

REPORT ON THE RESULTS OF THE SHIRE OF ROEBOURNE CITY STATUS PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS DECEMBER 2013

1. BACKGROUND

Since 2009, Council has been undertaking research and preparing background information and cost benefit analysis on the potential for the Shire of Roebourne to transition to city status pending meeting the minimum population requirement of 20,000 people.

At the Shire of Roebourne July 2012 Ordinary Council Meeting, Council resolved to establish a City Status Advisory Group to investigate the cost benefit in considering an application for city status and provide a report to Council recommending future direction.

Official confirmation from the Government Statistician was received in October 2012 that the district of the Shire of Roebourne has more than 20,000 residents which would qualify it to seek approval from the Minister for Local Government to transition to city status.

At the Shire of Roebourne November 2012 Ordinary Council Meeting, Council resolved to commission a random telephone survey of Shire of Roebourne residents seeking to ascertain the level of interest from the community in the Shire becoming a city as an initial stage of the community engagement process.

The City Status phone poll was conducted in Q1, 2013 following a public awareness campaign. Nearly 300 residents answered the phone poll. Over 70% of residents surveyed were in favour of becoming a city and 81% thought it should be called the City of Karratha.

At the Shire of Roebourne September 2013 Ordinary Council Meeting, Council resolved to undertake further community consultation in the form of a call for public submissions and targeted consultation with indigenous groups, community associations and business groups using the recommended consultation strategy.

2. METHODOLOGY

Responsible officers from the Shire conducted a six week City Status public awareness and call for submissions campaign consisting of:

- A public press release
- Development of a City Status Information Pack containing an advertising flyer, Question and Answer document, background documentation, key focus questions to assist respondents and response forms for both public and organisational responses.
- Development of a City Status web page on the Shire website containing the information pack and downloadable response forms. Additionally separate online response systems was set up on the City Status web page for both individuals and organisations to respond.
- City Status Call for Public submissions poster displayed in all Shire libraries, recreational and community facilities and the main Shire Administrative foyer.
- A three week City Status Call for Submissions advertising campaign in the Pilbara News and Pilbara Echo
- A City Status Call for Submissions flyer being distributed to 3000 ratepayers Australia wide and to 6000 Shire households via an insert in the Pilbara Echo.
- A City Status Call for Submissions invitation sent out to 30 major industry and government stakeholders.

For the targeted consultation, a personal invitation was sent from the Shire of Roebourne CEO to major indigenous organisations, all community associations and to business groups, inviting them to make a submission of their organisational views on the Shire transitioning into a city. Additionally the CEO offered to make himself available to personally brief any groups on City Status.

Closing date for submissions was 6 December, 2013.

3. RESULTS

3.1 ORGANISATIONAL

Of the 11 organisations targeted for specific consultation only one, the Point Sampson Community Association requested a briefing to members which was carried out by the Economic Development Advisor due to the unavailability of the CEO at the time requested.

The Karratha Community Association had previously had a briefing to members by a Shire Officer earlier on in the year.

A total of fifteen organisations provided a response by the due date of 6 December, 2013.

Of the eleven organisations targeted for specific consultation, only four submitted responses being the Point Sampson and Karratha Community Associations, the Karratha and Districts Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the Small Business Centre West Pilbara.

Of the 30 government and industry stakeholders invited to submit a response, responses were received from the Pilbara Development Commission, RDA Pilbara, Dampier Port Authority and Horizon Power. There were also a number of business and community organisations who responded.

Complete List of Organisational Responses

- Point Samson Community Association
- Karratha Community Association
- Karratha and Districts Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KDCCI)
- Small Business Centre West Pilbara (SBCWP)
- Pilbara Development Commission
- Regional Development Australia Pilbara (RDA Pilbara)
- Dampier Port Authority (DPA)
- Horizon Power
- Ray White Karratha
- Pilbara Wildlife Carers Association Inc
- Tutt Bryant
- North West Tree Services
- Premier Taxis Karratha
- Swift Plant Hire
- Nirvana hair and body sanctum

Of these, thirteen or 87% of organisations had no issues with the Shire of Roebourne becoming a city with two organisations (13%) being against city status.

Selected Comments for and against city status (Full comments in Appendix 1)

Organisational Arguments For City Status	Organisational Arguments against City Status
Achieving city status would be a significant milestone in delivering regional change and recognition of the Pilbara as a growing and prosperous area.	There was no qualitative data presented that showed any real economic benefit to the Shire.
Being a city gives the region a higher profile and will hopefully therefore create more opportunities to obtain funding and investment for our region as well as business opportunities for our business owners.	Cost benefit analysis doesn't stack up
A city creates a level of confidence which is important to attract investment and to attract residents.	Insufficient community consultation
City status will hopefully create a greater focus from decision makers who don't live here	Services in decline
Granting the Shire of Roebourne City status aligns with the Pilbara Cities vision and demonstrates the growth and importance of the North West.	lack of engagement by ward representative
If we don't go to city status it's the end of my business	Has anyone thought about the impact a name change will have on tourism, maps etc? Will people be able to find us?

The following were the top five preferred city names from organisations:

1. City of Karratha (8 responses or 53%)
2. City of Roebourne (1 responses or 7%)
3. Roebourne City Council (1 responses or 7%)
4. West Pilbara City Council (1 responses or 7%)
5. Nickol Bay City Council (1 responses or 7%)
6. Nil response (3 responses or 20%)

Additionally, the KDCCI undertook its own survey of its 420 members. 69 % of respondents were in favour of city status with a further 71% supporting the city being named Karratha.

The KDCCI in its submission referred to recent report by noted Australian demographer, Mr Bernard Salt in which he acknowledged that Karratha - as the North West's biggest town, boasting a thriving local economy with real aspirations to achieve growth and diversification – was the “logical” choice to be the major population centre in the Pilbara.

3.2 INDIVIDUAL RESPONSES

A total of 200 individuals provided a response by the due date of 6 December, 2013.

94% of the respondents were residents and 60% were ratepayers.

105 or 52.5 % of individuals agreed the Shire should become a city whilst 95 or 47.5% said it should not.

Sample of Individual Responses (Full summary in Appendix 1)

Resident/Ratepayer Arguments For City Status	Resident/Ratepayer Arguments against City Status
City status raises the profile of the whole region	Hospital facilities not big enough
More diversification in businesses should improve customer service and bring prices down slightly	I don't see how we can become a City while Woodside and other companies are all going FIFO.
A powerful marketing tool that will help to attract more jobs and businesses	infrastructure not established enough
Assists with economic diversification	It is a very expensive title with no benefits for the people that live here
Embraces the future by building on the City of the North works and the State Governments vision for Karratha and the region.	Not ready, few years to go before even thinking of this.
To promote further growth & investment in the north	IN fear of losing allowances
A change to city status will signify a commitment to growth and providing the facilities a family expects of a city.	No need, minimal return for investment.
The benefits that will flow are unmeasurable	I like the regional feel, don't like traffic lights, feel like moving north.
City status will put us on the map	I don't think we have enough facilities to become a city
Better opportunities globally from an economic perspective.	There will be more crime with more people moving here
Name and status should be commensurate with planned growth	Town is still too small and will get even smaller once Woodside go FIFO on Pluto.

The top five preferred city names were:

1. City of Karratha (106 responses or 53%)
2. City of Roebourne (20 responses or 10%)
3. City of Nickol Bay (6 responses or 3%)
4. City of The Pilbara (4 responses or 2%)
5. City of Dampier (2 responses or 1%)

The remainder of responses were single responses and are detailed in Appendix 1.

3.3 ANALYSIS OF RESPONSES AS A PERCENTAGE OF THE ABS 2011 CENSUS OF POPULATION

Location	Population	Total number of responses	% of location population
Shire of Roebourne	22,900	200	0.87%
Karratha (and suburbs)	16,476	147	0.89%
Dampier	1,265	20	1.58%
Wickham	1,651	8	0.48%
Roebourne	1,410	2	0.14%
Point Samson	298	18	6.04%

3.4 ANALYSIS OF FOR/AGAINST CITY STATUS RESPONSES AS A PERCENTAGE OF THE NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS FROM EACH LOCATION

Location	Total number of responses	Number against becoming a city	% against becoming a city	Number for becoming a city	% for becoming a city
Shire of Roebourne	200	95	47.5%	105	52.5%
Karratha	147	55	37.5%	92	62.5%
Dampier	20	13	65%	7	35%
Wickham	8	4	50%	4	50%
Roebourne	2	1	50%	1	50%
Point Samson	18	17	94.5%	1	5.5%

3.5 PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL VOTE BY TOWN

Location	Population	Total number of responses	% of total votes
Shire of Roebourne	22,900	200	
Karratha (and suburbs)	16,476	147	73.5%
Dampier	1,265	20	10%
Wickham	1,651	8	4%
Roebourne	1,410	2	1%
Point Samson	298	18	9%
Outside Shire	n/a	5	2.5%

4. CONCLUSION

4.1 ORGANISATIONAL RESPONSES

The responses from organisations show clearly that there is majority support (87%) for the Shire of Roebourne to transition to City Status. Only two organisations, the Point Samson Community Association and the Pilbara Wildlife Carers Association were against city status.

In terms of recommendation of City name, a clear majority were in favour of City of Karratha (53%) with no more than one response for any other alternative. Some organisations declined to offer a name and some commented it was a matter for Council and the community to decide.

4.2 INDIVIDUAL RESPONSES

The responses from individual residents/ratepayers indicate that there is majority support (52.5%) for the Shire of Roebourne to transition to City Status.

In terms of the name of the City, the clear majority of residents/ratepayers (53%) are in support the City of Karratha with the nearest option (City of Roebourne) representing only 10% of respondents.

4.3 COMBINED RESPONSES

The combined results of organisational and individual responses show a clear majority of 55% for city status and 45% against with a clear majority in favour of the City of Karratha (53%) with the nearest second choice being City of Roebourne representing only 10%.

APPENDIX ONE - DETAILED RESPONSES

(N.B. Individual Respondents' names have been removed for privacy reasons)

1.1 ORGANISATIONAL RESPONSES:

Any issues with the Shire of Roebourne becoming a City?	Reason	Preferred City Name:	Reason:	Additional Comments:
No	Nil	Karratha	Too much confusion to change and everyone relates to the name Karratha	Nil
No	Nil	Karratha	it the main centre of activity, would be nice to see the regional recognised some how but not sure how	NO
No	Nil	Karratha	Already an established name and synonymous within the Pilbara. It's the largest town in the Shire.	Nil
No	Nil	Karratha	Everyone knows Karratha and it has historical significance	Nil
No	Nil	Karratha	Because it means "good country" so we need to maintain the significance for the name	Let's get on with it.
Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Loss of historic connection. Lack of financial information. No CBA to even consider. No clear political gain - only perceived. Loss of identity. Lack of "city" amenities inside and outside Karratha. Change simply for the sake of change with no clear benefit. 	N/A	This is a moot point. We absolutely without a doubt would object to the name Karratha. It holds no historical significance and has no community/sentimental value to anyone beyond the past 25 years.	We strongly oppose the change and have written our concerns in a letter to Chris Adams, CEO, SoR.

