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**Q1** Have you read the discussion paper associated with this survey? **Yes**

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**Q2** Who are you completing this submission on behalf of? **An organisation, including a Local Government, peak body or a business**

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**Q3** What is the name of the organisation?

Kalamunda Rate Payers Assoc Inc.

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**Q4** What is your name?

Ron Davey

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**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Community organisation**

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**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Male**

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**Q7** What is your age? **56 - 65**

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**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Kalamunda (City)**

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## Rates, fees and charges

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### Page 9: Ministerial approval

**Q19** Currently, local governments are required to seek Ministerial approval when seeking to impose a rate in the dollar that is more than twice the lowest of its other rating categories. What is your preferred approach to differential rates? **Other (please specify):**  
**Keep diff rate all the same**

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### Page 10: Rating exemptions

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"All land should be subject to rates." **Very supportive**  
"The types of land subject to rates should be consistent between local governments." **Supportive**

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Land owned by the Crown that is used or held for a public purpose	<b>Yes</b>
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Land owned by Co-operative Bulk Handling Limited (CBH)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used primarily as a place of residence (no matter who owns the land)	<b>Yes</b>
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Community service organisations that are not-for-profit, for the benefit of the general public and provide community services without charge or below cost	<b>Yes</b>
The payment of rates or charges will cause hardship to the land owner	<b>Yes</b>
The concession will encourage the economic development of all or part of the local government district	<b>Unsure</b>
The concession will encourage land that is of cultural, environmental, historic, heritage or scientific significance to the local government area to be preserved, restored or maintained	<b>Unsure</b>
Land that is subject to a mining tenement	<b>No</b>
Land that is determined by the Minister to be subject to a concession	<b>Yes</b>

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"Rate exemptions for the commercial (non-charitable) business activities of charitable organisations should be removed."	<b>Supportive</b>
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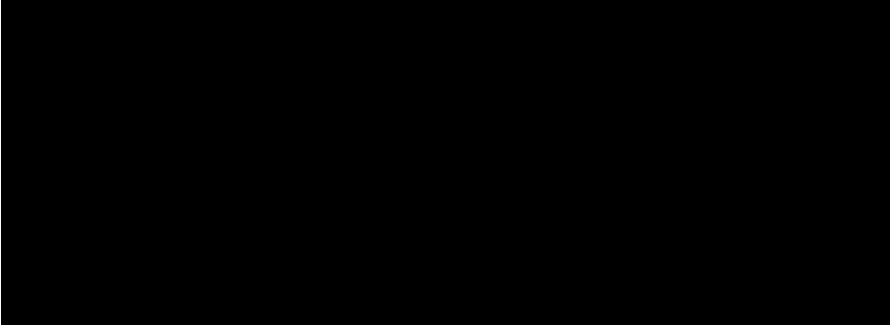
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Local govts should not be able to increase diff rates above inflation cpi. Even tho their continuing argument is that it is not relevant to their purchases. It is relevant as 70% of the spent is wGes and benefits. When it suits it becones relevant. Usually the building and roads material index is higher but not over the last few yrs so they opt for the higher cpi.

LA's should not be in involved in areas outside their original mandate of roads, rubbish, planning, fotpaths, parks. People cannot afford the risers anymore. LA's need to STOP making their organisation a business. LA's need to listen to the community. They treat us with contempt and an "annoyance".

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Chris Cornish

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**No Ministerial approval required for any differential rates**

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Nelson Mauricio

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Staff member or CEO**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Male**

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Page 9: Ministerial approval

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**Differential rates to a maximum of four times may be set with no option for Ministerial approval**

Page 10: Rating exemptions

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Land owned by Co-operative Bulk Handling Limited (CBH)	<b>Unsure</b>
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**Respondent skipped this question**

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### Q25 Which of following charges should be levied on that part of the land that receives a rates concession?

Other (please specify):  
Given a rates concession still results in a level of rates contribution, then service charges should not apply (charges should only apply to rates exempt properties).

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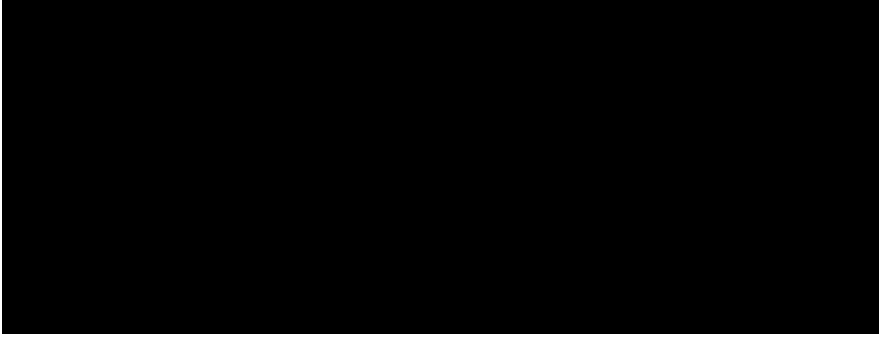
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Specified Area Rates - These should only be adopted where the majority of ratepayers agree to the provision of additional services at the additional cost.

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**Q4** What is your name?

Samantha Jenkinson

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Female**

**Q7** What is your age? **46 - 55**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Stirling (City)**

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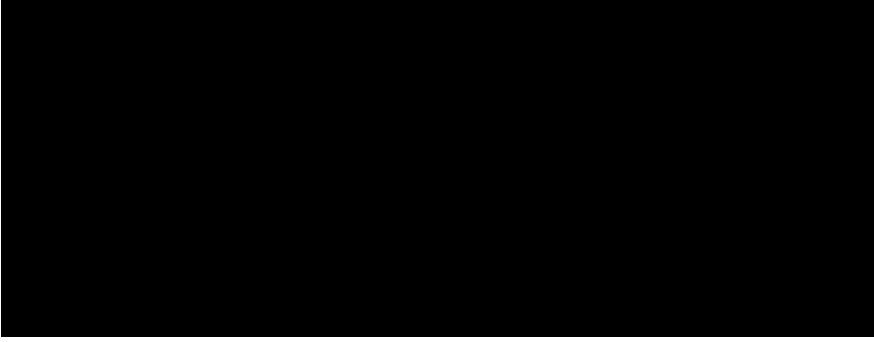
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Ben Staples

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Rates should be charged to all organisations that are running a commercial enterprise unless that organisation can prove they aren't (ie through providing legal copies or supporting statements they are a 100% not for profit or registered charity). All religious organisations should have to pay full rates.

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I dispute the use of GRV as the model for setting rates. I disproportionately pay a much higher annual rates cost than properties worth 50-100% more than mine in market land value just because I've developed my lot and made effective use of my land. For example, an older 3 bedroom bungalow on 900sqm undeveloped R40 zoning may have a GRV of half of my property which is on a 450sqm strata lot R40 and developed. I effectively pay much higher water and rate charges of about \$1500 a year more for developing my property and using my lot more efficiently just because I've built a modern dwelling that has an extra bedroom or living area. I could not afford a larger lot and so I believe this is unjust as I produce no more waste nor use anymore community services and facilities compared to other properties. The rates model needs to be overhauled to be more equitable and assess lot potential so as to spread the burden and encourage economic development. Also suburban lots that are long term undeveloped (for example longer than 3 years) should not get a rates exemption or reduced assessment as they cause great inefficiencies in land use. This encourages land banking.

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Page 3: Your organisation

**Q3** What is the name of the organisation? **Respondent skipped this question**

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Page 4: About you

**Q4** What is your name?

Jean Sutherland

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**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Staff member or CEO**

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**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Female**

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**Q7** What is your age? **46 - 55**

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**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Dalwallinu (Shire)**

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Page 5: About you

**Q9** Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

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**Q10** Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

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Page 9: Ministerial approval

**Q19** Currently, local governments are required to seek Ministerial approval when seeking to impose a rate in the dollar that is more than twice the lowest of its other rating categories. What is your preferred approach to differential rates?

**Ministerial approval for rates twice the lowest category**

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Page 10: Rating exemptions

**Q20** To what extent do you support the following statements?

"All land should be subject to rates."	<b>Supportive</b>
"The types of land subject to rates should be consistent between local governments."	<b>Supportive</b>

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**Q21** Should the following types of land be subject to rates?

Land owned by the Crown that is used or held for a public purpose	<b>No</b>
Land used or held exclusively for churches (religious bodies)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used or held exclusively for schools	<b>Yes</b>
Land used exclusively for charitable purposes	<b>Yes</b>
Land vested in trustees for agriculture or horticultural show purposes	<b>Yes</b>
Land owned by Co-operative Bulk Handling Limited (CBH)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used primarily as a place of residence (no matter who owns the land)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used for mining exploration or prospecting	<b>Yes</b>
Aged care facilities	<b>Yes</b>
Child care facilities	<b>Yes</b>
Sporting clubs and Surf Lifesaving clubs	<b>Yes</b>
Land used for the pursuit of the Arts	<b>Yes</b>

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**Q22** Which of following charges should be levied on properties exempt from rates?

