging us for services we don't receive. Heavy regulatory processes need to be put in place to stop greedy councils who continually mismanage our funds on white elephants and consultant fees. Then because of their mismanagement seek srv's and reduce our services.
3. Would an online centralised database of all NSW councils' domestic waste charges allowing councils and ratepayers to compare charges across comparable councils for equivalent services (eg, kerbside collection), and/or a set of principles to guide councils in pricing domestic waste charges, be helpful? Why/why not?	Anything needs to be implemented to help the residents. And comparable database may be of assistance. I think ipart or another regulatory institution needs to audit councils spending and why it's the same councils asking for more fee variations.
4. Do you have any other comments on councils' domestic waste management charges?	Lismore domestic waste should be at no extra charge for a set weight. Like it is in other areas.
5. Which Council do your comments relate to?	Lismore

Your submission for this review:	Lismore residents are not receiving good value for our rates. Lismore city council have removed and dismantled the recycling facility in Brewster street Lismore. Lismore city council now plans to put a \$26 million park in that area which the council has no funds for and the site is in a flood plain. This park will cost more money to up keep and repair each time we have heavy rain.
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