No	<p>Supportive of the Shire of Roebourne's proposal to become a City. Karratha and its surrounding towns have grown into thriving metropolitan centres and represent one of the economic hubs of Australia. The Pilbara Cities vision is to build the population of Karratha and Port Hedland into cities of 50,000 people. In addition, the town of Onslow is forecast to grow significantly as a result of the large infrastructure projects underway in the region.</p> <p>Horizon Power, together with the State Government and local Shires, has invested \$110 million in the Pilbara to support this vision. In total, \$110 million has undergrounded overhead powerlines to provide safer and more reliable power supplies. Customers in Karratha and surrounding towns with underground power now have the confidence that their standard of power supply is equivalent to those enjoyed by their city counterparts. The infrastructure is in place to support a City and City status would potentially make available additional funding for further infrastructure projects.</p> <p>Granting the Shire of Roebourne City status aligns with the Pilbara Cities vision and demonstrates the growth and importance of the North West.</p> <p>We have no issues therefore with the Shire of Roebourne becoming a city however; we recommend the Shire of Roebourne assesses the impact of any potential increase in electricity demand in Karratha, in accordance with the Electricity Industry (Network Quality and Reliability of Supply) Code 2005).</p>	N/A	While the name should have community relevance and support, our organisation does not have a view on a preferred name.	<p>Our strategy has regional communities and enterprises at its centre. Our head-office is located in Karratha, with six district offices and an administration centre in Perth. Through this approach, we are able to offer a coordinated approach to regional development. Our purpose is simple: provide energy for life.</p> <p>Our strategy to achieve this is to be the local energy partner for the communities we serve. In short, we want to leave a lasting positive economic, social and environmental legacy for future generations.</p> <p>Horizon Power believes the Shire of Roebourne's change to city status aligns with our vision and strategy for regional Western Australian development and as such, we strongly support the proposal.</p>
No		Karratha	The SBCWP thinks this name is best as it is representative of the biggest town in the region, the name of the airport for the current shire and has the biggest representation of small business owners from the region.	The SBCWP believes that becoming the City of Karratha would have immense benefits to small business owners in our region. Being a city gives the region a higher profile and will hopefully therefore create more opportunities to obtain funding and investment for our region as well as business opportunities for our business owners. A city creates a level of confidence which is important to attract investment and to attract residents. The Pilbara Cities

				Vision has already begun and the transition of Karratha to city status is a natural and necessary step. A larger population naturally creates greater local consumption and thereby diversifies the local economy, as it can sustain more small businesses. Small Business owners are exactly the type of people that are essential for the regions' future. These are the people who commit, invest and stay. They are the ones who get involved on local boards, in community activities, coaching children's sporting teams and arts orientated activities. So the social impact of a strong and healthy small business community is considerable and being a city helps to attract and retain these motivated and aspiring individuals. City status will hopefully create a greater focus from decision makers who don't live here such as those in Perth and those on the East Coast. Karratha's profile should be lifted. Karratha should hopefully appear on all national weather maps. Being a city should also aid the important goal of Karratha hosting weekly international flights. This increase in profile builds confidence, attracts investment and creates opportunities for small businesses. The SBCWP is a strong supporter of the future City of Karratha concept and transition.
No	Nil	No	The name of the City is very much a matter for the ratepayers and Council to determine: the Commission takes no view on this matter.	Achieving city status would be a significant milestone in delivering regional change and recognition of the Pilbara as a growing and prosperous area.
No	Nil	Roebourne	As the existing shire is "Shire of Roebourne" then the name of City should change accordingly to match the shire. This encompasses those smaller towns and therefore should reflect the existing standing name.	No
No	Very supportive of the Shire moving to city status	City of Karratha	nil	All part of us moving to Pilbara Cities and therefore Council should be moving this way.
Yes	Yes and No. Have not read any information about what difference it is going to make.	Karratha	Has anyone thought about the impact a name change will have on tourism, maps etc? Will people be able to find us?	Insufficient information about what is involved in becoming a City to make an informed decision
No	Pilbara city	Nil	If we don't go to city status it's the end of my business we are wanting to move to the quarter and to do that financially we will need to be able to rely on having more than 20,000 people to not have to rely on the mining booms	Start afresh people will continue to refer to Karratha as what they have known in the past which hasn't always been a positive thing
No	Nil	Roebourne City Council, West Pilbara City Council, Nickol Bay City Council		
No	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

1.2 INDIVIDUAL RESPONSES

Should the Shire of Roebourne become a City?	Why/Why Not?	Preferred City Name:	Reason:	Additional Comments:
No	I don't think it's a priority for the area at the moment, particularly during a cooling boom.	-	If city status does go ahead I would like to see consultation for a new name (not Karratha) for a fresh start for the region.	Just to raise concerns about the polarisation of communities outside of Karratha who feel that the focus is always on the future of Karratha. It's also important to acknowledge the past and the importance of places like Roebourne.
No	its not a city, leave it as is, if you like the city so much and want to live in a city go to perth or some other state!!!	leave it as is	leave it as is!!! youve already ruined it enough!!!
Yes	better to attract and retain residents and federal/state funding	Baru	spinifex in the languages of the Yindjibarndi and Ngarluma people	
No	I don't believe it is sustainable in the long term and a city would provide no real benefit to the state or pilbara. Port Hedland would be better suited.	Blue Bone	If you don't know then you obviously don't fish.	The royalties for regions has been a real success story for Karratha, fantastic work by all involved, congratulations and you should be very proud. Let's not go getting ahead of ourselves as we currently are in regards to land developments, which I'm certain will leave a lot of people in struggling financially within 3 years.
Yes	Will only increase our presence in regional WA	City of Greater Karratha	It creates Karratha as the focal point while also including the surrounding districts	
Yes	To promote further growth & investment in the north; contribute to Pilbara Cities vision	City of Greater Roebourne	refer to Roebourne in historic sense and retain value in Roebourne town; reference to several other towns included in the LGA	
No	Prior to me wanting SOR to become a city I would like the benefits of that happening clearly defined and complete cost breakdown presented.	City of Karratha	Because "Karratha" is known and is the biggest of all towns in the SOR. To be honest if it was called the "city of Roebourne" it would conjure up all the wrong thoughts.	Why is this being pushed. That fact as far as I know has not been clearly defined. Also, with the high cost of living and housing in this town will the population be sustainable with no more major projects on the horizon.
Yes	future prospects for Karratha are positive taking into account the summary provided in the email.	City of Karratha	retain its origins	
Yes	To continue to raise the profile of the area and attract investment/grant funding.	City of Karratha	A change away from town name will be confusing.	
No	I don't believe Karratha or the Shire of Roebourne currently has the potential to encourage sufficient number of residents to qualify for city status - we don't have any new industry to attract new residents. We are losing	City of Karratha	personal preference	

	residents every week as this area slowly deteriorates. I have never known so many houses for sale or for lease - that in itself is an indicator of the feelings of residents - they are demonstrating with their feet and leaving. Builders are struggling to sell their new houses or find tenants for leases. If we are serious about growth in this area - then we need more industry.			
Yes	It is a growing town, and will become one eventually, so let's get on with and stop procrastinating	City of Karratha	Sounds right	
Yes	To help build a network of services, other major cities are too far away, this will entice people and business to stay in Karratha and they will invest the future of the region. This would hopefully entice companies to announce big projects and follow through with them.	City of Karratha	It isn't too different to its current name and most people would be comfortable and accepting of this.	I believe there is now currently enough housing in town and the shire should focus on commercial and industrial investment to help keep the current people in town and entice new people to arrive again. There are also way too many miners camps and they need to go, this would increase community enthusiasm and create a hometown feeling. The less FIFO the better, the locals should be given preference to jobs and work generated entitlements. Not companies wanting to employ FIFO. GET RID OF MINERS CAMPS AND FIFO.
Yes	City status raises the profile of the whole region. A powerful marketing tool that will help to attract more jobs and businesses. Assists with economic diversification. Embraces the future by building on the City of the North works and the State Government's vision for Karratha and the region. Shows the community, companies and local businesses that the region is preparing for the future.	City of Karratha	Karratha is well known and recognised at a state, national and international level as a place of regional importance.	No.
Yes	Because Karratha deserves it: It is not fair Karratha to be treated as a shire; its population has increased; lots of developments are happening and Karratha should be the heart of the North West	City of Karratha-Dampier	It gives more broader recognition of the area. Roebourne is a little town not widely known to other West Australians and it also has somewhat bad recognition in the eyes of most of the general public. Karratha-Dampier has much wider recognition and key to all industries ports and well known both in Australia and internationally	Karratha Domestic airport should be upgraded to an international airport, also proposed marine park, health campus with a city status Karratha will be able to attract more people, more investors, more tourists and international attention.
No	If the benefits of becoming a city are significant I wouldn't be against the change.	City of Karratha in the Shire of Roebourne.	The town has always been known as Karratha so should not change. With all the developments taking place the history of the area seems to be forgotten or destroyed to make way for redevelopment with no acknowledgement of the past.	As previously stated I wouldn't be against changing to city status only if the benefits were very significant for all the residents in the Roebourne Shire.

No	because there are not enough facilities for everyone, like a big enough hospital, no cinema!	city of no city	its not a city	dont do it
No	Because we are no where near being a city, especially with the lack of services that are unavailable.	City of No Specialists. City of No Choices.	Living in Dampier, we have NO facilities. We pay in rates \$2,400-00 a year, yet Riotinto continues to service our town. The Shire spends its money in Karratha.. Not in Dampier, yet why do we continue to pay you our rates? Shouldn't this be going to Riotinto??? At the end of the day ALL Dampier residents are sick of the excuses. Dampier has no post office, no doctors, no banks, an ill equipped 'Deli', The 'Shire' doesn't even do our parks, or maintain our roads. Most of the town has little or no footpaths.	I feel quite disillusioned by the Shire, and what it offers its Dampier residents. So why should we feel any positivity towards a city?
No	we do not have any of the facilities a city has have a look at our hospital. no public transport no Medicare facility no university plus the price of our air fares. we have a lot to do before we are a city also if we are titled a city will we loose things like zone rebate / local living subsidy / rental assistance the big companies will jump on that straight away and make living in the Pilbara less attractive lets wait and see if the projected 50.000 people 2015 hits the mark 25.000 is well short of a city	city of roebourne	because of its heritage history that should not be taken away	
No	The population in Karratha is only 24000 it is much to early to undertake such a step which will cost the ratepayer a lot of money without getting any more benefits then they are as a town. This is a premature move and I hope the Shire is listening to the voices of its towns. I feel this is a move in the wrong direction, it needs to be put on hold and reviewed in 5 years time. At the end it is the ratepayer who is paying for it all. There is no way Karratha will attract a population of 50 000 people over the next year it is heavily dependent on minning and as we can see at the moment it is the opposite with over 400 houses being empty - so more getting built and people leaving town through the closure of projects.	City of Roebourne	I do not support the city move at all so not sure why I am even asked to put a name in. Roebourne is the oldest town and therefore this should be the first choice of name.	Infrastructure will be put in , but who is paying for maintenance? Point Samson, Wickham and Roebourne should be in no way suburbs of Karratha they are towns in their own right. The move to the City has not been thought through what will happen with remote allowances? Tax deductions etc. As always the ratepayer will pay for this nuisance, there is nothing wrong with Karratha being a town we still can improve infrastructure and attract money.
No	It now shows already that the population is declining it was only busy because of projects. I cannot see the need Karratha being a City at all. I don't support that Point Samson, Wickham and Roebourne should be suburbs of Karratha. Karratha's infrastructure can improve without	City of Roebourne	because Roebourne was here first!	I just hope the Shire Council listen this time to the residents!