**Both**

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## Rates, fees and charges

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The land is owned or used by a sporting or recreation body and is available for use by the general community without charge or below cost	<b>Yes</b>
Community service organisations that are not-for-profit, for the benefit of the general public and provide community services without charge or below cost	<b>Yes</b>
The payment of rates or charges will cause hardship to the land owner	<b>No</b>
The concession will encourage the economic development of all or part of the local government district	<b>No</b>
The concession will encourage land that is of cultural, environmental, historic, heritage or scientific significance to the local government area to be preserved, restored or maintained	<b>No</b>
Land that is subject to a mining tenement	<b>No</b>
Land that is determined by the Minister to be subject to a concession	<b>No</b>

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**Q24** Should any other scenarios be subject to rates concessions? **Respondent skipped this question**

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**Q25** Which of following charges should be levied on that part of the land that receives a rates concession? **Both**

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### Q26 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Rate exemptions for the commercial (non-charitable) business activities of charitable organisations should be removed."	<b>Supportive</b>
"Certain categories of ratepayers, for example Independent Living Units, should only be exempt from rates where they qualify under the Commonwealth Aged Care Act 1997."	<b>Supportive</b>
"Land used as a residence should not be regarded as charitable."	<b>Supportive</b>

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## Rates, fees and charges

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"Services that are consistent across local governments should have the same fees or charges."	<b>Supportive</b>
"Local governments should not set a fee or charge higher than the cost of delivering that service."	<b>Supportive</b>
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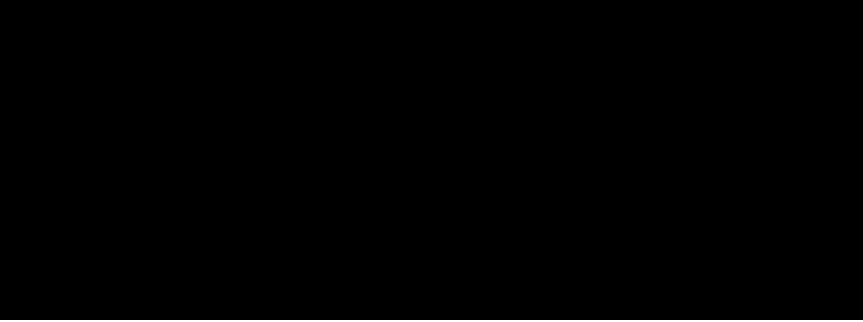
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Page 12: Additional comments

**Q28** Do you have any additional comments on the topic of rates, fees and charges? Additional information can also be provided to the review team via email at [actreview@dlgsc.wa.gov.au](mailto:actreview@dlgsc.wa.gov.au). **Respondent skipped this question**

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Page 3: Your organisation

**Q3** What is the name of the organisation? **Respondent skipped this question**

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Page 4: About you

**Q4** What is your name?

Anthony Brekalo

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**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

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**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Male**

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**Q7** What is your age? **36 - 45**

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**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Cockburn (City)**

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Page 5: About you

**Q9** Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

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**Q10** Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

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Page 9: Ministerial approval

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**Ministerial approval for rates twice the lowest category**

Page 10: Rating exemptions

**Q20** To what extent do you support the following statements?

"All land should be subject to rates."	<b>Very unsupportive</b>
"The types of land subject to rates should be consistent between local governments."	<b>Supportive</b>

**Q21** Should the following types of land be subject to rates?

Land owned by the Crown that is used or held for a public purpose	<b>Yes</b>
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Land used exclusively for charitable purposes	<b>No</b>
Land vested in trustees for agriculture or horticultural show purposes	<b>No</b>
Land owned by Co-operative Bulk Handling Limited (CBH)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used primarily as a place of residence (no matter who owns the land)	<b>No</b>
Land used for mining exploration or prospecting	<b>Yes</b>
Aged care facilities	<b>No</b>
Child care facilities	<b>No</b>
Sporting clubs and Surf Lifesaving clubs	<b>No</b>
Land used for the pursuit of the Arts	<b>No</b>

**Q22** Which of following charges should be levied on properties exempt from rates?

**Both**

## Rates, fees and charges

### Q23 Should a concession on rates be granted in any of the following scenarios?

The land is owned by a person who currently receives a pensioner or health related concession	<b>Yes</b>
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The payment of rates or charges will cause hardship to the land owner	<b>Yes</b>
The concession will encourage the economic development of all or part of the local government district	<b>Yes</b>
The concession will encourage land that is of cultural, environmental, historic, heritage or scientific significance to the local government area to be preserved, restored or maintained	<b>Yes</b>
Land that is subject to a mining tenement	<b>No</b>
Land that is determined by the Minister to be subject to a concession	<b>Yes</b>

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### Q24 Should any other scenarios be subject to rates concessions?

Lots with conservation covenants, bush forever sites or lots that the govt. considers high conservation value and where land owners have restricted uses on lots larger than 5000m2

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### Q25 Which of following charges should be levied on that part of the land that receives a rates concession?

### Q26 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Rate exemptions for the commercial (non-charitable) business activities of charitable organisations should be removed."	<b>Neutral</b>
"Certain categories of ratepayers, for example Independent Living Units, should only be exempt from rates where they qualify under the Commonwealth Aged Care Act 1997."	<b>Neutral</b>
"Land used as a residence should not be regarded as charitable."	<b>Supportive</b>

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## Rates, fees and charges

**Q27** To what extent do you support the following statements?

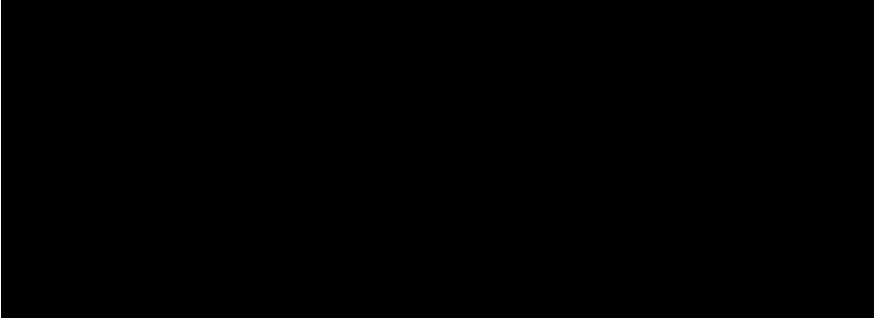
"Local governments should be able to impose fixed charges or levies for particular services, facilities or activities."	<b>Unsupportive</b>
"Local governments should be able to vary fees and charges at any time without advertising the change."	<b>Very unsupportive</b>
"Local governments should have the autonomy to set fees and charges for all services they provide."	<b>Unsupportive</b>
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**Q3** What is the name of the organisation? **Respondent skipped this question**

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**Q4** What is your name?

Murray Cook

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Council member, including Mayor or President**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Male**

**Q7** What is your age? **66 - 75**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Bunbury (City)**

Page 5: About you

**Q9** Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

**Q10** Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 9: Ministerial approval

**Q19** Currently, local governments are required to seek Ministerial approval when seeking to impose a rate in the dollar that is more than twice the lowest of its other rating categories. What is your preferred approach to differential rates?

**No Ministerial approval required for any differential rates**

Page 10: Rating exemptions

**Q20** To what extent do you support the following statements?

"All land should be subject to rates."	<b>Very supportive</b>
"The types of land subject to rates should be consistent between local governments."	<b>Supportive</b>

**Q21** Should the following types of land be subject to rates?

Land owned by the Crown that is used or held for a public purpose	<b>Yes</b>
Land used or held exclusively for churches (religious bodies)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used or held exclusively for schools	<b>Yes</b>
Land used exclusively for charitable purposes	<b>Unsure</b>
Land vested in trustees for agriculture or horticultural show purposes	<b>Yes</b>
Land owned by Co-operative Bulk Handling Limited (CBH)	<b>No</b>
Land used primarily as a place of residence (no matter who owns the land)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used for mining exploration or prospecting	<b>Yes</b>
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Child care facilities	<b>Yes</b>
Sporting clubs and Surf Lifesaving clubs	<b>No</b>
Land used for the pursuit of the Arts	<b>No</b>

**Q22** Which of following charges should be levied on properties exempt from rates?

**Both**

## Rates, fees and charges

### Q23 Should a concession on rates be granted in any of the following scenarios?

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**Q24** Should any other scenarios be subject to rates concessions? **Respondent skipped this question**

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### Q26 To what extent do you support the following statements?

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Page 4: About you

**Q4** What is your name?

Bill Ashman

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Male**

**Q7** What is your age? **46 - 55**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Prefer not to say**

Page 5: About you

**Q9** Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

## Rates, fees and charges

**Q10** Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

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### Page 9: Ministerial approval

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### Page 10: Rating exemptions

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"All land should be subject to rates." **Unsupportive**  
"The types of land subject to rates should be consistent between local governments." **Very supportive**

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Land used exclusively for charitable purposes	<b>Yes</b>
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Land that is determined by the Minister to be subject to a concession	<b>Yes</b>

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**Q24** Should any other scenarios be subject to rates concessions? **Respondent skipped this question**

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**Q25** Which of following charges should be levied on that part of the land that receives a rates concession? **Waste charges**

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### Q26 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Rate exemptions for the commercial (non-charitable) business activities of charitable organisations should be removed."	<b>Very supportive</b>
"Certain categories of ratepayers, for example Independent Living Units, should only be exempt from rates where they qualify under the Commonwealth Aged Care Act 1997."	<b>Very supportive</b>
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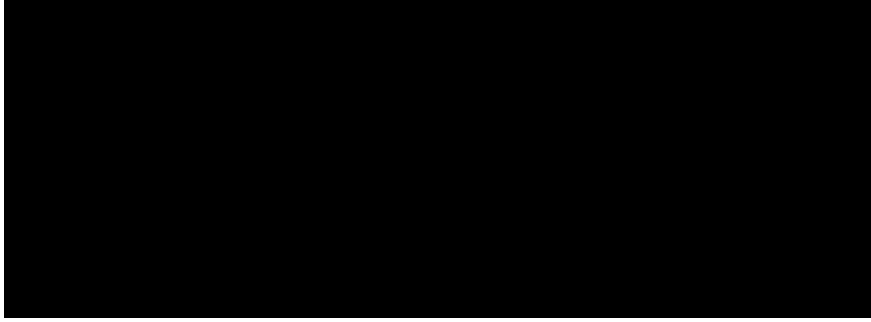
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Rates rises should be capped to the CPI exactly the same as in Victoria - this is the most important issue regarding rates and would have almost total support in WA - why is it not being discussed?.

