

## Linda Phillips

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**From:** Records Officer  
**Sent:** Monday, 28 May 2018 2:29 PM  
**To:** Rates2  
**Cc:** Ray McDermott  
**Subject:** ICR185512 - RV.10 - FW: DIFFERENTIAL RATES. reference OCR167226

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**Sent:** Monday, 28 May 2018 1:53 PM  
**To:** Records Officer <records.officer@karratha.wa.gov.au>  
**Subject:** DIFFERENTIAL RATES. reference OCR167226

Att: Ray McDermott

Re: advertised differential rates model 2018/19. 6D Raynor Road BAYNTON WA 6714 rates assessment A78233

We are writing to you in response to the proposed "fairness and equity" in adjusting our rates to the above address. We find the increase on our property grossly unfair, inconsistent and is only required due to the City's mismanagement of the already excessive rates paid currently.

To suggest a **decrease** on the valuation of our property of 40.4% is a good result is a joke and quite frankly is hurtful and will cause us further financial stress.

For us to subsidise others due to their property's valuation meeting the supposedly "fair" formula is an insult to us being a long term rate payer in Karratha. Why are we to prop up those rate payers and the council to the tune of another \$93.56 when our options are just about none existent. We cannot sell the property due to low interest in the town and low returns. We have to scrap for tenants with others and then get screwed consistently on the rental fee but the upkeep of the property continues to climb up in costs, another issue the City contributes too.

Perhaps the City of Karratha should reconsider its investment in the proposed hotel in the city centre and put the \$10 million to better use in supporting the ratepayers. Why would the City be wanting to buy into a hotel business except for reasons that will may never be made public to protect who benefit from the deal? Your core and only business is to manage the city's affairs not in the hotel industry.

We are extremely upset at the proposed increase to us and feel we have been victimised due to initial due diligence in building in the Baynton area and **STONGLY** oppose the suggested change to our rates and the bully tactics employed to gain additional funds which will in all accounts not be used in the area our property is situated.

We trust the City will scrap the increase and look at other options as we see this as just gouging.

Regards

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*Building Manager*

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