	being a city and the costs of the change can be avoided.Â I totally oppose the City of the North approach. The cost - benefit analyses shows me that it is not worth doing.			
No	Yes but the Shire needs to recognise and maintain the surrounding district including Roebourne, Wickham, Point Samson , Cossack and Dampier and not just concentrate on Karratha.	City of Roebourne and District	Cossack / Roebourne is the founding township in the district and this history must not be lost just to commercialise Karratha as a City.	Government departments and infrastructure should be spread throughout he district and not all reestablished or transferred to Karratha. The majority of all the plans are cantered around Karratha and forget the surrounding district.
Yes	Continue to promote and support growth. The status will put us on the map plus all the other added benefits of being a City.	City of the North	Because we will be. The title has meaning to the whole of Australia. Maybe our airflights will decrease..ha wishful thinking.	The Shire's history has added a new chapter called City of the North. We are fortunate that there is comprehensive historical records of the journey of this land lets not forget the land was called 'Ngaluma' then gazetted 1866 a town then to Shire and next 'CITY'. It demonstrates we are evolving, growing and changing.
Yes	Hopefully bring prices down and get a bit more serious recognition from Government.	City of the North West	First to get city status in the North West and then other shire's and towns won't be upset that one town has their name as the City such as Karratha.	Bit worried it is premature. Who is to say the numbers will remain at over 20,000 as it is still a transient mining town and I know a lot of job cuts are happening and work is quiet. I don't know if rebranding it as a city will make much difference to the outside public - it's still rural so quite a distance from the other cities, the high temperatures won't change and facilities won't change very quickly. Also would we lose Royalties for Regions if we become a city though it is being reviewed anyway. However a drop in housing and accommodation prices would probably mean a lot more people would be able to stay and a drop in the amount of FIFO jobs would benefit too.
Yes	Yes, so we can get more companies to want to be a part of our town!!!	City of The Pilbara	Sounds better than City of Karratha	
No	Because its not the Shire its Karratha to become a city and I feel the surrounding towns will left behind even further than they are now. Cant expect people to move to retire in Karratha when: cost of living to high, medical services, transport etc.	City of Yeeramuka doo	Means this area all towns included.	Would like to know what if any, gain there would be in becoming a city.
No	dont like citys	dampier	dont like karratha	
Yes	A change to city status will signify a commitment to growth and providing the facilities a family expects of a city. The amenity required to raise a family.	Dampier	The spirit of Dampier is one that drives exploration, adventure, entrepreneurship. That spirit is essential for this region to grow and prosper.	

No	We do not have the industries to sustain the population. Gov / RIO tinto signed off on down stream processing. JOBS . JOBS	Debit \$\$\$\$\$\$\$	The shire has to much faith in multinational companies.	Stable work forces and families generate growth towns. Boom cycles create wealth for speculates and fly by nighters. Stop FIFO operations and stab-lies the population you then stimulate supporting services hence families people supporting people. Forward growth to a city.
No	Karratha itself does not not have a consistant population equivalent to be called a city	Do not want a city	Do not want a city	I am totally against it becoming a City.
No	We still don't have a proper Medicare office to deal with directly nor do we have a HBF office. TRANSPORTATION How about a proper public transport service from roebourne Wickham and point Samson to Karratha and dampier etc.??? UTILITIES:We still have to use bottled gas!!? And what of Sanitation?? These are the qualities of a city, which are grossly lacking here. A city also should have a permanent population, not FIFO's based in temporary accommodation.	Don't have one	I don't believe this should be a city	In truth this whole area is far from being a city. It does not have the qualities of a city.
No	I do not believe making Karratha a City is going to benefit anyone living outside of Karratha.A City needs to be thriving Karratha is not, camps are empty, people are leaving, rental value is on the down slope, population is not growing they are just moving. There should be more concern over the state of shopping facilities in Roebourne and Wickham than worrying about being a City.	Dreamers	Because you are dreaming.	
No	There's very little evidence of Karratha having City qualities with the facilities it already has and the services for Public. Prices for the cost of living is 'City' like.	Dreams - but in Aboriginal language.	I would like to consider a name that reflects the pioneers and the Aboriginal heritage.	Why? how does being a City affect the average person trying to live here make a difference?
No	I like small towns.	dust	Dusty town	Not enough jobs here to become a city.
No	we would still be lacking a lot of important and essential things that you would have in a real city, and would also only benefit the big companies, they would not have to pay certain allowances to their employees and you guys know THAT!!!	EMPTY HOUSES	JUST LOOK AROUND	n/a
Yes	Town is still to small and will get even smaller once woodside go fifo on pluto. Will impact some residents finacialy through loss of northwest remote allowances.	fifo	its a fifo town	
Yes	Progress as we need to, more autonomous	Greater Roebourne	tradition and progress combined	

No	no advantage waste of tax payers money why is rio not paying rates on their work sites	HARDING OR COSSACK NOT ONE OF THE EXISTING TO	NOT ONE OF THE EXISTING TOWN NANES SHOULD BE FOR THE AREA	WASTE OF MONEY
No	It is a very expensive title with no benefits for the people that live here.	Industry	Because that is what the government's main focus on, not the people or environment that makes up a city.	
No	IN Fear of losing allowances already pay above and beyond in this town	KARACHI	BECAUSE	NO
Yes	Acknowledge the continuing growth of area	Karratha	It is the "capital" of the West Pilbara with overwhelmingly the biggest population in the region.	Whilst we would like to see the City of "Red Dog" we clearly see the many benefits of it being called the City of Karratha
No	I feel that the town is not large enough to be a city and that the population has reduced in the last 6-8 months and we don't have the industry to sustain a large population. We would need to look at getting more people to live in the shire before we need to look at city status.	Karratha	The History behind Karratha needs to keep same name	
No	Population	Karratha	Hub of District	
No	from my research seems more negative reasons to become city than positive and yes I did see the presentation the Shire did to Karratha Community Association about it but it was very very lacking in substantial information so I researched it more myself.	Karratha	Dont feel any other name is as appropriate	they wont make a difference, its going to go ahead anyway because of Political and other reasons, so no matter what the public say it wont be listened too, perfect example is the cities of the pilbara community consultations and forums etc I went to many and none of the design ideas the public asked for are being implimented in my view. The shire will do what they want at the end of the day, submissions like this the questions are set up for particular responses so they are not valuable or true to form..
No	Unnecessary expense for a name change eg stationery, signage, maps, websites, templates for advertising, marketing, merchandise etc	karratha	Its the biggest residential area in the Shire	Priorities are wrong if much time and money is being spent on this topic. In 10 years a new committee will want to change it again, much like school uniforms.
No	I have left this at 'No' only because i don't know what the benefits and/or costs are involved to become a city.	Karratha	The majority of the population and most of the small businesses are based in Karratha. Being a resident of Dampier for over 40 years, this is a difficult concession for me!	
No	isolation and cost of living	karratha	status quo	the cost of living is too great to lose district allowances
No	It is a politicians dream, from discussions with my friends it is not what the majority of us want	Karratha	why change what already works	
Yes	better options going forward.	Karratha	It iss the name of the town going for city status.	So lond as it does not affect any tax benefits, ie Rezoning etc.

Yes	Time to come of age. We need to progress and develop as a city of growth with modern standards and aspirations. The leisureplex and the Pelago apartments are a great start improving the facilities and lifestyle of residents.	Karratha	It is good country and we show our heritage with the indigenous. Absolutely no reason to change such a historically important name. It is good country and it is a good name!	Bring it on. Lets move forward and be leaders for the Pilbara. Hold our heads up proudly and embrace change and progress.
Yes	Cements the Pilbra Cities vision of a "growing City"	Karratha	We live in Karratha.	Great Idea.
Yes	Being referred to as a city is in line with the Pilbra Cities upgrade. It sends a positive message to any potential resident that karratha is not a dusty , dirty old mining town. Demonstrates progress.	Karratha	We live in Karratha...why change it if it is not broken.	Fantastic vision :)
Yes	All the reasons presented validate the push and I have seen Karratha grow in the 8 years we have lived here.	Karratha	It is already known and recognised as this	
Yes	Potential to attract regional investment opportunities and achieve more significant economic development outcomes for the region such as: Increased funding opportunities; Economic growth; Infrastructure development; and External investment.	Karratha	As the main residential, commercial and regional centre, Karratha already has a reputable profile. It would make sense to leverage and further enhance the reputation of this district.	
Yes	To encourage more people to reside in the town/city and thus increase the service levels we currently experience	Karratha	Over the last decade the town has worked hard to promote the Karratha name and has done it well to discard this name would be to discard hard work	
Yes	I think it would be good for re-branding of Karratha- rather than just being known as a mining town that drinks.	Karratha	I think its important to stay true to our name- this will also avoid confusion with tourism ect	
Yes	It would elevate Karratha in the eyes of state and federal beauracrats and politicians many of whom would know little of the town and the vast export income it generates	Karratha	Why argue with history. To move away from the tried and proven name of Karratha would be a mistake and it would take years for any new name to gain any traction	
Yes	Yes is a simple answer	Karratha	Karratha	No
Yes	It will be good for the town	Karratha	This is the main area of where we live	
Yes	Because we now need to realise that we are no longer just a mining town,	Karratha	Why change the history	I cant understand why a vocal minority of mainly older residents talk the developments down. If they dont like it take their sorry backsides elsewhere and whinge there instead.
Yes	City status brings better state & federal recognition and will allow a clear focus for further growth and development.	Karratha	Karratha means good country and is the right name for the new City.	
Yes	More diversification in businesses should improve customer service and bring prices down slightly. More variety will be good.	Karratha	Can't think of anything else, ha! Perhaps the city of Red Dog.	

Yes	Name and status should be commensurate with planned growth	Karratha	Karratha is where prominent growth is and is regional centre. Also well recognised.	
Yes	.	Karratha	.	
Yes	it will encourage further population due to the perception of a larger regional centre.	Karratha	Main town in the region.	
Yes	Isn't that the whole idea?	Karratha	appropriate	
Yes	I have been here since 1985. My children where raised here and still live here. I have seen the town grow and expand. I like the planned changes however it needs to be sustainable.	Karratha	Why go away from our towns name.	We need to ensure the planned changes are sustainable. There are so many vital services lacking. Public transport for one. Our hospital needs a major upgrade.
Yes	Allways have been in favour for city.	Karratha	Having Council Building in CBD and all Banks, shopping centre etc already established and being in the centre of areas such as Point Sampson, Roebourne, Wickham,Dampier. That makes it logic to keep the name as City of Karratha.	Change it as soon as.
Yes	it needs to be	Karratha	that is what would be logical	
Yes	Yes as long as it does not impact negativly financially on the people who live and work here.	Karratha	We are already known as Karratha and most people have heard of Karratha.	
Yes	Prestige. Comming of age. Taken more seriously in the political arena.	Karratha	Highest population. or if/when looking to amalgamate... City of North Pilbara	
Yes	it will increase capacity to apply to programmes to develop the City	Karratha	Karratha is the name most known to the world outside the pilbara.	
Yes	I have enjoyed the growth of this town over the last 4 years, however some services have not kept up with the growth eg health and the airport. If changing to a city means that more funds will be released to improve these services then I am definitely in favour of a change!	Karratha	It's familiar, so that it's not such a big change (to those opposed)	
Yes	I am, but not yet. Perhaps a population in excess of 30,000 should be the trigger. With Rio Tinto downsizing its' workforce and Woodside reducing their expansion plans will the population grow any more?	Karratha	It is what we call the place anyway. I live in Bulgarra but tell friends and family out of town I live in Karratha because that is the central area, and has a much higher profile than any other name.	I feel you should show what financial benefits this will bring. I have lived here for 20+ years and the businesses and State/ Federal government involvement in the area has not been any better, nor worse, than other regional cities. Is it worth \$350,000?
Yes	I would like to see an improvement in services and products in Karratha. More competition will eventually mean that prices on services will decrease (more in line with those seen in a city) and better range of shops, recreational	Karratha	Karratha is the hub of the shire, having the most amount of residents reside within it, most of the services, shopping,etc. It contains the largest hospital of all the districts and the most amount of schools. It should be recognised as the centre	