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Page 4: About you

**Q4** What is your name?

Casey

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Female**

**Q7** What is your age? **36 - 45**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Mandurah (City)**

Page 5: About you

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Land used exclusively for charitable purposes	<b>Yes</b>
Land vested in trustees for agriculture or horticultural show purposes	<b>Yes</b>
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Child care facilities	<b>Yes</b>
Sporting clubs and Surf Lifesaving clubs	<b>Yes</b>
Land used for the pursuit of the Arts	<b>Yes</b>

**Q22** Which of following charges should be levied on properties exempt from rates?

Other (please specify):  
 No property should be exempt, the use of services is the same for exempt properties compared to non exempt properties. They all use the library, the roads, footpaths and street lighting and security services

## Rates, fees and charges

### Q23 Should a concession on rates be granted in any of the following scenarios?

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Land that is subject to a mining tenement	<b>No</b>
Land that is determined by the Minister to be subject to a concession	<b>No</b>

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### Q24 Should any other scenarios be subject to rates concessions?

**Respondent skipped this question**

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### Q25 Which of following charges should be levied on that part of the land that receives a rates concession?

Other (please specify):  
No concessions should be granted. They can make application to the State or Federal Government for rebate once paid local government rates, however it should not be the local government that administer rebates and concessions

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### Q26 To what extent do you support the following statements?

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Need to be consistent. The ESL levy raises rates on all properties however the Local Government Act has exemptions on who doesn't have to pay rates. Needs to be consistent and recognise that even the exempt rateable properties utilise the services the local government provides and they currently do not have to pay for.

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**Q4** What is your name?

Neil mcilwaine

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Council member, including Mayor or President**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Male**

**Q7** What is your age? **56 - 65**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Greater Geraldton (City)**

Page 5: About you

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Page 9: Ministerial approval

**Q19** Currently, local governments are required to seek Ministerial approval when seeking to impose a rate in the dollar that is more than twice the lowest of its other rating categories. What is your preferred approach to differential rates? **Respondent skipped this question**

Page 10: Rating exemptions

**Q20** To what extent do you support the following statements?

"All land should be subject to rates."	<b>Very supportive</b>
"The types of land subject to rates should be consistent between local governments."	<b>Supportive</b>

**Q21** Should the following types of land be subject to rates?

Land owned by the Crown that is used or held for a public purpose	<b>Yes</b>
Land used or held exclusively for churches (religious bodies)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used or held exclusively for schools	<b>No</b>
Land used exclusively for charitable purposes	<b>Yes</b>
Land vested in trustees for agriculture or horticultural show purposes	<b>Yes</b>
Land owned by Co-operative Bulk Handling Limited (CBH)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used primarily as a place of residence (no matter who owns the land)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used for mining exploration or prospecting	<b>Yes</b>
Aged care facilities	<b>Yes</b>
Child care facilities	<b>Yes</b>
Sporting clubs and Surf Lifesaving clubs	<b>No</b>
Land used for the pursuit of the Arts	<b>Yes</b>

**Q22** Which of following charges should be levied on properties exempt from rates? **Both**

## Rates, fees and charges

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The land is owned by a person who currently receives a pensioner or health related concession	<b>Yes</b>
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The land is owned or used by an entity that provides assistance or encouragement for arts or cultural development	<b>No</b>
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Community service organisations that are not-for-profit, for the benefit of the general public and provide community services without charge or below cost	<b>Yes</b>
The payment of rates or charges will cause hardship to the land owner	<b>No</b>
The concession will encourage the economic development of all or part of the local government district	<b>No</b>
The concession will encourage land that is of cultural, environmental, historic, heritage or scientific significance to the local government area to be preserved, restored or maintained	<b>No</b>
Land that is subject to a mining tenement	<b>No</b>
Land that is determined by the Minister to be subject to a concession	<b>No</b>

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**Q24** Should any other scenarios be subject to rates concessions? **Respondent skipped this question**

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**Q25** Which of following charges should be levied on that part of the land that receives a rates concession? **Both**

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### Q26 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Rate exemptions for the commercial (non-charitable) business activities of charitable organisations should be removed."	<b>Very supportive</b>
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## Rates, fees and charges

**Q27** To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Local governments should be able to impose fixed charges or levies for particular services, facilities or activities."	<b>Supportive</b>
"Local governments should be able to vary fees and charges at any time without advertising the change."	<b>Unsupportive</b>
"Local governments should have the autonomy to set fees and charges for all services they provide."	<b>Supportive</b>
"Services that are consistent across local governments should have the same fees or charges."	<b>Very unsupportive</b>
"Local governments should not set a fee or charge higher than the cost of delivering that service."	<b>Supportive</b>
"A fee or charge should not be set lower than the cost of delivering that service."	<b>Supportive</b>
"Fees and charges imposed by local government and fixed under legislation should increase by CPI annually."	<b>Very Supportive</b>

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Page 12: Additional comments

**Q28** Do you have any additional comments on the topic of rates, fees and charges? Additional information can also be provided to the review team via email at [actreview@dlgsc.wa.gov.au](mailto:actreview@dlgsc.wa.gov.au). **Respondent skipped this question**

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Page 3: Your organisation

**Q3** What is the name of the organisation? **Respondent skipped this question**

Page 4: About you

**Q4** What is your name?

Dianne Pensini

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Female**

**Q7** What is your age? **56 - 65**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Mundaring (Shire)**

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**Q10** Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 9: Ministerial approval

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**Ministerial approval for rates four times the lowest category**

Page 10: Rating exemptions

**Q20** To what extent do you support the following statements?

"All land should be subject to rates."	<b>Very unsupportive</b>
"The types of land subject to rates should be consistent between local governments."	<b>Supportive</b>

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Land owned by Co-operative Bulk Handling Limited (CBH)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used primarily as a place of residence (no matter who owns the land)	<b>No</b>
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Aged care facilities	<b>No</b>
Child care facilities	<b>No</b>
Sporting clubs and Surf Lifesaving clubs	<b>No</b>
Land used for the pursuit of the Arts	<b>No</b>

**Q22** Which of following charges should be levied on properties exempt from rates?

**Both**

## Rates, fees and charges

### Q23 Should a concession on rates be granted in any of the following scenarios?

The land is owned by a person who currently receives a pensioner or health related concession	<b>Yes</b>
The land is owned or used by a not-for-profit organisation	<b>Yes</b>
The land is owned or used by an entity that provides assistance or encouragement for arts or cultural development	<b>Yes</b>
The land is owned or used by a sporting or recreation body and is available for use by the general community without charge or below cost	<b>Yes</b>
Community service organisations that are not-for-profit, for the benefit of the general public and provide community services without charge or below cost	<b>Yes</b>
The payment of rates or charges will cause hardship to the land owner	<b>Yes</b>
The concession will encourage the economic development of all or part of the local government district	<b>Yes</b>
The concession will encourage land that is of cultural, environmental, historic, heritage or scientific significance to the local government area to be preserved, restored or maintained	<b>Yes</b>
Land that is subject to a mining tenement	<b>No</b>
Land that is determined by the Minister to be subject to a concession	<b>No</b>

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**Q24** Should any other scenarios be subject to rates concessions? **Respondent skipped this question**

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**Q25** Which of following charges should be levied on that part of the land that receives a rates concession? **Both**

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### Q26 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Rate exemptions for the commercial (non-charitable) business activities of charitable organisations should be removed."	<b>Very unsupportive</b>
"Certain categories of ratepayers, for example Independent Living Units, should only be exempt from rates where they qualify under the Commonwealth Aged Care Act 1997."	<b>Very supportive</b>
"Land used as a residence should not be regarded as charitable."	<b>Very unsupportive</b>

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## Rates, fees and charges

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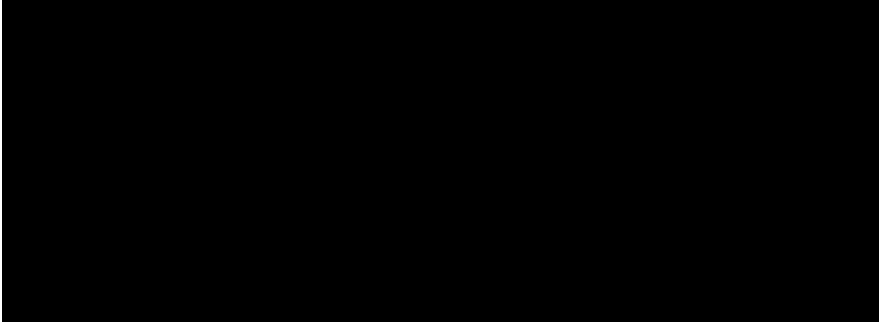
"Local governments should be able to impose fixed charges or levies for particular services, facilities or activities."	<b>Unsupportive</b>
"Local governments should be able to vary fees and charges at any time without advertising the change."	<b>Very unsupportive</b>
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"Services that are consistent across local governments should have the same fees or charges."	<b>Supportive</b>
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**Q4** What is your name?

