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Please pass our public concern onto the relevant department I understand this topic was open for public feedback by 31-5-2018. I would like our concerns voiced at the shire council meeting & taken into consideration. Thank you.

To whom it may concern:

Regarding proposal for increased rates.

As a local owner & rate payer to 3 residential properties in Karratha I am greatly concerned by the proposal to increase the rates. I actually sighed with relief when I saw the values had dropped by 40%.. because yes values have dropped by this or more - I know because I am financially unable to sell either of my 3 houses as I would still owe the bank almost \$1million post sale on the 3 assets.. I also know because my rental income has dropped from \$2200pw in the boom to currently \$700pw (and weve currently found its taken 3 months to find a tenant for our well maintained investment properties which is definitely not the usual fast turn around we once enjoyed). We have had to change our loans to interest only, we owner occupied the newer of the 3 homes but this year decided to move our family from our 4yr old 4x2 into our 30yr old 3x1 so we could try to climb out of the drowning suffocating financial hole we have found ourself in.. by doing this we are slightly in front which means tho we are still paying interest only, we can actually put this towards some of the principal debt & budget for the overdue bills we are struggling to keep on top of,... so when "rates time" rolls around & we have to budget for near on \$10,000 in rates it's a pretty stressful time of year.. this year I thought OMG we are going to have some relief at last as it's finally been acknowledged that values have in fact (as we already knew) dropped by 40%.. but as I read on I realised the City of Karratha has proposed to change the value of the rated dollar so in fact were up for a rate increase. Well I know this may be great for the city's budget so that we can continue to spend \$\$\$\$ on the City of Karratha but it does not help the struggling residents (rate payers) who are battling to keep their heads above water, who simply want the best for their family's, who after living in the Shire for 30+ years - since birth actually - were quite happy & content with this beautiful little piece of paradise even before the shire spent millions of dollars (post boom) on improvements; tho we greatly appreciate some of the improvements made, we are more then happy for improvements to go on hold while we all battle to stay afloat & battle to be able to afford to go out & enjoy the improvements in the town due to lack of "play money". I applaud the improvements even the ones I didn't personally deem necessary even tho I live in & love the Pilbara I'm not just an investor who pays rates, I'm a resident. But please, please, give the rate payers some relief, cut the rates, don't raise the dollar to keep the budget high, we've developed so much of Karratha we are almost loosing the charm of what we love about it, the budget must now be able to be reviewed & lowered. As our parents taught us in hard times we make sacrifice & we go without. Well I think in this downturned

economic climate it's time the City of Karratha & the wider community enjoy what we have & make some sacrifices by reducing spendings. Please review your proposal & keep any rate rise on hold, actually pass on some relief by reducing rates in line with the reduced property values so we can hold onto the life we love here so much by allowing our personal budgets to be less pressured.

Regards,
Michelle Bassett (Kessell) & Beau Bassett.

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