	activities, healthcare providers will mean that residents will have "options" which is currently not the case. There are aspects of historical significance that we should not be holding to, and it is impossible in this vast wilderness to "lose touch with nature"...It is time for Progress.		of development and advancement, which is what it is.	
Yes	It will raise our profile to outsiders and people interested in investing in our region	Karratha	its the biggest town in the current shire	I don't think it should be underestimated how much of an impact becoming a 'city' can have for our region. It will put us on the map.
Yes	will really put the shire on the map and give the rest of Australia and the world an opportunity to take notice of what's happening here and the great lifestyle the Pilbara can offer.	Karratha	There is no doubt that the metropolitan hub of the Shire of Roebourne is Karratha. with majority of the people and facilities being based here. The shire currently has most of its facilities based in Karratha also as Wickham and Dampier are vastley Rio Tinto operated with minimal shire presence. Roebourne is a great historical town, but is not the face of a city.	if not karratha then a new culturally and historically significant name would also be exciting.
Yes	to grow and become a more sophisticated town the way to move forward is to firstly be called a city and secondly the population at this time justifies city status	Karratha	as it is the most populous town in the region and it is what most people from outside the area can relate to .	
Yes	Better opportunities globally from an economic perspective.Â We are also a very progressive area! 'City' status suits well and I believe will assist in the broader nations perception that Karratha is just a small mining town.	Karratha	Karratha is the hub of the region, and best known.	
Yes	Karratha has international associations through family and business connections around Australia and around the world.	Karratha	Karratha is already a city in the eyes of international visitors. We need to raise our profile in Australia.	With the progress that Karratha has been able to make through Royalties for Regions the town can quite rightly accept city status.
Yes	More funding and opportunities.	Karratha	I am really not to concerned about the name.	
No	Premature at this stage. The aspiration is good, however the lack of services at this time is embarrassing for the town to be called a city. The current population doesn't meet the ordinary criteria to be deemed a city. Review in 5 years.	Karratha	.	
No	Hospital facilities not big enough, infrastructure not established enough for more people.University or more advanced courses at Pilbara campus are required.	Karratha	Means good country and will be the start of a new era.	Big cost for rebadging signs and not much difference in facilities as a town
No	with a city comes crime and all the other nasties that feed from city life. karratha would be the most expensive city to live in, in the world.	karratha	it couldnt be called the city of roebourne!!	50,000 people?? - where will they work??? - where are the likes of city stores - Bunnings, ikea, big supermarkets, myers, david jones - will these type of companies pay \$80k plus a year so people can afford to live here??? - i dont think so,nearly 18yrs as a rate

				payer - not much spent down my end of town - greed has ruined our town!! - can't wait to leave.
No	I dont believed we have a stable enough population at the moment to warrant becoming a city and the Waste,Water and health services in the shire are well below standard for a shire let alone a city	Karratha	Karratha is the Largest and most financially vibrant town in the shire and the name should rfect this.	no
No	Can see no value in the process.	Karratha	Is the name of the major town in the area	
No	No need, minimal return for investment.	Karratha	Good Country	
No	The population is still not big enough and there is no need for wasting money on rebadging everything.	Karratha	To represent the aboriginal term good country	There are many factors lacking that would normally be represented in a city such as medical specialist, full time ambulance staff, full time fire brigade, normalisation of towns such as Dampier to ensure all Australian standards are met ie street lighting as an example
No	The residents of Point Samson will not enjoy any perceived benefits.We'll be subsidising Karratha infrastructure through higher rates etc.The SoR don't have the resources to maintain the current infrastructure in the shire. Most of the improvements in Samson are locally driven by volunteers. So what will change ???	Karratha	Because some money will be saved by keeping the name.	Waste of money. The change won't necessarily fix the current problems the SoR face. i.e. insufficient funding, resources.Businesses aren't necessarily going to set up here because it's a city. Their businesses have to return at least 15%. That may be achievable in boom times.Some businesses are already struggling. Housing/cost of living is too high.Current allowances will disappear, such as Zone allowance etc
No	The town still has a lack of basic services. For example the hospital is 30 years old	Karratha	It should be called the city of Karratha as Karratha is the town that will be known as the city.	Karratha has come along way in the last 7 years however it still has a long way to go before you could ever call it a city of the north we need more basic services. Heath & schools need to be improved. I disagree with Karratha being named as a city. Thanks
No	In becoming a city we lose a lot of the zoning allowances and tax benefits we currently have. As a person who is a low income worker we have already struggled.Â Other than that I am yet to see any real benefits to becoming a city!	Karratha	We need to keep the original name of our town, no discussion should be entered into about it!	Why spend millions of dollars revamping the town to move the hospital? Clearly it is in the best position off a dual carriageway highway? To move it off the new "main" street would be a danger to the public in an emergency.
No	Realistically the population of Karratha is only 17500. The move is premature and I would be disappointed if the decision is based on a phone poll of only 300 residents within the shire. Businesses will invest here if financially viable regardless of city or shire status as has always been the case. Too many resources have been wasted on this endeavour already and without any plausible justification being put forward for the proposed change.	Karratha	If I do not support the transition why would I want to change the name of the town.	

No	The presentation by SoR at Point Samson hall didn't convince me there was any benefits to the ratepayers in Samson. In fact, rates & costs will rise. The survey carried out by the SoR was misleading, reflecting some 300 residents views. It was stated services to ratepayers in Samson won't necessarily improve, i.e. no mail service, recycling bins. Allowances will disappear eventually & so on. Why would anyone vote for the change ? This is a WA Gov driven exercise to cut costs.	Karratha	Because Karratha is the logical choice. Some \$\$\$\$ will be saved in signage	Attendees at the mtg in Samson were left with the strong sense, it's a done deal & SoR was following due process to make it happen ! Very disappointing !
No	What do we gain becoming a city? I don't see the need to change. I would imagine the cost of changing to a city would be enormous and I think the monies could be better spent elsewhere, such as upgrading our existing hospital!	Karratha	Because I have lived here for 21 years and I don't feel the need to change the name.	
No	A lot of residents are too transient and not considering Karratha as their permanent home. The town fluctuates too much with industry which doesn't help with it's long term future and growth.	Karratha	What else could you call it???	
No	With only three major companies within the immediate town, if one fails then the prospect of the population falling is inevitable and hence the whole town will suffer as it is now. Once the construction has finished the whole town has slowed down and this just shows how vulnerable the whole Pilbara is and how reliant we are on other projects to hold the town together. There are not enough smaller companies nor the infrastructure to support a city status. The road works leading out to the Burrup are ten years too late and unless there is going to be another boom, then the money has been wasted. The new hospital project is a joke and should be built well out of the tidal flood zone just to the rear of the existing hospital and utilise the old hospital for other health services ie: mental service instead of wasting our tax payers money and rate payers money on a new building/s. We already have a glut of empty houses in the town; where are all the people supposedly going to work if we need all these houses filled? Malataga is a waste of time as once again there won't be employment	Karratha	Recognition	We will still be paying exorbitant prices for services which are second grade compared to other cities within WA and Australia. The shire depends too much on too few rate payers to try and keep the town looking good now let alone trying to match up to a city status. We can spend the money wiser, still keep the town status yet promote the town as a holiday destination, something that has not been done well in the past. Then again there is enough violence, alcohol and drug related incidents to claim a city status without changing anything!

	for any other persons and who would want to come and live here with the high prices if they are not employed??			
No	I have lived in Karratha for nearly 24 years as I love the place. If I wanted to live in a city I would move to a city. There will be more crime with more people moving here.	Karratha	I don't want to see it become a city and Karratha is it's name	
No	No need. More important issues to address. No mention of specific increase in costs to rate payers.	Karratha	Obviously the most populated centre.	Government/shire needs to force mining companies to reduce FIFO numbers significantly. Make this area residential not transient. Reduction in housing prices is also having a very negative effect on locals that have lived here for some time.
Yes	Population growth	karratha	Because it is Karratha	
Yes	Yes - it is critical in order to attract investment and residential growth and longer term sustainability	Karratha	Karratha is the commercial hub now. It makes no sense to start all over somewhere else	
Yes	Because we are growing constantly and have lots of all kinds of mining etc to keep us going in that direction.	Karratha	We are Karratha and we should stay Karratha otherwise you confuse people.	
Yes	Bit undecided!	Karratha	Why change it?	If we are going to become a city, we definitely need: another shopping precinct, preferably in the Nickol, Baynton area cheaper rates in the shopping centres to stop local businesses closing their doors due to unaffordable rent Another primary school More entertainment facilities ie. a proper cinema Parks in Bulgarra and Pegs Creek for kids, lots in the new suburbs, not in the older ones More footpaths and cycleways
Yes	Investment opportunities for the town, it's a natural growth progression for the pilbara in general. More sources of funding for the community and local clubs(as I believe). We are and we are here to stay.	Karratha	I feel there is too much identity attached to the name of Karratha, it is a part of the history of this area and as it is a young history it is will still be relevant to us as a city.	
Yes	Long overdue	karratha	Is it not obvious	Let's get this done we have gone through enough of these and it's clear what the general perception is
Yes	It could potentially bring more prosperity to the region and recognition by government	Karratha	It just makes sense as this is where the bulk of the population is!	bring it on!
Yes	Because Robin Vandenberg put forward a convincing argument.	Karratha	As above	
Yes	The shire needs to move forward as a growing hub of the Pilbara	Karratha	The name Karratha is out there and everyone knows the connection	
Yes	Economic growth leading to more services becoming available	Karratha	Karratha has the largest population within the shire. This name is know by people outside the Pilbara region	

Yes	For the city to move forward, and become the statement of the north west and gain international status.	Karratha	City of Karratha, as in good country.	
Yes	In line with strategic growth, vision and progression	Karratha	Karratha is the main service centre and has the name/ recognition	Hurry up
Yes	City status will ensure the credibility of the municipality when seeking international relationships, investment opportunities, lobbying with state and federal governments and attracting residents	Karratha	Absolute no-brainer - most Australians would have heard of Karratha, it is what people see on the news and weather map. Choosing anything else will take years of expensive marketing and promotion to gain any traction.	
Yes	Help promote the region, attract investment and funding.	Karratha	It is what Australians see on the weather map	Let's become a city as soon as possible
Yes	Yes. I believe that we can attract businesses and investors to the area to establish long term business and growth here, not just come into town to make a quick buck. Long term businesses give stability and respect to a town, and show that it is worth running a business and investing here for the long term.	Karratha	Karratha has been getting a lot of media coverage and i believe that it is the most well known town of the group. I do not believe that a new name would benefit the area as the marketing would have to start all over again. The airport name is Karratha Airport, and this fits well with the city name.	Apart from the historical aspect, is there any negative reasons for becoming a city? I respect history and tradition, but there will still be a town within the municipality that is called Roebourne, so I do not think that it will get lost altogether.
Yes	Will bring sustainability - attract more people and keep them in the area	Karratha	I have lived here for 32 years and to change the name now just takes away it's history and growth as a town	
Yes	As we have come this far it would be a waste of money and time to not progress.	Karratha	It is the regional and economic centre	Don't waste too much time and money on debating it.
Yes	We need a City in the north of the state and Karratha is the best choice	Karratha	it already has a footprint	
Yes	It will be beneficial to the area	Karratha	Because the aboriginal meaning for Karratha is "good country" Appropriate to the area	
Yes	Because major infrastructure and people will not come unless we grow and become a city	Karratha	Because it is the main, largest town in the current shire and for a number of years the wider Australian and world communities now Karratha as the powerhouse of the Pilbara	
Yes	Creates greater opportunities and recognition for our area	Karratha	Do not know of any better options	
Yes	- It seems a logical progression for the district.Â - To enhance our ability to obtain other government funding.	Karratha	Karratha is the most widely recognised town in the current Shire and has the largest population of any of the towns.	
Yes	I dont see how we can become a City while Woodside and other companies are all going FIFO.The release of some of the land has being good but you,s have flooded the market,causing great stress on the people who done the right thing and bought into the market.But bst of luck trying good job so far.	Karratha	Same reason you keep your name for life .It identifies the area and who it IS	Ijust hope the its being done for the right reasons and Not to take away the benefits of of living in remote areas