Kelli Hayward

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Staff member or CEO**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Female**

**Q7** What is your age? **19 - 35**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Kwinana (City)**

Page 5: About you

**Q9** Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **No**

**Q10** Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 9: Ministerial approval

**Q19** Currently, local governments are required to seek Ministerial approval when seeking to impose a rate in the dollar that is more than twice the lowest of its other rating categories. What is your preferred approach to differential rates?

**No Ministerial approval required for any differential rates**

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Page 10: Rating exemptions

**Q20** To what extent do you support the following statements?

"All land should be subject to rates."	<b>Very supportive</b>
"The types of land subject to rates should be consistent between local governments."	<b>Very supportive</b>

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**Q21** Should the following types of land be subject to rates?

Land owned by the Crown that is used or held for a public purpose	<b>Yes</b>
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Land owned by Co-operative Bulk Handling Limited (CBH)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used primarily as a place of residence (no matter who owns the land)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used for mining exploration or prospecting	<b>Yes</b>
Aged care facilities	<b>Yes</b>
Child care facilities	<b>Yes</b>
Sporting clubs and Surf Lifesaving clubs	<b>Yes</b>
Land used for the pursuit of the Arts	<b>Yes</b>

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**Q22** Which of following charges should be levied on properties exempt from rates?

**Both**

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Land that is subject to a mining tenement	<b>No</b>
Land that is determined by the Minister to be subject to a concession	<b>No</b>

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### Q24 Should any other scenarios be subject to rates concessions?

No, keep it simple/clear so there is no room for interpretation, LG's can then provide Grants if they want to assist these types of ratepayers/organisations

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### Q25 Which of following charges should be levied on that part of the land that receives a rates concession?

**Both**

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### Q26 To what extent do you support the following statements?

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## Rates, fees and charges

**Q27** To what extent do you support the following statements?

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"Local governments should be able to vary fees and charges at any time without advertising the change."	<b>Neutral</b>
"Local governments should have the autonomy to set fees and charges for all services they provide."	<b>Supportive</b>
"Services that are consistent across local governments should have the same fees or charges."	<b>Unsupportive</b>
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**Q4** What is your name?

Heather Marland

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Staff member or CEO**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Female**

**Q7** What is your age? **46 - 55**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Kojonup (Shire)**

Page 5: About you

**Q9** Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

**Q10** Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 9: Ministerial approval

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**Ministerial approval for rates three times the lowest category**

Page 10: Rating exemptions

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"All land should be subject to rates."	<b>Very supportive</b>
"The types of land subject to rates should be consistent between local governments."	<b>Unsupportive</b>

**Q21** Should the following types of land be subject to rates?

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Land used or held exclusively for churches (religious bodies)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used or held exclusively for schools	<b>No</b>
Land used exclusively for charitable purposes	<b>Unsure</b>
Land vested in trustees for agriculture or horticultural show purposes	<b>No</b>
Land owned by Co-operative Bulk Handling Limited (CBH)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used primarily as a place of residence (no matter who owns the land)	<b>Yes</b>
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Aged care facilities	<b>Yes</b>
Child care facilities	<b>Yes</b>
Sporting clubs and Surf Lifesaving clubs	<b>No</b>
Land used for the pursuit of the Arts	<b>Unsure</b>

**Q22** Which of following charges should be levied on properties exempt from rates?

**Both**

## Rates, fees and charges

### Q23 Should a concession on rates be granted in any of the following scenarios?

The land is owned by a person who currently receives a pensioner or health related concession **Yes**

The land is owned or used by a not-for-profit organisation **No**

The land is owned or used by an entity that provides assistance or encouragement for arts or cultural development **No**

The land is owned or used by a sporting or recreation body and is available for use by the general community without charge or below cost **Yes**

Community service organisations that are not-for-profit, for the benefit of the general public and provide community services without charge or below cost **Yes**

The payment of rates or charges will cause hardship to the land owner **Yes**

The concession will encourage the economic development of all or part of the local government district **Unsure**

The concession will encourage land that is of cultural, environmental, historic, heritage or scientific significance to the local government area to be preserved, restored or maintained **Unsure**

Land that is subject to a mining tenement **No**

Land that is determined by the Minister to be subject to a concession **Yes**

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Q24 Should any other scenarios be subject to rates concessions? **Respondent skipped this question**

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Q25 Which of following charges should be levied on that part of the land that receives a rates concession? **Waste charges**

### Q26 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Rate exemptions for the commercial (non-charitable) business activities of charitable organisations should be removed." **Very supportive**

"Certain categories of ratepayers, for example Independent Living Units, should only be exempt from rates where they qualify under the Commonwealth Aged Care Act 1997." **Supportive**

"Land used as a residence should not be regarded as charitable." **Very supportive**

## Rates, fees and charges

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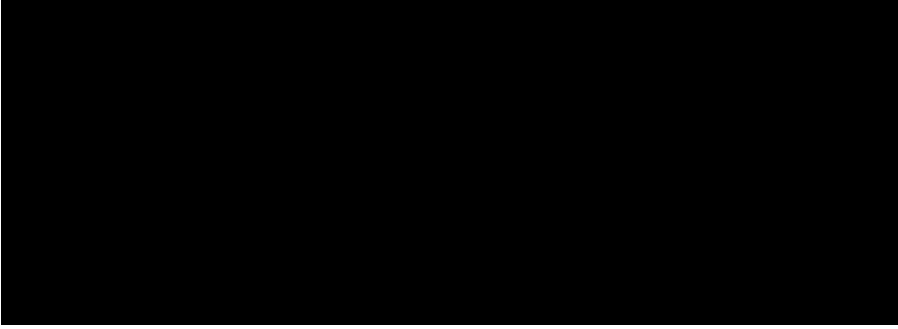
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**Q4** What is your name?

Bruce Haynes

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Council member, including Mayor or President**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Male**

**Q7** What is your age? **76+**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Claremont (Town)**

Page 5: About you

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**Ministerial approval for rates four times the lowest category**

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**Q20** To what extent do you support the following statements?

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Land owned by Co-operative Bulk Handling Limited (CBH)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used primarily as a place of residence (no matter who owns the land)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used for mining exploration or prospecting	<b>Yes</b>
Aged care facilities	<b>Yes</b>
Child care facilities	<b>Yes</b>
Sporting clubs and Surf Lifesaving clubs	<b>Unsure</b>
Land used for the pursuit of the Arts	<b>Unsure</b>

**Q22** Which of following charges should be levied on properties exempt from rates?

**Neither**

## Rates, fees and charges

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The land is owned by a person who currently receives a pensioner or health related concession	<b>Yes</b>
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The land is owned or used by a sporting or recreation body and is available for use by the general community without charge or below cost	<b>Yes</b>
Community service organisations that are not-for-profit, for the benefit of the general public and provide community services without charge or below cost	<b>Yes</b>
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**Q25** Which of following charges should be levied on that part of the land that receives a rates concession? **Both**

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### Q26 To what extent do you support the following statements?

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"Certain categories of ratepayers, for example Independent Living Units, should only be exempt from rates where they qualify under the Commonwealth Aged Care Act 1997."	<b>Very supportive</b>
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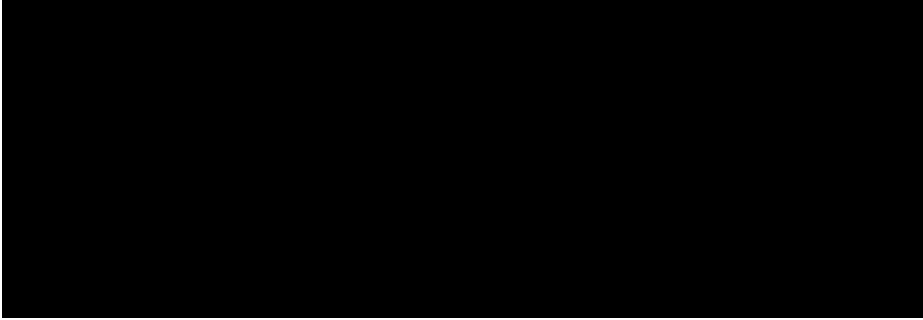
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Bodies such as the Royal Agricultural Society conduct commercial activity on their site and should be subject to rates accordingly.

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**Q4** What is your name?

Sylvia

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Female**

**Q7** What is your age? **19 - 35**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Swan (City)**

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**Ministerial approval for rates twice the lowest category**

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Aged care facilities	<b>Yes</b>
Child care facilities	<b>Yes</b>
Sporting clubs and Surf Lifesaving clubs	<b>Yes</b>
Land used for the pursuit of the Arts	<b>Yes</b>

**Q22** Which of following charges should be levied on properties exempt from rates?

**A service charge to cover basic services and maintenance**

## Rates, fees and charges

### Q23 Should a concession on rates be granted in any of the following scenarios?

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The land is owned or used by an entity that provides assistance or encouragement for arts or cultural development	<b>No</b>
The land is owned or used by a sporting or recreation body and is available for use by the general community without charge or below cost	<b>Yes</b>
Community service organisations that are not-for-profit, for the benefit of the general public and provide community services without charge or below cost	<b>Yes</b>
The payment of rates or charges will cause hardship to the land owner	<b>Yes</b>
The concession will encourage the economic development of all or part of the local government district	<b>No</b>
The concession will encourage land that is of cultural, environmental, historic, heritage or scientific significance to the local government area to be preserved, restored or maintained	<b>No</b>
Land that is subject to a mining tenement	<b>No</b>
Land that is determined by the Minister to be subject to a concession	<b>No</b>

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### Q24 Should any other scenarios be subject to rates concessions?

