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To: Records Officer
Subject: ICR185667 - RV.10 - Rate Increase Objection

To Whom it May Concern,

Please accept this as our extremely strong objection to any level of increase to rates for our home. Council seems intent on taking from those of us who choose to really make our home here to give back to those who are lucky enough to still be on the big bucks and can afford the expense to enjoy all our wonderful new facilities....and reaping the reward of company housing on top. Most of us are no longer in these positions thanks to the downturn and companies systematically taking away any of the extras we received for living here and yet the extra costs we incur for choosing such a remote location to live continue to rise. I also know far too many on the verge of losing everything to justify that you cause further financial burden with an increase to rates to cover the cost of spending that my grandfather would have said "is beyond your status". We are a remote country town, not a bubbling metropolis. Many of us have fallen in love with Karratha for what it already offered, if we wanted big city style living then we would move back to the city, please we do not need increases to better the place for people only here for the money.

Please don't place further stress on those of us who can afford it least, or perhaps as an alternative start offering discounts on facilities for ratepayers actually residing in their homes! Some of us have been lucky enough to score a cheap house.....but they are 20 year rental properties in need of extensive renovations for which we will ultimately be slugged for anyway. Look after those that actually really care about living here!!

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