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City of Karratha
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RE: DIFFERENTIAL RATES for A26044

Dear Council,

I object to your recent letter informing me that my rates are to rise again. My property value has decreased by 41.8%, yet you have increased the Rate in the Dollar for 2018/19 by 76%. Simple mathematics says that the council is double dipping.

In 2008 my rates were \$1,274.28, the GRV was 13,000 and the Rate in the dollar was 8.3537.
In 2010 my rates were \$1,798.07, the GRV was 53,040 and the Rate in the dollar was 0.2749.
The rates went up because of the increase of the GRV, I and most rate payers accepted this.

In 2014 my rates were \$2,155.14, the GRV was 60,840 and the Rate in the dollar was 0.028832.
In 2015 my rates were \$2,035.82, the GRV was 25,480 and the Rate in the Dollar was 0.064121.
The rates actually went down even though the council raised the Rate in the Dollar by more than 100%.

Due to the hard times, lack of wage increases and all charges going up, the council has to do the same as everyone else. Cut back on expenditure till things improve, people do understand this. There are enough mortgagee sales happening in The City of Karratha without tipping more that way.

From memory, the council purchased The Quarter to help lower our rates, I see this is working well!

Yours faithfully



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