Struggling average home owners

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### Q25 Which of following charges should be levied on that part of the land that receives a rates concession?

**Both**

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### Q26 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Rate exemptions for the commercial (non-charitable) business activities of charitable organisations should be removed."	<b>Unsupportive</b>
"Certain categories of ratepayers, for example Independent Living Units, should only be exempt from rates where they qualify under the Commonwealth Aged Care Act 1997."	<b>Unsupportive</b>
"Land used as a residence should not be regarded as charitable."	<b>Neutral</b>

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## Rates, fees and charges

**Q27** To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Local governments should be able to impose fixed charges or levies for particular services, facilities or activities."	<b>Very unsupportive</b>
"Local governments should be able to vary fees and charges at any time without advertising the change."	<b>Very unsupportive</b>
"Local governments should have the autonomy to set fees and charges for all services they provide."	<b>Very unsupportive</b>
"Services that are consistent across local governments should have the same fees or charges."	<b>Very unsupportive</b>
"Local governments should not set a fee or charge higher than the cost of delivering that service."	<b>Very Supportive</b>
"A fee or charge should not be set lower than the cost of delivering that service."	<b>Very unsupportive</b>
"Fees and charges imposed by local government and fixed under legislation should increase by CPI annually."	<b>Very unsupportive</b>

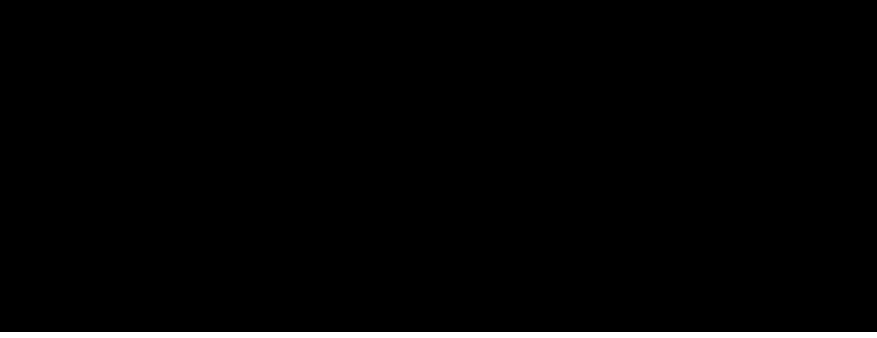
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Page 2: About you

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**Q2** Who are you completing this submission on behalf of? **Yourself**

Page 3: Your organisation

**Q3** What is the name of the organisation? **Respondent skipped this question**

Page 4: About you

**Q4** What is your name?

Rhys Bloxsidge

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Staff member or CEO**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Male**

**Q7** What is your age? **19 - 35**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Murray (Shire)**

Page 5: About you

**Q9** Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

**Q10** Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 9: Ministerial approval

**Q19** Currently, local governments are required to seek Ministerial approval when seeking to impose a rate in the dollar that is more than twice the lowest of its other rating categories. What is your preferred approach to differential rates?

Respondent skipped this question

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Page 10: Rating exemptions

**Q20** To what extent do you support the following statements?

Respondent skipped this question

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**Q21** Should the following types of land be subject to rates?

Respondent skipped this question

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**Q22** Which of following charges should be levied on properties exempt from rates?

Respondent skipped this question

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**Q23** Should a concession on rates be granted in any of the following scenarios?

Respondent skipped this question

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**Q24** Should any other scenarios be subject to rates concessions?

Respondent skipped this question

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**Q25** Which of following charges should be levied on that part of the land that receives a rates concession?

Respondent skipped this question

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**Q26** To what extent do you support the following statements?

Respondent skipped this question

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Page 11: Fees

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Respondent skipped this question

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Page 3: Your organisation

**Q3** What is the name of the organisation? **Respondent skipped this question**

Page 4: About you

**Q4** What is your name?

Peter Rob

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Male**

**Q7** What is your age? **66 - 75**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Leonora (Shire)**

Page 5: About you

**Q9** Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

**Q10** Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 9: Ministerial approval

**Q19** Currently, local governments are required to seek Ministerial approval when seeking to impose a rate in the dollar that is more than twice the lowest of its other rating categories. What is your preferred approach to differential rates?

**Ministerial approval for rates twice the lowest category**

Page 10: Rating exemptions

**Q20** To what extent do you support the following statements?

"All land should be subject to rates."

**Very unsupportive**

"The types of land subject to rates should be consistent between local governments."

**Very supportive**

**Q21** Should the following types of land be subject to rates?

Land owned by the Crown that is used or held for a public purpose	<b>Yes</b>
Land used or held exclusively for churches (religious bodies)	<b>No</b>
Land used or held exclusively for schools	<b>No</b>
Land used exclusively for charitable purposes	<b>No</b>
Land vested in trustees for agriculture or horticultural show purposes	<b>Yes</b>
Land owned by Co-operative Bulk Handling Limited (CBH)	<b>No</b>
Land used primarily as a place of residence (no matter who owns the land)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used for mining exploration or prospecting	<b>No</b>
Aged care facilities	<b>No</b>
Child care facilities	<b>No</b>
Sporting clubs and Surf Lifesaving clubs	<b>No</b>
Land used for the pursuit of the Arts	<b>Yes</b>

**Q22** Which of following charges should be levied on properties exempt from rates?

Other (please specify):

Prospecting Leases do not get any benefits from current levied rates: eg: Waste or fire services.

## Rates, fees and charges

### Q23 Should a concession on rates be granted in any of the following scenarios?

The land is owned by a person who currently receives a pensioner or health related concession	<b>Yes</b>
The land is owned or used by a not-for-profit organisation	<b>Yes</b>
The land is owned or used by an entity that provides assistance or encouragement for arts or cultural development	<b>No</b>
The land is owned or used by a sporting or recreation body and is available for use by the general community without charge or below cost	<b>No</b>
Community service organisations that are not-for-profit, for the benefit of the general public and provide community services without charge or below cost	<b>Yes</b>
The payment of rates or charges will cause hardship to the land owner	<b>Yes</b>
The concession will encourage the economic development of all or part of the local government district	<b>No</b>
The concession will encourage land that is of cultural, environmental, historic, heritage or scientific significance to the local government area to be preserved, restored or maintained	<b>No</b>
Land that is subject to a mining tenement	<b>No</b>
Land that is determined by the Minister to be subject to a concession	<b>Yes</b>

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### Q24 Should any other scenarios be subject to rates concessions?

Prospecting leases should receive a concession because they do not get any services for rates paid.

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### Q25 Which of following charges should be levied on that part of the land that receives a rates concession?

**Both**

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### Q26 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Rate exemptions for the commercial (non-charitable) business activities of charitable organisations should be removed."	<b>Unsupportive</b>
"Certain categories of ratepayers, for example Independent Living Units, should only be exempt from rates where they qualify under the Commonwealth Aged Care Act 1997."	<b>Supportive</b>
"Land used as a residence should not be regarded as charitable."	<b>Very supportive</b>

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## Rates, fees and charges

### Q27 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Local governments should be able to impose fixed charges or levies for particular services, facilities or activities."	<b>Unsupportive</b>
"Local governments should be able to vary fees and charges at any time without advertising the change."	<b>Unsupportive</b>
"Local governments should have the autonomy to set fees and charges for all services they provide."	<b>Unsupportive</b>
"Services that are consistent across local governments should have the same fees or charges."	<b>Supportive</b>
"Local governments should not set a fee or charge higher than the cost of delivering that service."	<b>Very Supportive</b>
"A fee or charge should not be set lower than the cost of delivering that service."	<b>Supportive</b>
"Fees and charges imposed by local government and fixed under legislation should increase by CPI annually."	<b>Very unsupportive</b>

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### Page 12: Additional comments

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The first time we queried our shire rates for a prospecting lease over 20 years ago that didn't deliver a waste pick up we were laughed out of the office. Rate reduction for exploration & prospecting should be looked at very carefully.

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**Q4** What is your name?

Barton Sprigg

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Male**

**Q7** What is your age? **19 - 35**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Dalwallinu (Shire)**

Page 5: About you

**Q9** Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

**Q10** Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 9: Ministerial approval

**Q19** Currently, local governments are required to seek Ministerial approval when seeking to impose a rate in the dollar that is more than twice the lowest of its other rating categories. What is your preferred approach to differential rates?