Yes	City gives a the shire a sense of solid permanence, a move forward from the current transient mining town image of Karratha.	Karratha	Karratha is the regional centre	
Yes	As part of the Pilbara cities vision	Karratha	Recognised branding Australia wide	
Yes	Dont like the name of Shire of Roebourne. Standards of Roebourne residential and economy vastly differ to Karratha. It is all perception, however perception to external people is a big thing.	Karratha	Karratha is more prominent than Dampier/Roebourne/Wickham and outstanding in it has more residents, and is more recognisable within external regions and other states of australia, and perhaps other countries of the world.	Nope.
Yes	The name city brings with an air of development and growth.	Karratha	New York is already taken and it has always been called Karratha.	What are the implications of changing from a shire to a city? Obviously, the cost to change the names on signage and stationery but how will it affect funding or grants issues. Rates issues. I dont think the general public really understand , including myself what a name change will involve.
Yes	I own two residential properties in Karratha. When I am in Karratha I live in one of these properties (together with friends who rent rooms from me). My other property is a duplex which I rent to two corporate tenants. There is still a perception in financial institutions in Eastern Australia that Karratha is a temporary settlement. Many lending officers of banks with whom I have had dealings believe that Australia is experiencing a short term "mining boom" and that, in a few years, this will be over and no-one will need housing in Karratha. I have to address this with demographic data on almost every occasion on which I negotiate finance. If the Shire of Roebourne became a city, it would be a very significant statement confirming that it is permanent and that it is a secure place to invest.	Karratha	Karratha is the biggest of the urban areas in the existing Shire.	This proposal fills me with pride.
Yes	It's an inevitable consequence of the increase in population. And maybe people in Perth will take Karratha more seriously.	Karratha	Karratha is the most well known of the towns and is the administrative center of the current shire of Roebourne. It's only logical that Karratha should be the name.	Just because we are becoming a city does not automatically mean that we need more traffic lights or paid parking.
Yes	We are moving forward and expanding and this seems the next step.	Karratha	Karratha is the hub of this area and it makes sense to name the city this!	Great to see progress and so much positive things going on around town.
Yes	better chance for more funding to local infrastructure like an international airport, more commercial properties and possible tertiary education. More economic diversification etc	Karratha	it's the main hub of all the towns	City of West Pilbara

Yes	makes sense	Karratha	makes sense	
Yes	Karratha has sufficient population to become a city. Politically there are advantages in being a city.	Karratha	We are already known by the name of Karratha. it is still happens in other states that when we say we come from Karratha people ask where is that but it happen less often now. To change now would mean starting over again When we say Perth we generally are referring to a collection of suburbs some of which have become cities in their own right.	The name "Shire of Roebourne" Does not need to be changed. It acknowledges our roots, history & our pioneers.Â The city go Geraldton was until recently in the Shire of Greenough. The city of Perth is in the council district of Stirling.
Yes	Because the town has grown sufficiently both in population and wealth.	Karratha	Because Karratha is the largest population base.	Its important in order to encourage people to stay and build a long term future here. People are much more likely to stay and invest long term in a city than an outback town in my opinion.
Yes	Yes and No. What difference is it going to make. Not seen anything in the papers to tell show us what one or the other means for the place or the people.	Karratha	Just makes sense to keep it the same. Who is going to pay for everyone to change their passport, drivers license etc? Notify friends and family, locally, nationally and internationally?	What's the difference anyway? Lots of talk but what are the benefits if any of being a City?
Yes	It is already the regional centre for the Pilbara	Karratha	The Pilbara cities vision talks specifically of Karratha and Pt Hedland becoming cities. Not the Shire of Roebourne. To call the city anything to do with Roebourne would be a disgrace as that is exactly what the shire has let that town become.	Why is the ratepayers money spent on this rubbish?
Yes	The need to move forward	Karratha	Karratha is the name that the rest of Australia recognises as the main centre of the Pilbara. Roebourne is not. Therefore indiginous opinion on naming should not carry more weight than any other opinion.	City status should only be undertaken if it truly benefits us all.
Yes	Census 2011 23K population SoR 17K population Karratha Karratha is the business & commerce centre of Karratha Karratha is an aboriginal word that means "good country"Â Karratha is the identifiable name for the Shire	Karratha	As above	The benefits that will flow are unmeasurable
Yes	It is time to grow up	Karratha	Logic.	Why are you wasting my rate payer money on this? Get on with getting city status and then work your fingers to the bone to attract grants and investment to grow. Get land release so people can have farmlets. Make this a city that makes it possible for everyone to have their roof covered in solar panels and be self-sufficient for power. Allow water capture and reuse in households happen and all street plantings for edible plants. Spend my rate money more wisely please.

Yes	City status funding.	Karratha	It has the greater population within the towns of the Shire. The name is already synonymous with major mining companies/ businesses.	More information on the pros & cons in point form available on this website.
Yes	It shows the importance of the region and that the region needs to grow	Karratha or City of the Pilbara	The Shire of Roebourne causes so much confusion in business that they think you are actually situated in Karratha.	
No	Karratha has been my home for 20+ years as I was born here. Its not a city and doesnt have the basics of hospital care. This will not only destroy our pilbara way of life but destroy the town & our committy.	karratha.	My home.	Not ready, few years to go befor even thinking of this.
Yes	Because Karratha is simply a city.	Karratha-Roebourne	Having both Karratha and Roebourne keeps in mind the history of the council and takes note of the main urban area within the council.	No.
No	The infrastructure and design of Karratha dose not constitute what I believe and expect a city to be like.	Mining	Cost of living and lack of services to the locals is appalling and the town continues to be a service provider aimed and influenced by the major resources company's.	Recent upgrades to the road network around and in the Karratha shopping precinct has now congested this area making it very similar to a development that is 10 years behind reality. The road between Karratha and Roebourne is also a disgrace and resembles a dangerous mine access road.
No	Because we do not have the facilities, nor will the local facilities be improved to be able to call ourselves a city. We are remote, our food is trucked in twice weekly, the cost of flights out of our "city" will not be reduced to reflect our city status. House prices continue to soar despite the down turn in work and demand. The cost involved in rebranding etc should be used in creating better facilities for the children of this town. MORE undercover play areas, especially in the older parts of town (Bulgarra). It would be a complete JOKE to call Karratha a city as we do not have the capabilities, facilities or competitive prices to be truly labelled a city. All government employees would lose their locality allowance, which would mean a HUGE drop in salaries making it even harder to get by in this super over priced town.	N/A	It should remain Karratha (a town).	Seriously, I can not see the reason, other than Minister's pocketing money, for this town to be changed to a City. If we had the amenities and facilities to proceed with the, if we had the companies providing competitive pricing to make it more affordable for the residents then I would fully be in support of this... until then I stand by my decision.
No	There is not one fact supporting this enormous change. Not one financial document or comparison. Purely speculation that this is what is best - I disagree. Roebourne Shire is where I live and where I wish to continue to live. This sort of change without merit will only bring more division to a Shire which desperately needs cohesion.	N/A	This is a ridiculous question and I really question the purpose of this entire exercise. I believe that the choice of city name should be voted on by the people of the SoR - not a few newly elected councillors.	

No	I think there is a long way to go before Karratha should become a city because of the water shortageÂ cost of living this will be the most expensive city to live in the young generation is suffering now to start family's and buying there own place and they are the future if you wish to even consider making this a city you need to addressÂ If this becomes a city there will be no more subsidy's from company's to assist in cost of power rentals etc and the pay will decreaseÂ cost of flights is also needs to be addressed if you want people to visit tourism etc	n/a	n/a	
No	It is to do with Politics	N/A	N/A	Is it possible to be recognized by the Federal and State Governments without being a City?
No	Karratha is very struggling to cope with the population it has now,something needs to be done about HIGH rents, business and housing	NA	NA	
Yes	we have outgrown being a collective of small towns. Renaming shows that the area is maturing and will attract more business, families etc	Nickol Bay	Central feature to which each of the towns are loated around. Ie Dampier to the West, Wickham to the east and Karratha and Roebourne in the middle.	remove the name Roebourne. Although there is a historical link, this link is tarnished and evokes bad connotations based on the history of the town in particular. When you say you work for the Shire of Roebourne in Perth, prople think of the town Roebourne and all the bad press associated with it. Things are changing for the better out there, but this is a slow process and is not a perception that will change in the next 5 year period.
Yes	The image of the area is not built on rural lifestyle, rather on economic vitality more akin to a City status. The name change would also better reflect the State's Pilbara Cities commitment and the Shire's desire to develop Karratha as a world class City.	Nickol Bay	Roebourne simply doesn't sell the area given the associated negative overtones, nor is it a region or the dominant settlement.	The current Shire logo could simply replace 'Shire of Roebourne' with 'City of Nickol Bay' and leave the reference to Karratha and statement 'Powerhouse of the Pilbara'.
No	i am not fased ether way i am more interested/concerned on what the name will end up being and what the city status effects will have on the outlying towns	Nickol Bay	this can not be Karratha focused we have just gone through years of the Shire of Roebourne logo having Karratha in it. the names needs to be something that encompasses the meaning of all the towns	the atraction of more people to the area is great however you need to look outside of the karratha box when making these decisions, the expansion of karratha and other towns has a direct impact on the vistors to point samson. point samson is the tourist hot spot/desintation of the whole shire
No	The towns that constitute the Shire of Roebourne are all very individual and unique in their own right. To lump them all into the one "city" is robbing them of the special attributes they each have. The communities in each of the towns especially those not Karratha are strong and close and they value that. To make	Nickol Bay	Roebourne is the historic name and should be the retained name but there will be opposition from Karratha because Karratha is " upmarket" and will expect any city to be the city of Karratha. To avoid any conflict use a completely different name.	In the UK the population of a town has to be 300 000 before it is a city or it must have a cathedral. Making a town of some 15 000 - at most now the fifo population has left - into a city degrades the true status of city. Why not be proud to be a great town? Can you explain to the public what the advantages are besides a superficial title????

