



Ms Virginia Miltrup
Chief Executive Officer
City of Karratha

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Dear Ms Miltrup

CITY OF KARRATHA – DIFFERENTIAL RATES 2026/27

I refer to the City of Karratha (the City) application dated 3 June 2026 seeking approval to impose a differential general rate that is more than twice the lowest rate in the gross rental value (GRV) category.

Consistent with section 6.33(3) of the *Local Government Act 1995* and a delegation by the Minister for Local Government, I have approved the City's application to impose differential general rates as follows:

Category of Rating	Rate in the dollar 2026/27
GRV TWA	0.229874

The approval is valid for the 2026/27 financial year.

Please note my approval only applies to the above specified rate and amount. Please notify the Department of Local Government, Industry Regulation and Safety should the City intend to make further changes to these rates prior to final budget adoption.

In terms of administrative observations:

- I note one of the City's five public notices – published on its Facebook social media platform – did not contain a rates table to show the proposed rate in the dollar (RID) and minimum payment for each rating category.

However, I am satisfied the other four notices meet the requirements of Section 6.36(1) of the *Local Government Act 1995* (Act).

- The City did not incorporate the updated valuations for UV rated properties in the application's draft Statement of Financial Activity, and Rates Information Table. It is noted that the updated valuations result in an increase to the overall rates yield, which was part of council resolution at Special Council Meeting on 2 June 2026.

It would be appropriate for the Council to acknowledge the adjusted rates yield and reasons within the minutes, and adopt the amended rates yield in the resolution, at its next meeting.

- I acknowledge the City resolved to remove the provision of \$100 Buy Local vouchers for owner occupiers in the category of GRV Residential at Special Council Meeting on 8 July 2026.

Separately, the *Local Government Amendment (Rating of Certain Mining Licences) Act 2026* (Amendment Act) was assented to on 25 June 2026 and fully commenced the following day. Going forward, miscellaneous licences and small prospecting licences on Crown land between 1 July 2017 and 30 June 2026 are not to be treated as rateable under section 6.26 of the Act.

Local governments are required to review and, where necessary, implement corrective measures for rate notices that apply from the 2017-18 financial year. This includes updating rate records and making any relevant budgetary and reporting adjustments.

In effect, all rates and liabilities issued for miscellaneous licences and small prospecting licences on Crown land no longer apply, and affected ratepayers are entitled to refunds which must be issued within 90 days (i.e. 24 September 2026).

If you have any questions, please contact General Manager Financial Policy and Statutory Approvals Ms Amy Walsh on (08) 6552 1530 or via legislation@lgirs.wa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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