**Ministerial approval for rates twice the lowest category**

Page 10: Rating exemptions

**Q20** To what extent do you support the following statements?

"All land should be subject to rates."	<b>Unsupportive</b>
"The types of land subject to rates should be consistent between local governments."	<b>Neutral</b>

**Q21** Should the following types of land be subject to rates?

Land owned by the Crown that is used or held for a public purpose	<b>No</b>
Land used or held exclusively for churches (religious bodies)	<b>No</b>
Land used or held exclusively for schools	<b>No</b>
Land used exclusively for charitable purposes	<b>No</b>
Land vested in trustees for agriculture or horticultural show purposes	<b>Unsure</b>
Land owned by Co-operative Bulk Handling Limited (CBH)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used primarily as a place of residence (no matter who owns the land)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used for mining exploration or prospecting	<b>Unsure</b>
Aged care facilities	<b>No</b>
Child care facilities	<b>No</b>
Sporting clubs and Surf Lifesaving clubs	<b>Yes</b>
Land used for the pursuit of the Arts	<b>Yes</b>

**Q22** Which of following charges should be levied on properties exempt from rates?

**Both**



## Rates, fees and charges

### Q23 Should a concession on rates be granted in any of the following scenarios?

The land is owned by a person who currently receives a pensioner or health related concession	<b>Yes</b>
The land is owned or used by a not-for-profit organisation	<b>Yes</b>
The land is owned or used by an entity that provides assistance or encouragement for arts or cultural development	<b>Unsure</b>
The land is owned or used by a sporting or recreation body and is available for use by the general community without charge or below cost	<b>Yes</b>
Community service organisations that are not-for-profit, for the benefit of the general public and provide community services without charge or below cost	<b>Yes</b>
The payment of rates or charges will cause hardship to the land owner	<b>Unsure</b>
The concession will encourage the economic development of all or part of the local government district	<b>Yes</b>
The concession will encourage land that is of cultural, environmental, historic, heritage or scientific significance to the local government area to be preserved, restored or maintained	<b>Yes</b>
Land that is subject to a mining tenement	<b>Yes</b>
Land that is determined by the Minister to be subject to a concession	<b>Unsure</b>

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### Q24 Should any other scenarios be subject to rates concessions?

Vacant residential land

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### Q25 Which of following charges should be levied on that part of the land that receives a rates concession?

**Both**

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### Q26 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Rate exemptions for the commercial (non-charitable) business activities of charitable organisations should be removed."	<b>Unsupportive</b>
"Certain categories of ratepayers, for example Independent Living Units, should only be exempt from rates where they qualify under the Commonwealth Aged Care Act 1997."	<b>Supportive</b>
"Land used as a residence should not be regarded as charitable."	<b>Supportive</b>

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## Rates, fees and charges

**Q27** To what extent do you support the following statements?

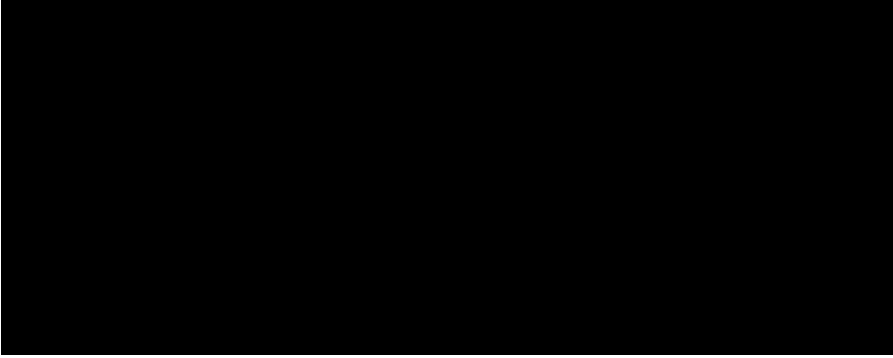
"Local governments should be able to impose fixed charges or levies for particular services, facilities or activities."	<b>Neutral</b>
"Local governments should be able to vary fees and charges at any time without advertising the change."	<b>Unsupportive</b>
"Local governments should have the autonomy to set fees and charges for all services they provide."	<b>Unsupportive</b>
"Services that are consistent across local governments should have the same fees or charges."	<b>Neutral</b>
"Local governments should not set a fee or charge higher than the cost of delivering that service."	<b>Very Supportive</b>
"A fee or charge should not be set lower than the cost of delivering that service."	<b>Very Supportive</b>
"Fees and charges imposed by local government and fixed under legislation should increase by CPI annually."	<b>Unsupportive</b>

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Page 12: Additional comments

**Q28** Do you have any additional comments on the topic of rates, fees and charges? Additional information can also be provided to the review team via email at [actreview@dlgsc.wa.gov.au](mailto:actreview@dlgsc.wa.gov.au). **Respondent skipped this question**

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Page 2: About you

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**Q2** Who are you completing this submission on behalf of? **An organisation, including a Local Government, peak body or a business**

Page 3: Your organisation

**Q3** What is the name of the organisation?

APLA

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**Q4** What is your name?

Graham

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Not applicable / the submission is from an organisation**

**Q7** What is your age? **46 - 55**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Kalgoorlie-Boulder (City)**

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**Q9** Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **No**

## Rates, fees and charges

**Q10** Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

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### Page 9: Ministerial approval

**Q19** Currently, local governments are required to seek Ministerial approval when seeking to impose a rate in the dollar that is more than twice the lowest of its other rating categories. What is your preferred approach to differential rates? **Other (please specify): Approval required for general rate increases**

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### Page 10: Rating exemptions

**Q20** To what extent do you support the following statements?

"All land should be subject to rates." **Very unsupportive**  
"The types of land subject to rates should be consistent between local governments." **Supportive**

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**Q21** Should the following types of land be subject to rates?

Land owned by the Crown that is used or held for a public purpose	<b>No</b>
Land used or held exclusively for churches (religious bodies)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used or held exclusively for schools	<b>Unsure</b>
Land used exclusively for charitable purposes	<b>Unsure</b>
Land vested in trustees for agriculture or horticultural show purposes	<b>Yes</b>
Land owned by Co-operative Bulk Handling Limited (CBH)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used primarily as a place of residence (no matter who owns the land)	<b>No</b>
Land used for mining exploration or prospecting	<b>Yes</b>
Aged care facilities	<b>No</b>
Child care facilities	<b>No</b>
Sporting clubs and Surf Lifesaving clubs	<b>Yes</b>
Land used for the pursuit of the Arts	<b>Yes</b>

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**Q22** Which of following charges should be levied on properties exempt from rates? **Both**

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## Rates, fees and charges

### Q23 Should a concession on rates be granted in any of the following scenarios?

The land is owned by a person who currently receives a pensioner or health related concession	<b>Yes</b>
The land is owned or used by a not-for-profit organisation	<b>Unsure</b>
The land is owned or used by an entity that provides assistance or encouragement for arts or cultural development	<b>Unsure</b>
The land is owned or used by a sporting or recreation body and is available for use by the general community without charge or below cost	<b>Yes</b>
Community service organisations that are not-for-profit, for the benefit of the general public and provide community services without charge or below cost	<b>Yes</b>
The payment of rates or charges will cause hardship to the land owner	<b>Unsure</b>
The concession will encourage the economic development of all or part of the local government district	<b>Unsure</b>
The concession will encourage land that is of cultural, environmental, historic, heritage or scientific significance to the local government area to be preserved, restored or maintained	<b>Yes</b>
Land that is subject to a mining tenement	<b>No</b>
Land that is determined by the Minister to be subject to a concession	<b>No</b>

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**Q24** Should any other scenarios be subject to rates concessions? **Respondent skipped this question**

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**Q25** Which of following charges should be levied on that part of the land that receives a rates concession? **Both**

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### Q26 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Rate exemptions for the commercial (non-charitable) business activities of charitable organisations should be removed."	<b>Supportive</b>
"Certain categories of ratepayers, for example Independent Living Units, should only be exempt from rates where they qualify under the Commonwealth Aged Care Act 1997."	<b>Supportive</b>
"Land used as a residence should not be regarded as charitable."	<b>Unsupportive</b>

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## Rates, fees and charges

### Q27 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Local governments should be able to impose fixed charges or levies for particular services, facilities or activities."	<b>Unsupportive</b>
"Local governments should be able to vary fees and charges at any time without advertising the change."	<b>Very unsupportive</b>
"Local governments should have the autonomy to set fees and charges for all services they provide."	<b>Very unsupportive</b>
"Services that are consistent across local governments should have the same fees or charges."	<b>Supportive</b>
"Local governments should not set a fee or charge higher than the cost of delivering that service."	<b>Supportive</b>
"A fee or charge should not be set lower than the cost of delivering that service."	<b>Unsupportive</b>
"Fees and charges imposed by local government and fixed under legislation should increase by CPI annually."	<b>Very unsupportive</b>

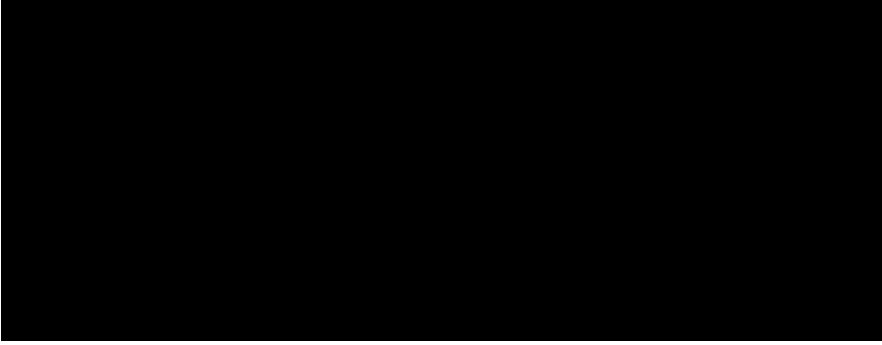
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Neutral responses needed more information as the questions were broadly open to interpretation

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Page 3: Your organisation

**Q3** What is the name of the organisation?

Western Australian Retirement Villages Residents Association

Page 4: About you

**Q4** What is your name?

David J. Street

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Male**

**Q7** What is your age? **76+**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Mandurah (City)**

Page 5: About you

**Q9** Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

## Rates, fees and charges

**Q10** Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

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### Page 9: Ministerial approval

**Q19** Currently, local governments are required to seek Ministerial approval when seeking to impose a rate in the dollar that is more than twice the lowest of its other rating categories. What is your preferred approach to differential rates? **Ministerial approval for rates twice the lowest category**

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### Page 10: Rating exemptions

**Q20** To what extent do you support the following statements?

"All land should be subject to rates." **Supportive**

"The types of land subject to rates should be consistent between local governments." **Supportive**

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**Q21** Should the following types of land be subject to rates?