	them all one city dilutes their community spirit. This has already happened in Karratha.			
Yes	Improves the chances of economic development and sustainability of the town. Am concerned that by next Census we may not have the numbers to be a city and it will be a bit embarrassing. Still not sold either way. The overall cost of having city status (Councillor wages, cost to state government employees, cost to shire rebranding etc) hasnt been announced. A lot of people only stay here because of the allowances. If State Gov takes those away because of city status that will be incredibly uncool.	Nickol Bay City / City of Nickol Bay	encompasses more than just Karratha - the bay includes Dampier, Karratha, Wickham and Point Samson.... seems fairer than City of Karratha.	
Yes	Absolutley. The Shire entered into the City of the North project with the state government. we now have a chance to realise that vision !	Nickol Bay City Council	The name needs to be marketable, it needs to draw people to the region for a wide range of reasons. Moving away from the town names that people just associate with mining would be beneficial for the region; start to diversify the economy, and creates unique identity that matches the development of the region as an attractive place to visit, live and do business.	
No	Karrathais is here purely and simply because of the access to deep water for the port's . The long term future of the town will be dependant on it's natural attractions and Tourism.I don't there is another city in the world that survives on tourism alone.	NIL	NIL	
No	I like the regional feel, don't like traffic lights, feel like moving north.	no comment	no comment	All these houses and accommodation in place is too much. There is no more work or construction coming up. Big business laying people off. Lots of empty houses and camps. Shopping centre cannot grow to accommodate 50,000 people. Woolies cannot get people to stock shelves 2 weeks out from Christmas.
No	What are the advantages? What are the costs associated to change into a city? Many government workers recieve district allowance to help cover the enormous costs of living here. This will be taken away if we turn into a city however prices will not go down. I think this will have a very negative impact on the average wage earner.	No idea	I have no idea what you would want to call it.	
No	We are not yet at 20,000 people, and with Pluto becoming entirely FIFO will be even less people. Not enough critical services like hospital, normal city functioning	no name	do not agree	There has been no information to the community on what (if any) tax implications there will be or any other financial impacts. Not sure why shire wants to push so quickly to become a city when most regional areas

	businesses/services like cinemas/theatre. May impact most people who work up here with tax/work benefits which will push even more people to FIFO.			are 50,000 when a city. it's way too soon - re-visit in 5 - 10 years time when you have the numbers
No	I don't think a population of 17500 warrants Karratha becoming a city. Surrounding towns should not be counted to bolster the number. The fact is Karratha's population is under the required 20000. It would be a monumental waste of taxpayers money. Survey the shire's ratepayers, not just the 300 that were phone polled. The shire has their addresses.	No preference	Survey the shire's ratepayers, not just the 300 that were phone polled. The shire has their addresses.	
No	The are cost to the change and the benefits of change are not significantly different from current shire status, or at least as far as information available	no preference	no preference happy with shire of Roebourne	
No	We do not have the services to make us a city. ie medical specialists	None	Not in favour of becoming a city until we have the appropriate services.	I have lived here since 1979 and do not feel that the services are very much better than then.
No	We have no public transport, our hospital system is not up to city standard, our airport is not of international standard	None	None	This town is not ready or up to be able to cope to city requirements
No	The name City is not suitable as all the SOR residents are not in place or surrounding suburbs like with a normal city as one would expect, they are in different towns within the shire	None	The SOR should not become a city therefore no name is needed	Traffic Lights do not maketh the City. With the amount we have you would think this was the idea behind it. Not happy wth them.
No	I think it is premature and can't see the benefits in becoming a city. At this stage the cost involved seems to out weigh any proven benefits. Where is the proof that by becoming a city this attracts people(families), small business and investors to an area.	None at this stage	The name of the city is a difficult question as by calling it Karratha that focuses on Karratha only when the city status includes all the towns within the shire of Roebourne	The Shire should be focusing their energy into maintaining the towns to make them more presentable so that when people enter our towns they find them more inviting than they are at present.
No	Population is to transient and there are insuffiscent infrastructure at present.	Not applicable	Not applicable	Until the area becomes more stable and the Shire is willing to adress this issue and infrastructure.
No	I cannot see any benefits apart from a bit of extra funding. Also, Government might then find an excuse to fiddle with the remote allowances, forcing people to do more FIFO. Local government should be focusing on encouraging business and industry to live in Karratha	Not in favour	Not in favour	I vote no
No	will impact me financially through work benefits and maybe tax? we are still a small town with so many FIFO it doesn't feel like a city - need more people first	nothing	nothing	it's too soon

No	Lack of consistent population and the transient nature of Karratha. Shire itself ensures the Pilbara remains a country location for Australian country folk.	Pilbara	N/A	N/A
No	Dont believe it has the correct facilities	pilbara	N/A	Hyw need to be dual lanes at least for this to happen
Yes	City status will allow greater funding source as well as the positive image that comes with attaining city status. This will indirectly lift interest in the area and tourism and other business opportunities	Pilbara	I do not support the City of Karratha, this is only one place within the current shir and naming the city after this will only add to the perception of bias towards this area. Pilbara is a name that encompasses a region and has less locational bias, although I am not sure this is feasible	Do not make this the city of Karratha
No	Roebourne is an historical town, the admin may not be there anymore but it is still part of and the original shire - don't fix what isn't broken for a change	Pilbara	why not - it still incorporates the area	
No	I like it the way it is.	Roe borne	It's well known	No
Yes	It is getting bigger	Roebourne	Makes sense to keep it the same	
No	The present shire is made up of five very different communities. Karratha although now the largest community, it is ONLY the administrative and accommodation town for the industries in the rest of the shire.	Roebourne	Why change?	Think of all the money that will need to be spent on rebranding when it is not necessary.
No	There is no practical value in doing so, certainly none in changing the name	Roebourne	ROEBOURNE, why change it, at whose request and why?	Some years ago a number of citizens of Singapore wished to re-name the streets that reflected their colonial past. The then President, a much wiser man than our present "masters" in Perth rejected their wishes out of hand. He stated that the history of the country was written in these names and to do away with them would do away with the history. The same logic prevails here, the country was built by men like Roe.
No	No I am not as it will mean losing our regional allowances.	Roebourne	Its the name of the old main roads board.	When we have all the facilities and services such as healthcare, and when prices become comparable to Perth, then it would be appropriate to become a city. But while we are paying nearly double for some services I think it would be unrealistic.
No	There are no strong convincing recommendations that benefit changing the name. There is a lot of history in the Shire of Roebourne tourists recognise. The city of Karratha will not reflect this.	Roebourne	Historically Roebourne was the original name and hub of the Pilbara.	The only people to benefit to my understanding from a information night I attended is the mining and the mining industry no small businesses will benefit .
No	There are significant historical sites attached the name of Shire of Roebourne, changing the name will diminish these historical sites and	Roebourne	There is now need to make the change.	Nil

	take away the Shire's long standing name and roots.			
No	I don't think we have enough facilities to become a city and when compared to the City of Greater Geraldton, Karratha, unfortunately is sadly lacking on all fronts.	Roebourne	Roebourne is steeped in history of the region, whereas Karratha was built to cater for the mining companies and local residents remain a constant cash cow for the myriad of local, state and federal governments, along with unscrupulous investors milking every cent out of the town without a second thought to the future of Karratha.	I believe SoR council and the state government should be working together with a common goal for the vision of a city status, and until this happens Karratha will always be, and always remain a working town. As a long term resident of Karratha since 2001 with a young family and not working for the mining companies, i have seen a lot of residential development to accomodate the mining boom, however there has been very little development of town facilities to encourage people to actually be able to afford the cost of living here and wanting to live here. Lets face it, if the family demographics are not working in Karratha, then there is really nothing to keep the family in Karratha apart from work.
No	Money better spent on services than new signs, letterheads etc etc	Roebourne	The local govt was first in Roebourne and the history of that should be maintained	Pushing for a city has been forced upon us by the State Govt - I moved here as the town is not a city
No	I believe that it is premature. I also believe that should the Shire become a City, then it will be called the City of Karratha. I don't believe that this is in the best interests of those who do not live in Karratha. During the advertising for re-election of the Shire President, I recieved a fair amount of advertising. In which the candidate(s) were very busy stating what they were planning to do for Karratha - but there was little or no mention of Dampier, Roebourne, Point Sampson, Wickham or Cossack. These areas are often forgotten about. Karratha is a new purpose built town and hasn't, I believe, had sufficient time to develop any history or character of it's own.	Roebourne	Karratha is a new purpose built town and hasn't, I believe, had sufficient time to develop any history or character of it's own, whereas the SHIRE of Roebourne is full of history and tourist attractions, and these are what brings people to the area - not Karratha.	
Yes	This would be progression. Greater opportunities should be available for a 'city' compared to a 'shire'	Roebourne	I like to stay with the historical name	
Yes	Growth, recognition of the vast and expanded area.	Roebourne	Maintain the history.	Changing to city means that government regional allowances will be cut - simply for a name change, as it appears that there are no immediate plans to expand services.Â At this point in time there is no public transport, limited medical specialists, and although rents have taken a small drop, the cost of living is enormous in comparison to other regions in the state. Therefore those government employees that are in the region for the additional monetary benefits will leave. Not an idle threat, some WILL

				leave. Already the recruitment of government workers to the region is a difficult exercise. Changing to a city and having the government take away a large percentage of these incentives will cause major issues for government departments operating in the area. If the services in the Roebourne region were comparable to other regions in the state, then maybe more people/families would relocate, but until this happens and the incentives have been cut, government staffing will indeed suffer. The information that you provide states that the population of the shire is in excess of 24,000. Start losing government workers and therefore further dropping the standards of the region will ultimately mean more families leaving the area. Does the city lose its status of City if the population drops under the lower limit ???
Yes	It should help with people's perceptions of there being something substantial 'up north' as opposed to an almost vacant area.	Roebourne	To keep the history of the name and for consistency with what we have now.	People may be more likely to move to a city than a town.
No	Cost of Airfares to a capital city Cost of living is still to high	ROebourne	no	
No	I have been present at a presentation in Point Samson and cannot see any justification for spending money on some thing which will not benefit normal rate paers, it will only benefit businesses	Roebourne	to retain the historical value of our region	I cannot see how changing a name and spending large amounts of money to change something that works well now
No	Do not believe it will benefit the Shire at this point of time, costs better spent elsewhere	Roebourne	Historical connections	Maybe 7-10 years from now
No	The area can not sustain a "City" IT is a mining area. The dust, FIFO workers, FIFO camps. This is not what a CITY is made of. Abolish those and maybe. The shopping facilities etc do not and can not cater for CITY status. There are not enough car parks anywhere in Karratha. It will reduce our wages, income for rentals, reduce govt funding.	Roebourne	It has always been a the Shire of Roebourne and should always keep the name Roebourne. The history of Roebourne needs to be kept	Try spending some of the "CITY" funds in Roebourne and Samson
No	There are not enough retail businesses to support a city. The retail leasing is still increasing and forcing small business to close. More affordable rental for small retail businesses is required before more retail business is lost forever.	Roebourne	Our shire is Shire of Roebourne and as the founding town was Roebourne, I think this would carry on the original name	Karratha is not yet ready to become a City until the FIFO is encouraged to become local residents and bring more families to our lovely area.
Yes	To enable funding etc to encourage people to make it home - not just a stop off / mining camp to make money with little or no input into the	Roebourne (or	It is very important to remember the history of this area - unlike most other people groups, many of our aboriginal folk have been for	It would be fair to note that most of the proponents to submit to the previous name change attempt of the Shire of Roebourne, have left. How many people

