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**From:** Deborah Watts <pwa17656@bigpond.net.au>  
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**To:** Records Officer  
**Subject:** ICR185876 - RV.10 - Rate increase

Good morning,

I am employed by a local real estate – this week alone I have seen 3 properties repossessed by the banks. 2 of those properties the Shire came into our office to seize the rent for rates. The owners can ill afford another rate increase.

The owners can not afford to sell as the value of the property has decreased by half and that is no exaggeration! Owners are moving out of their family home and trying to rent it to pay the mortgage – these higher end houses are not easily rented. Traditional renters are buying – reducing the rental pool. More houses to rent – less people to rent.

I am not a property owner and have no intention of buying in Karratha – we are long term residents of 18 years. I am asking the City to not increase the rates – this may help some families stay in their family home.

Kind regards

Deborah Watts

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