Land owned by the Crown that is used or held for a public purpose **Yes**

Land used or held exclusively for churches (religious bodies) **Yes**

Land used or held exclusively for schools **Yes**

Land used exclusively for charitable purposes **Yes**

Land vested in trustees for agriculture or horticultural show purposes **Yes**

Land owned by Co-operative Bulk Handling Limited (CBH) **Yes**

Land used primarily as a place of residence (no matter who owns the land) **Yes**

Land used for mining exploration or prospecting **Yes**

Aged care facilities **No**

Child care facilities **No**

Sporting clubs and Surf Lifesaving clubs **Yes**

Land used for the pursuit of the Arts **Yes**

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**Q22** Which of following charges should be levied on properties exempt from rates? **Both**

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## Rates, fees and charges

### Q23 Should a concession on rates be granted in any of the following scenarios?

The land is owned by a person who currently receives a pensioner or health related concession	<b>Yes</b>
The land is owned or used by a not-for-profit organisation	<b>Yes</b>
The land is owned or used by an entity that provides assistance or encouragement for arts or cultural development	<b>Yes</b>
The land is owned or used by a sporting or recreation body and is available for use by the general community without charge or below cost	<b>Yes</b>
Community service organisations that are not-for-profit, for the benefit of the general public and provide community services without charge or below cost	<b>Yes</b>
The payment of rates or charges will cause hardship to the land owner	<b>Yes</b>
The concession will encourage the economic development of all or part of the local government district	<b>Yes</b>
The concession will encourage land that is of cultural, environmental, historic, heritage or scientific significance to the local government area to be preserved, restored or maintained	<b>Yes</b>
Land that is subject to a mining tenement	<b>Yes</b>
Land that is determined by the Minister to be subject to a concession	<b>Yes</b>

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### Q24 Should any other scenarios be subject to rates concessions?

Retirement Villages (with a Memorial) where individual residents pay annual rates, with or without a concession, those residents are required to pay for maintenance/repair within the village which Council would normally meet

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### Q25 Which of following charges should be levied on that part of the land that receives a rates concession?

### Q26 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Rate exemptions for the commercial (non-charitable) business activities of charitable organisations should be removed."	<b>Very supportive</b>
"Certain categories of ratepayers, for example Independent Living Units, should only be exempt from rates where they qualify under the Commonwealth Aged Care Act 1997."	<b>Supportive</b>
"Land used as a residence should not be regarded as charitable."	<b>Very supportive</b>

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## Rates, fees and charges

**Q27** To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Local governments should be able to impose fixed charges or levies for particular services, facilities or activities."	<b>Supportive</b>
"Local governments should be able to vary fees and charges at any time without advertising the change."	<b>Very unsupportive</b>
"Local governments should have the autonomy to set fees and charges for all services they provide."	<b>Very unsupportive</b>
"Services that are consistent across local governments should have the same fees or charges."	<b>Supportive</b>
"Local governments should not set a fee or charge higher than the cost of delivering that service."	<b>Supportive</b>
"A fee or charge should not be set lower than the cost of delivering that service."	<b>Supportive</b>
"Fees and charges imposed by local government and fixed under legislation should increase by CPI annually."	<b>Supportive</b>

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Page 3: Your organisation

**Q3** What is the name of the organisation? **Respondent skipped this question**

Page 4: About you

**Q4** What is your name?

Natalie Ashworth

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Staff member or CEO**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Female**

**Q7** What is your age? **46 - 55**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Beverley (Shire)**

Page 5: About you

**Q9** Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

**Q10** Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 9: Ministerial approval

**Q19** Currently, local governments are required to seek Ministerial approval when seeking to impose a rate in the dollar that is more than twice the lowest of its other rating categories. What is your preferred approach to differential rates?

**Ministerial approval for rates four times the lowest category**

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Page 10: Rating exemptions

**Q20** To what extent do you support the following statements?

"All land should be subject to rates."	<b>Supportive</b>
"The types of land subject to rates should be consistent between local governments."	<b>Supportive</b>

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**Q21** Should the following types of land be subject to rates?

Land owned by the Crown that is used or held for a public purpose	<b>No</b>
Land used or held exclusively for churches (religious bodies)	<b>Unsure</b>
Land used or held exclusively for schools	<b>No</b>
Land used exclusively for charitable purposes	<b>Unsure</b>
Land vested in trustees for agriculture or horticultural show purposes	<b>No</b>
Land owned by Co-operative Bulk Handling Limited (CBH)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used primarily as a place of residence (no matter who owns the land)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used for mining exploration or prospecting	<b>Yes</b>
Aged care facilities	<b>Yes</b>
Child care facilities	<b>Yes</b>
Sporting clubs and Surf Lifesaving clubs	<b>No</b>
Land used for the pursuit of the Arts	<b>No</b>

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**Q22** Which of following charges should be levied on properties exempt from rates?

**Both**

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## Rates, fees and charges

### Q23 Should a concession on rates be granted in any of the following scenarios?

The land is owned by a person who currently receives a pensioner or health related concession	<b>No</b>
The land is owned or used by a not-for-profit organisation	<b>Yes</b>
The land is owned or used by an entity that provides assistance or encouragement for arts or cultural development	<b>Yes</b>
The land is owned or used by a sporting or recreation body and is available for use by the general community without charge or below cost	<b>Yes</b>
Community service organisations that are not-for-profit, for the benefit of the general public and provide community services without charge or below cost	<b>Yes</b>
The payment of rates or charges will cause hardship to the land owner	<b>Unsure</b>
The concession will encourage the economic development of all or part of the local government district	<b>Unsure</b>
The concession will encourage land that is of cultural, environmental, historic, heritage or scientific significance to the local government area to be preserved, restored or maintained	<b>Yes</b>
Land that is subject to a mining tenement	<b>No</b>
Land that is determined by the Minister to be subject to a concession	<b>No</b>

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### Q24 Should any other scenarios be subject to rates concessions?

Not for Profit Organisations that Hire out part of their building to raise funds to cover outgoings not making a profit.

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### Q25 Which of following charges should be levied on that part of the land that receives a rates concession?

**Both**

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### Q26 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Rate exemptions for the commercial (non-charitable) business activities of charitable organisations should be removed."	<b>Supportive</b>
"Certain categories of ratepayers, for example Independent Living Units, should only be exempt from rates where they qualify under the Commonwealth Aged Care Act 1997."	<b>Very supportive</b>
"Land used as a residence should not be regarded as charitable."	<b>Supportive</b>

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## Rates, fees and charges

### Q27 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Local governments should be able to impose fixed charges or levies for particular services, facilities or activities."	<b>Supportive</b>
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"Local governments should have the autonomy to set fees and charges for all services they provide."	<b>Supportive</b>
"Services that are consistent across local governments should have the same fees or charges."	<b>Unsupportive</b>
"Local governments should not set a fee or charge higher than the cost of delivering that service."	<b>Very Supportive</b>
"A fee or charge should not be set lower than the cost of delivering that service."	<b>Very Supportive</b>
"Fees and charges imposed by local government and fixed under legislation should increase by CPI annually."	<b>Neutral</b>

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### Page 12: Additional comments

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The 3 Year ruling to sell property that the rates remain unpaid - at present if someone comes in and makes a payment the three years starts gain from that date. A lot of work and time down the drain and certain ratepayers know of this look hole and will use it to their advantage.

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Page 3: Your organisation

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**Q4** What is your name?

Christine Martin

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Female**

**Q7** What is your age? **66 - 75**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Wanneroo (City)**

Page 5: About you

**Q9** Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

**Q10** Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 9: Ministerial approval

**Q19** Currently, local governments are required to seek Ministerial approval when seeking to impose a rate in the dollar that is more than twice the lowest of its other rating categories. What is your preferred approach to differential rates?

