

## Linda Phillips

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**From:** Records Officer  
**Sent:** Friday, 25 May 2018 7:43 AM  
**To:** Rates2  
**Cc:** Ray McDermott  
**Subject:** ICR185279 - RV.10 - FW: Differential rates

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From: DrewBel [mailto:belbessie2@bigpond.com]  
Sent: Thursday, 24 May 2018 7:52 PM  
To: Records Officer <records.officer@karratha.wa.gov.au>  
Subject: Differential rates

To whom it may concern

I wish to voice my concerns in relation to the recent notice regarding the proposed differential rates that i received in the mail.

My concern is that even though my commercial property has been valued at approximately 30% less than the previous valuation, the City of Karratha wish to increase my annual rates by approximately 16% on last years rates. I do understand that the City of Karratha have budgets etc to maintain the needs of the community but as we are in a non boom time period everyone including the City of Karratha would have to take into consideration curbing their spending and only spending money on essential needs. There are a lot of businesses and property owners who are struggling to make ends meet and pay mortgages due to the decrease in property valuations across the board and this needs to be carefully considered.

In the notice sent out in the mail the very first paragraph mentioned a 2% rate increase but also mentions that this does not necessarily mean a 2% increase payable by all properties, could you please explain how my rate increase was calculated and why it is 16% higher than last year. The rate in the dollar has also risen to a very high percentage level of approximately 70% which i don't believe is fair.

I would be more than happy to pay the same rates as last year or at least an increase around 5% which i believe is a fair increase considering the current economic climate.

I would hope that my voice is heard and taken seriously as I'm sure you will be receiving a lot of letters from other property owners un happy with your proposal.

Regards

Belinda Read.

Rates assessment No: A69719.

Property Location: Unit 1 / 4 Crane Circle.

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