	area. To make this place a viable alternative to live and even afford to retire to, to have facilities made available for all spectrum of society to allow CHOICE to stay or live here.	Yeeramuka doo)	generations, unlike white folk. Those of us who have been here for 4 & 5 generations know and appreciate the history that must be upheld in respect of this unique area. Dampier, Karratha and Wickham are "new comers" as far as townships are concerned and only recognise current history - it would be a shame to lose that which is represented in the name of Roebourne with its history - both good and bad.	voting for the city name status will still be here in a few year's time? How many really care what's in the city name or what it represents? It would be interesting to know how many on the Council will still be here in 10 year's time - my concern is that the voting for this by the Council may ignore our indigenous peoples' concerns and thoughts. It was only after a public outcry in Roebourne that the Council had to back down last time.
Yes	to encourage more diverse and affordable housing choices in areas within a short walking distance of the cbd, similar to areas of bulgara-but denser.	Roebourne Central	to capture the history	less fly in /fly out workers will mean that the city will have a sense of place and community, will maintain property values and keep the town alive.
Yes	I think its time for for us to now become a City with City statas	Roebourne/ or Narluma name	Roebourne has long historical history as oppose to the suggested name Karratha. Roebourne has "soul" even in its name. Other towns which were "Shire of" changed to City of so why the big deal to rename. Many of our ratepayers in Karratha who will have a vote will most properly leave our fair Shire even after 30/40 years make their home and go.	The Shire may not consider the significance of Aboriginal people living in Roebourne and Karratha paying rates which about 10 years ago didnt add to much. We now are significant rate payers with many business as well. This is not my country as I am Yindjibarndi however I believe that the Narluma people should be considered in any name of current change. I hope that they as Narluma nation respond to the Shire of Roebourne to at least be recognised in the process of any change considered.
Yes	Progress is good for the area	Shire of Roebourne	I do not believe the need to change the name is necessary. The area has a rich history much of it without Karratha.	It is only Karratha becoming a city, so why do we need to change the name of the entire shire. I obviously do not have a full understanding of the issue, and am not against progress, but do not see the need to change the name. Thanks
No	because its never going to be big enough and offer the services that a city title earns. also the shire covers more than one town, its not all about Karratha.	Shire of Roebourne	it was the first town	its a stupid idea like the one of putting the hospital on the salt flats, leave it where it is.
No	the shire is not a city, only one town within the shire is eligible for city status	shire of roebourne	what we have here is the city of Karratha, which is in the Shire Of Roebourne	how would the residents of karratha feel about being described as living in the city of Point Samson? I think not.
No	The cost of such a change is going to be a cost that could go to other more important issues in town. And I have lived in Albany back when they did the same. And for what we saw and received as ratepayers was nothing but a name change.	Shire of Roeburne	No comment as like the phone survey. I am not for it!	The town does not need all this time and effort over a city status and a name change. HOW MUCH has this cost to date???? As a rate payer I love to know! The town is dying a death and saying its a city is not going to keep people in the town. We left like so many others as the changes were not for the residents at all. But for the big players and feathers in the caps for those looking for a quick pat on the back for a change. House prices are down, rental properties are empty, negative gearing is now a normal word for many of us who paid top \$ to live in the shire and

				left due to constant greed and the shire fixation on City status and moving the Snrs for a rd etc etc. and becoming more of a FIFO town than for locals of many years. Word is out that money is tight in the shires coffers! And wasting \$ on this for a city status is more \$. Business go to a town not because of a status! It goes to a town for what the town is about and it's history and economic status and spending capacity.
No	There is no real financial benefit .The change will cost too much money.We are 80 km from Dumpier big area for small population.	The city of Point Samson	Because it sounds better for investment than Karrachi	
No	We live in a remote place in the COUNTRY, lets keep it that way.	whatever	????	
No	I think it is premature at this stage, costly, benefits seem limited and it becomes all about Karratha rather than the Shire.	xxx	I don't support the move at this stage.	
Yes	The next step in the development of the North West	Yeeramuka doo	Aboriginal name for the area, acknowledging Aboriginal pre occupation of the area	

City Name Suggestions

The following list of names were suggested by the respondents:

City of Baru	City of No City
City of Blue Bone	City of No Specialists. City of No Choices.
City of Dampier	City of Pilbara
City of Debit \$\$\$\$\$\$\$	City of Point Samson
City of Dreamers	City of Roebourne
City of Dreams - but in Aboriginal language.	City of Roebourne and Districts
City of Dust	City of Roebourne Central
City of Empty Houses	City of the North
City of FIFO	City of the North West
City of Greater Karratha	City of The Pilbara
City of Greater Roebourne	City of Yeeramukadoo
City of Harding	Nickol Bay City Council
City of Industry	Shire of Roebourne
City of Karachi	City of Nickol Bay
City of Karratha	City of Mining
City of Karratha- Dampier	City of Karratha-Roebourne
City of Karratha in the Shire of Roebourne.	



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Dear Chris,

Thank you for having John Verbeek present a "Shire to City" information evening to the Point Samson community last Tuesday 26th November. The information provided by the SoR in support of the transition was questioned by members of the public in regards to its credibility in forming the basis for Karratha becoming a city.

Any attraction of business did not really extend beyond attracting investment associated with 2 possible new mining ventures which would be predominantly staffed by a FIFO workforce. There was also negative criticism in relation to Council supporting the transition when elected councilors representing the town of Point Samson have made no direct contact with the local community to gauge local support.

Please be advised that the community of Point Samson **STRONGLY OPPOSES** the change of status from Shire to City for the Shire of Roebourne. The following points below were identified as cause for concern amongst those who attended:

- A survey using statistics of **only** 300 randomly called people was used to determine public support. The SoR database has contact details for all ratepayers within the Shire. Ratepayers are the group that should have been consulted.
- The initial reasoning for change of status was an invitation by State Government to join WARCA. A review of current members (ie. Broome) and invited members (ie. Port Hedland) clearly indicates that City status is not a requirement for membership as Broome is a Shire and Port Hedland is clearly a Town with no plans for status change in the near future.
- There was no qualitative data presented that showed any real economic benefit to the Shire. The only evidence presented was an influence matrix using language such as "may improve..." or "a general view that..."
- There was no comparative evidence presented from communities in the state that have recently transitioned (ie. Kwinana, Vincent, Bunbury).

- There was no Cost Benefit Analysis presented for discussion and it would appear that none was done. Budget estimates of cost were rather largely scaled, ("It could cost between \$250,000 and \$325,000 for the transition.")
- The population of Karratha is only 17500. The populations of surrounding towns should not be used to boost Karratha's population in order to qualify for City status.
- Many dwellings in the Shire of Roebourne are leased as solely workforce accommodation. Therefore, this is not a true reflection of permanent residents. Permanent residents are what make a city. The reduction in families in the Shire has resulted in an acute shortage of staff in a number of industries. This has led to the need for a 457 Visa workforce in order for companies to provide their services.
- The past 10 years has seen a steady decline in services, not an increase as the Shire would like us to believe.
- The local economy is a deterrent to most people outside of the mining industry, ie. lack of affordable housing, availability of service people, etc.

Many other reasons against the change have been brought up since the information evening. Simple things such as a lack of reticulated gas or public transport are not available. Are you aware that Point Samson does not even have postal service?

The transition will not be supported until such time as Karratha's population increases and basic city amenity becomes available.

Point Samson is a unique coastal village that requires a distinct, individual identity for its economic growth. Local tourism businesses rely heavily on our pristine environmental beauty and the perception that we are the "weekend away" from the City. We do not wish to become part of a City. Changing the status of our town could have serious economic impacts for our small businesses operators.

There are some in our town that think this consultation period was just a formality. I sincerely hope that they are wrong and that you and the other elected councilors will seriously consider our concerns before making your final decision.

We also respectfully ask that when the time finally comes for the transition to a City that more thought is put into what the City will be called. Point Samson has strong historical ties to the community of Roebourne and is the second oldest town in the Shire, recently celebrating our Centenary in 2009. Karratha in comparison is a relatively new community, not yet celebrating even a 40th Anniversary. It was noted during John's presentation that some 85% of respondents said that Karratha was an acceptable name for the city as no other alternative was offered. We request that a list of names is offered so that the residents may have an opportunity to consider all options.

I look forward to your response.

Yours faithfully

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Dear Sir:

RE: Karratha City Status

A few thoughts about having Karratha declared a city:

1. The law is clear as set out in the Local Government Act 1995 "A district can only be designated a city if the district, if it is not in the metropolitan area, has more than 20,000 inhabitants more than half of whom live in an urban area. The number of inhabitants of a district at a particular time is to be taken as that established by the Government Statistician appointed under the Statistics Act 1907 according to the information then available to that person"

2. As the 2011 Census has the people of Karratha at 18,274, to qualify as a City the Shire has increased the geographical size of Karratha to include the entire Shire's population including the populations of Wickham, Pt. Samson, Roebourne and Dampier totalling with Karratha's population, 22,900. This would qualify Karratha to become a City if the Government Statistician accepts that 2011 population figure.

3. However, it is now 2013, almost 2014, and the population of the Shire is, and will continue to, decline dramatically because the "BOOM" is over, and the Shire no longer has the required 20,000 people living here to qualify it as a City.

4. The factors which are, and will continue to account for this major decline in the Shire's population are:

a. Woodside: With the completion of the Pluto plant, the "BOOM" which has been the source of most of Karratha's increase in population in the last few years is over. The hope that Woodside now will do the long anticipated construction of 2-3-4 more trains at Pluto and perhaps replace some of the old trains at the Gas Plant, has been destroyed with the development in the USA of fracturing of shale and coal to release methane. That has resulted in the production of LNG there at half, or less, of the cost of production of LNG by Woodside and other plants in Australia and the Middle and Far East. The drop in price of LNG in the USA has been dramatic and Japan, Korea, and China will be buying future LNG requirements from the USA unless Woodside and other producers drop their prices drastically. The existing long term contracts now enjoyed by Woodside are also under attack. Mitsubishi, a partner in Woodside's Gas Plant is now in the process of entering a contract to purchase its requirements for Japan from the USA. Shell has just signed a contract to develop fracturing of shale for gas in China. Things don't look good for Woodside and other LNG producers.

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b. Shell's decision to place its new LNG plant on a floating vessel now being constructed in Korea means that the days of building LNG plant on the land are probably over unless Australia develops its own fracturing of shale which it is now doing. That could possibly result in a new land based LNG plant being built but it won't be in Karratha.

c. RIO has completed its expansion of its Dampier infrastructure and will be finishing its expansion at Cape Lambert in 2014. Currently, there are many workers travelling from Karratha to Wickham and Lambert but those numbers will decline and virtually cease when RIO completes its new housing and amenities facilities in Wickham.

d. Anketell Port's development is highly unlikely because the State Government does not want to and, currently does not have the financial ability, to invest in the necessary infrastructure. Furthermore, the three small iron ore companies interested in using Anketell as a port also do not have the money to build it and the Chinese, with reason, do not seem to be interested in supplying those companies with the money. Someday, the port may be built but it will be in the distant future and Karratha cannot depend upon its construction for an increase in population.

e. Aurora Algae has decided not to go ahead with its proposed plant near Karratha and has, instead, gone to Geraldton. That is a big loss to Karratha because Aurora Algae has the potential of becoming a growth industry.

f. Yara's Ammonia Nitrate plant being built on the Burrup will contribute a few, but not many, jobs for Karratha.

g. Citic's Sino Iron Plant will be in production as soon as its legal problem with Mr. Palmer is resolved. However, it is located 100 kilometers from Karratha and doesn't contribute many people to Karratha's population.

h. FIFO policies of Rio and Woodside only add to the loss of population in Karratha. Obviously, neither the State or the Shire has the power to force these companies to have all their operating personnel residing in Karratha. That policy should be changed if Karratha is to grow.

i. Robotization of their operations to cut costs by replacing workers with machines is a major feature of RIO's and Woodside's development and can be expected to increase in the future. As these robots are controlled from Perth, the jobs lost to Karratha are a major factor in population decline.

j. Tourism is probably the great hope of many people to produce jobs in Karratha. However, tourism is seasonal so it's potential is limited. Nevertheless, Karratha should adopt a more friendly, less expensive and less restrictive policy if it wants to encourage tourists to make it their destination.

k. Down Stream Processing Plants: As far as it is public knowledge, no other industrial plants^{in the area} to be built in, or near, Karratha. Consequently, there is no source of workers which could contribute materially to Karratha's population. Failure of the State and Shire to more vigorously promote down-stream processing plants being built here is the basic reason the prospect of Karratha becoming a city of 50,000 will not become a reality. It has been, and is, a bad planning and execution error.

