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**To:** Records Officer <records.officer@karratha.wa.gov.au>  
**Subject:** Submission - Differential Rates

Hi

I wish to put a submission to council for consideration regarding the differential rate increase.

As the average property in Karratha has decreased on average by 42.3% since the last 3 year valuation exercise, how can the council deem an increase of rate in the dollar of 5.1 cents for my property.

In my mind if the GRV goes down so should rates, not increase them.

I do understand that Council has services that they must provide and I know this cost money to upkeep these services, but I believe council should be looking at budget cuts and applying them to keep the costs down, instead of just increasing the rates to cover the shortfall, isn't this pure economics. Also remember that we are recovering from a down turn in the resource sector and the boom years are gone, council should be encouraging local community to purchase property and make Karratha a sustainable place to live and enjoy, believe me I do love living in Karratha and we do have an awesome local community, people aren't just here anymore to make the dollars and go again.

I think it is irresponsible of the council to purchase infrastructure (ie the Quarter for example) with rate payers money when there was an outcry in the community about this purchase. Is this the real reason our rates are going up?

I own two other properties one in a major capital city and the other in a country city and I am paying approximately \$600.00 less for each property in rates than I do for my property in Karratha, how does this stack up and why do the rate payers need to cop an increase to cover council costs.

Remember, we vote you in and we can vote you out also – look at the last election, the rate payers were not happy and rejected some of the sitting members, because they felt that they weren't being serviced by our Council.

Thanks for your time.

Sharon Hann  
Rate Payer

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