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Subject: Differential Rates

Hi,

I write with concern regarding the proposed differential rates model 2018/19.

After years of reduced property values I as ratepayer for more than 10 years absorbed the inflated GRV and anticipated the next GRV would see reduced rates.

The City of Karratha has acknowledged my property has decreased by 42.2% as revalued by the Valuer General's office but has the gall to continue charging me rates not only at the inflated GRV rate but to add insult also opts to charge a further 2%. Why?

For three years now the City of Karratha was receiving inflated rates that every ratepayer had to cop now that the City of Karratha has the ability to provide relief they decide to change the goal posts because a lower GRV does not fit their budget.

It is unfair for all ratepayers that have their backs against the wall to expect them to keep coughing up more just because the City of Karratha can't manage their budget, overspent and overcommitted when the writing has been on the wall for years that the budget was going to take a hit once the GRV was revalued.

Mayor Peter Long was quoted as saying "The proposed rates would not overburden ratepayers". He needs to explain how he can even believe this as many have had to put up with high rates waiting for the relief that the next GRV revaluation would bring which the City of Karratha is proposing to take away from them.

Mayor Peter Long goes further in saying "The City has worked hard to reduce council's reliance on rates as a source of income". Again he needs to explain how the City has worked hard as the City has known for 3 years the next GRV valuation would decrease the revenue from rates as a source of income.

Perhaps the City of Karratha needs to increase rents at the Quarter and reassess their budget as the WA State Government has.

The actual proposed increase is not the issue, it is the change in the rates model to milk the cow that I and many other ratepayers have the issue with. This is just plain and simple pure financial mismanagement by the City of Karratha. They knew this day was coming and chose to ignore it and make their ratepayers suffer. At what cost?

I have also submitted a complaint to the WALGA and the Minister for Local Government, the David Templeman.

Regards
Graham Charlton

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