CONCLUSION:

Premier Barnett and Minister Grylls have proven that it is possible to build the bricks and mortar infrastructure and housing of a city in the Pilbara designed for 50,000 people to live in because they had the Royalty For Region's money to do so.

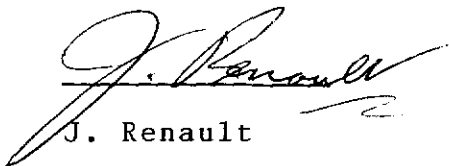
What they have not proved is their ability to provide jobs for the 20,000-30,000 workers a city of 50,000 will need to have to be viable. Furthermore, unless that job defect is corrected, Karratha cannot have a permanent population of 20,000 people needed to enable it to become a city.

From the above analysis, it is apparent to me that the population of Karratha will continue to decline until it reaches the pre-"BOOM" figure of 12-15,000 permanent residents. Karratha has benefited enormously from the generous investment of Royalties For Regions money in a dual highway to Dampier, underground power, new high school, Leisure Centre, etc. etc. The Shire would never have been able to finance such luxuries without the money Brendon Grylls has poured into making them happen and he is to be thanked enormously for that.

Now, all the Shire has to do is find the money to maintain those valuable assets and find the people to occupy the houses and other accomodation built during the "BOOM" which are now empty plus lots more which will be empty soon.

Good Luck!

Sincerely,



J. Renault

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Chief Executive Officer

Date: 5 December 2013

Shire of Roebourne

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Dear Mr Adams

SHIRE OF ROEBOURNE – CITY STATUS SUBMISSION

The Karratha Community Association would like to commend the shire for the extending the public comment period for the City Status decision and the initiative to send letters to all ratepayers so as many residents have the opportunity to comment as possible. Whilst the extensive written material has reached many of the community there is an important group of people that have little knowledge of the city status proposal and that group is our aboriginal community. Many of the aboriginal community are not ratepayers as such but traditional owners who have strong affiliations to the area. Many of members of our community have restricted language and access to media and may not be aware of this proposal. Does the shire plan to undertaken any surveys with the local aboriginal groups on this matter?

The KCA has asked members to provide feedback directly through the shire website as we are not representative of the community as a whole but we do have some general comments.

1. *Does your organisation have any issues with the Shire of Roebourne becoming a City?*

No

2. *If Council decide to transition to city status the municipality will need to be called the City of _____. Does your organisation have a collective view on what it should be called and why?*

The concern with this question is why “the municipality needs to be called City of ____”?

This survey question suggests this is the only option for a name so has this been predetermined?

Many other regional cities across Australia have the word City in them such as -City of, a City Council, a Rural City Council or a Regional Council such as Townsville City Council or Horsham Rural City Council, City of Geraldton, Sunshine Coast Region, Logan City or City of Greater Geelong.

Suggestions for the name are:

Roebourne City Council – retains the historical link to the region as the municipality has always had Roebourne in its name.

West Pilbara City Council – this would cover the extended region as if the future the municipality boundary was to change to include Onslow and Pannawonica then the name would be inclusive of these towns.

Nickol Bay City Council

The KCA suggests the name needs to be easy to pronounce and spell so this would discount some of the local indigenous names although we note Karratha is an aboriginal name.





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3. Does your organisation have any other comments to make in regards to Council considering city status?

Historically many other regional centres across Australia have a similar history to the Roebourne Shire and tend to adopt the oldest name for the new city councils such as Townsville. The new city of Townsville was formed in 2008, when the city councils of Townsville and Thuringowa were amalgamated and it is now called Townsville City Council.

Tamworth Regional Council – is a city. Approximately three quarters of the region's population lives within the city of Tamworth with the balance residing in the small townships of Manilla, Barraba, Kootingal, Nundle, and the villages of Attunga, Bendemeer, Dungowan, Duri, Moonbi, Somerton, Woolbrook and Woolomin, and various rural localities.

Horsham Rural City is home to the rural towns, including Dadswells Bridge, Natimuk, Jung, Laharum/Wartook.

Horsham was declared a town in 1932 when the population was 5000 and it became a city in its centenary year of 1949. Thus, Horsham celebrated the 150th anniversary of its settlement in 1999. It currently boasts a population of 13,000.

Mildura Rural City Council -More than 50,000 people call the region home including 31,000 who live in the Mildura township. Beyond Mildura there are a number of smaller towns.



25 largest local government areas by population [edit]

Local government areas are the main units of local government in Australia. They may be termed cities, shires, councils or other names, and all function similarly. Brisbane, which covers multiple LGAs, is the only state capital city with a local government area covering a significant portion of its urban area. Other capital cities are serviced by LGAs which cover an even smaller proportion of their total urban areas.





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		Estimated resident population		Statistical Division/ District
Rank	Local government area	2011 Census	2009 ^[106]	
— 1	City of Brisbane	1,041,839	^[107] 1,052,458	Brisbane
— 2	Gold Coast City	494,501	^[108] 515,157	Gold Coast
— 3	Moreton Bay Region	378,045	^[109] 371,162	Brisbane
— 4	Sunshine Coast Region	306,909	^[110] 323,423	Sunshine Coast
— 5	City of Blacktown	301,099	^[111] 299,797	Sydney
— 6	Logan City	278,050	^[112] 277,568	Brisbane
— 7	City of Casey	252,382	^[113] 247,357	Melbourne
▲ 8	City of Greater Geelong	210,875	^[114] 216,330	Geelong
▼ 9	Sutherland Shire	210,863	^[115] 219,828	Sydney
▲ 10	City of Stirling	195,702	^[116] 198,803	Perth
▼ 11	City of Wollongong	192,418	^[117] 201,438	Wollongong
▼ 12	City of Lake Macquarie	189,006	^[118] 199,277	Newcastle
— 13	City of Fairfield	187,766	^[119] 194,543	Sydney
▲ 14	City of Brimbank	182,735	^[120] 185,890	Melbourne
▼ 15	City of Bankstown	182,352	^[121] 186,108	Sydney
▲ 16	City of Liverpool	180,143	^[122] 182,261	Sydney
▼ 17	City of Penrith	178,467	^[123] 184,611	Sydney
— 18	City of Townsville	174,492	^[124] 181,743	Northern
▲ 19	The Hills Shire	169,872	^[125] 176,487	Sydney
▼ 20	City of Sydney	169,505	^[126] 177,920	Sydney
— 21	City of Monash	169,280	^[127] 176,069	Melbourne
▲ 22	City of Hume	167,562	^[128] 167,540	Melbourne
▲ 23	City of Parramatta	166,858	^[129] 167,540	Sydney
▲ 24	City of Gosford	162,440	^[130] 166,626	Sydney
▼ 25	City of Boroondara	159,184	^[131] 168,090	Melbourne





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The issue of a Referendum has been raised by one of our members who has specifically asked:

- As the precedent for a referendum has been made (twice before) when there has been a major change to our Shire, why hasn't a referendum/poll provision been organised.
- Should this not be on the agenda for the City Status Advisory Group?
- Why wasn't a referendum arranged for 2013 October election for a cost effective outcome to ratepayers?

The KCA acknowledge the extended consultation process the shire has undertaken and once the public comment period is closed when will the shire provide the analysis of the results to the public, before or after a decision has been taken?

We look forward to an open process and a decision made with the interests of the wider community taken into consideration.

Yours Faithfully

Kelly Grady

KCA President



Karratha City Submission

The Karratha and Districts Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KDDCI) strongly support a proposal to change the districts status from a Shire to a City.

A recent survey of its 420 members revealed that 68.84 per cent of survey respondents supported Karratha becoming a city while a further 71 per cent supported the city being named Karratha.

This follows comments by well-regarded demographer Bernard Salt on Wednesday, 27 November 2013 in response to the latest population projections by the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

According to the document more than 38 million people are expected to call Australia home by 2051. In Western Australia the resident population is expected to double in size, from 2.4 million people in 2012 to 4.7 million in 2040.

While most of WA's population growth is projected to occur in Perth, Salt believes it will be underpinned by a major population centre in the Pilbara.

From 2007 to 2012 the Shire of Roebourne's population has boomed a massive 19.6 per cent to 24,626 - one of the highest growth rates in regional WA.

By comparison population in the Town of Port Hedland grew 14.5 per cent to 16,178, Shire of Ashburton 33.1 per cent to 10,565 and the Shire of East Pilbara 47.8 per cent to 12,581.

Mr Salt acknowledged that Karratha - as the North West's biggest town, boasting a thriving local economy with real aspirations to achieve growth and diversification - was the "logical" choice.

In 2012, the Shire of Roebourne's Gross Regional Product (GRP) was \$18.2 billion - the sixth largest GRP in Australia and the second largest GRP in regional Australia second only to the Gold Coast.

Clearly Karratha's economic and population profile are fitting of, and can support a regional city.

Furthermore, the WA Government invited the Shire of Roebourne to join its WA Regional Capital Alliance in February 2013 to support regionalisation across WA. Other member cities include the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder, Bunbury, Greater

Geraldton and Albany. This demonstrates the WA Government's belief that Karratha will one day become a city.

Add to this the WA Government's heavy investment in its 2009 Pilbara Cities initiative and there is demonstrated belief at a state-level that Karratha will one day become a city.

The Shire of Roebourne now needs to be proactive to drive this vision and a critical step will be the application for city status. This leadership will encourage business confidence and optimism and provide increased opportunities for regional growth and investment.

City status will also open opportunities for cultural and tourism exchanges with some of our major trading partners through a "Sister City" initiative. According to Tourism Australia more than 626,400 Chinese tourists arrived in Australia last year and this number is set to grow. The Sister City strategy supports the development of the region's tourism industry by raising our regional profile to international consumers.

Strategically it would be extremely advantageous to be the first town to achieve city status in the Pilbara region.

The move would gain national focus and attention across politics, business and media. It also sends a very strong message to our political and business leaders that Karratha is on the move and ready to become a major Regional Australian city.

It's time Karratha broadcast to the rest of Australia; it's a great place to live, work and do business.

Board of the KDCCI

29 November 2013

attn: Chris Adams
Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Roebourne.
KARRATHA WA

Dear Sir:

I understand that you are planning to upgrade the town of Karratha to city status, but I have some reservations about this change:

- 1 The current population of the town according to the last Bureau of Statistics census in 2011 is well below the required number to become a city. It is stated that at least 20,000 are required.
- 2 What would be the cost of this transition? & what actual benefits would there be to the smaller towns of the Shire? How will it affect them?

My suggestion is that you wait for the next Government census or alternatively hold a local one to ascertain the correct population of Karratha before you proceed any further with the forming of a city.

It is recommended that a public town meeting should be held, at a local venue other than the Shire chambers, to discuss this matter ,& its implications,& familiarise the townspeople as to how it will affect them ?

Hoping you will give these matters some consideration
Yours sincerely

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