**Differential rates to a maximum of four times may be set with no option for Ministerial approval**

Page 10: Rating exemptions

**Q20** To what extent do you support the following statements?

"All land should be subject to rates."	<b>Supportive</b>
"The types of land subject to rates should be consistent between local governments."	<b>Supportive</b>

**Q21** Should the following types of land be subject to rates?

Land owned by the Crown that is used or held for a public purpose	<b>No</b>
Land used or held exclusively for churches (religious bodies)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used or held exclusively for schools	<b>No</b>
Land used exclusively for charitable purposes	<b>No</b>
Land vested in trustees for agriculture or horticultural show purposes	<b>Yes</b>
Land owned by Co-operative Bulk Handling Limited (CBH)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used primarily as a place of residence (no matter who owns the land)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used for mining exploration or prospecting	<b>Yes</b>
Aged care facilities	<b>Yes</b>
Child care facilities	<b>Yes</b>
Sporting clubs and Surf Lifesaving clubs	<b>Yes</b>
Land used for the pursuit of the Arts	<b>Yes</b>

<b>Q22</b> Which of following charges should be levied on properties exempt from rates?	<b>Both</b>
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## Rates, fees and charges

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Community service organisations that are not-for-profit, for the benefit of the general public and provide community services without charge or below cost	<b>No</b>
The payment of rates or charges will cause hardship to the land owner	<b>No</b>
The concession will encourage the economic development of all or part of the local government district	<b>No</b>
The concession will encourage land that is of cultural, environmental, historic, heritage or scientific significance to the local government area to be preserved, restored or maintained	<b>No</b>
Land that is subject to a mining tenement	<b>No</b>
Land that is determined by the Minister to be subject to a concession	<b>No</b>

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**Q24** Should any other scenarios be subject to rates concessions? **Respondent skipped this question**

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**Q25** Which of following charges should be levied on that part of the land that receives a rates concession? **Both**

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### Q26 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Rate exemptions for the commercial (non-charitable) business activities of charitable organisations should be removed."	<b>Unsupportive</b>
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"Land used as a residence should not be regarded as charitable."	<b>Very supportive</b>

## Rates, fees and charges

**Q27** To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Local governments should be able to impose fixed charges or levies for particular services, facilities or activities."	<b>Supportive</b>
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"Local governments should have the autonomy to set fees and charges for all services they provide."	<b>Supportive</b>
"Services that are consistent across local governments should have the same fees or charges."	<b>Supportive</b>
"Local governments should not set a fee or charge higher than the cost of delivering that service."	<b>Supportive</b>
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Page 3: Your organisation

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Page 4: About you

**Q4** What is your name?

Lesley Garnsworthy

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Female**

**Q7** What is your age? **66 - 75**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Wanneroo (City)**

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## Rates, fees and charges

**Q10** Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

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### Page 9: Ministerial approval

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### Page 10: Rating exemptions

**Q20** To what extent do you support the following statements? **Respondent skipped this question**

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**Q21** Should the following types of land be subject to rates? **Respondent skipped this question**

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**Q4** What is your name?

Neville Matthews

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Male**

**Q7** What is your age? **66 - 75**

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Page 9: Ministerial approval

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**Ministerial approval for rates four times the lowest category**

Page 10: Rating exemptions

**Q20** To what extent do you support the following statements?

"All land should be subject to rates."	<b>Very unsupportive</b>
"The types of land subject to rates should be consistent between local governments."	<b>Very unsupportive</b>

**Q21** Should the following types of land be subject to rates?

Land owned by the Crown that is used or held for a public purpose	<b>No</b>
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Land used or held exclusively for schools	<b>No</b>
Land used exclusively for charitable purposes	<b>No</b>
Land vested in trustees for agriculture or horticultural show purposes	<b>Yes</b>
Land owned by Co-operative Bulk Handling Limited (CBH)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used primarily as a place of residence (no matter who owns the land)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used for mining exploration or prospecting	<b>Yes</b>
Aged care facilities	<b>No</b>
Child care facilities	<b>No</b>
Sporting clubs and Surf Lifesaving clubs	<b>No</b>
Land used for the pursuit of the Arts	<b>No</b>

**Q22** Which of following charges should be levied on properties exempt from rates?

**Both**

## Rates, fees and charges

### Q23 Should a concession on rates be granted in any of the following scenarios?

The land is owned by a person who currently receives a pensioner or health related concession	<b>Yes</b>
The land is owned or used by a not-for-profit organisation	<b>Yes</b>
The land is owned or used by an entity that provides assistance or encouragement for arts or cultural development	<b>Yes</b>
The land is owned or used by a sporting or recreation body and is available for use by the general community without charge or below cost	<b>Yes</b>
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The payment of rates or charges will cause hardship to the land owner	<b>No</b>
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Land that is subject to a mining tenement	<b>No</b>
Land that is determined by the Minister to be subject to a concession	<b>Yes</b>

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### Q24 Should any other scenarios be subject to rates concessions?

Retirement Villages

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**Q25** Which of following charges should be levied on that part of the land that receives a rates concession? **Both**

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### Q26 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Rate exemptions for the commercial (non-charitable) business activities of charitable organisations should be removed."	<b>Very supportive</b>
"Certain categories of ratepayers, for example Independent Living Units, should only be exempt from rates where they qualify under the Commonwealth Aged Care Act 1997."	<b>Very supportive</b>
"Land used as a residence should not be regarded as charitable."	<b>Very unsupportive</b>

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## Rates, fees and charges

**Q27** To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Local governments should be able to impose fixed charges or levies for particular services, facilities or activities."	<b>Very unsupportive</b>
"Local governments should be able to vary fees and charges at any time without advertising the change."	<b>Very unsupportive</b>
"Local governments should have the autonomy to set fees and charges for all services they provide."	<b>Neutral</b>
"Services that are consistent across local governments should have the same fees or charges."	<b>Very Supportive</b>
"Local governments should not set a fee or charge higher than the cost of delivering that service."	<b>Very Supportive</b>
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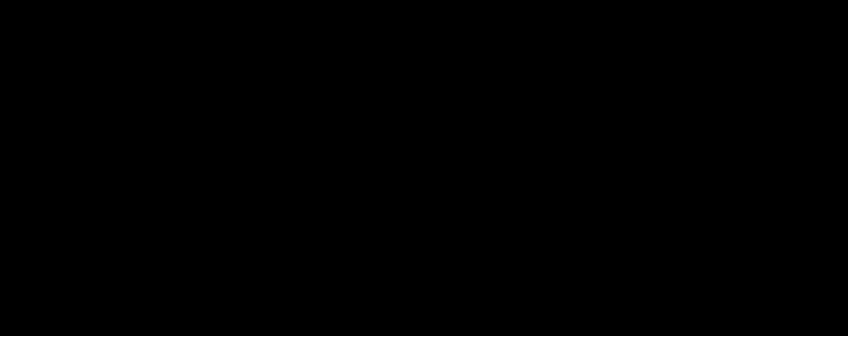
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**Q4** What is your name?

Sandra Hough

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Female**

**Q7** What is your age? **66 - 75**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Donnybrook-Balingup (Shire)**

Page 5: About you

**Q9** Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

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Page 9: Ministerial approval

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**Ministerial approval for rates twice the lowest category**

Page 10: Rating exemptions

**Q20** To what extent do you support the following statements?

"All land should be subject to rates."	<b>Supportive</b>
"The types of land subject to rates should be consistent between local governments."	<b>Very supportive</b>

**Q21** Should the following types of land be subject to rates?

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Land used exclusively for charitable purposes	<b>Yes</b>
Land vested in trustees for agriculture or horticultural show purposes	<b>Unsure</b>
Land owned by Co-operative Bulk Handling Limited (CBH)	<b>Unsure</b>
Land used primarily as a place of residence (no matter who owns the land)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used for mining exploration or prospecting	<b>Yes</b>
Aged care facilities	<b>Yes</b>
Child care facilities	<b>Yes</b>
Sporting clubs and Surf Lifesaving clubs	<b>Yes</b>
Land used for the pursuit of the Arts	<b>Yes</b>

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**Both**

## Rates, fees and charges

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Land that is determined by the Minister to be subject to a concession	<b>No</b>

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**Q24** Should any other scenarios be subject to rates concessions? **Respondent skipped this question**

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**Q25** Which of following charges should be levied on that part of the land that receives a rates concession? **Both**

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### Q26 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Rate exemptions for the commercial (non-charitable) business activities of charitable organisations should be removed."	<b>Unsupportive</b>
"Certain categories of ratepayers, for example Independent Living Units, should only be exempt from rates where they qualify under the Commonwealth Aged Care Act 1997."	<b>Supportive</b>
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## Rates, fees and charges

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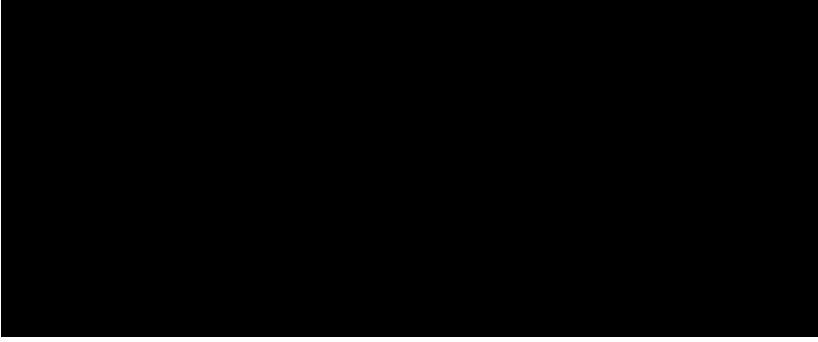
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"Services that are consistent across local governments should have the same fees or charges."	<b>Supportive</b>
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"Fees and charges imposed by local government and fixed under legislation should increase by CPI annually."	<b>Neutral</b>

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**Q4** What is your name?

Greg Roos

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Male**

**Q7** What is your age? **66 - 75**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Swan (City)**

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Sporting clubs and Surf Lifesaving clubs	<b>No</b>
Land used for the pursuit of the Arts	<b>Yes</b>

**Q22** Which of following charges should be levied on properties exempt from rates?

**Waste charges**

## Rates, fees and charges

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Land that is subject to a mining tenement	<b>No</b>
Land that is determined by the Minister to be subject to a concession	<b>Yes</b>

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### Q24 Should any other scenarios be subject to rates concessions?

Age care and certain retirement facilities

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### Q25 Which of following charges should be levied on that part of the land that receives a rates concession?

**Waste charges**

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### Q26 To what extent do you support the following statements?

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## Rates, fees and charges

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Page 4: About you

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Georgina Troup

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Female**

**Q7** What is your age? **36 - 45**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Toodyay (Shire)**

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**Q21** Should the following types of land be subject to rates?

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Land used exclusively for charitable purposes	<b>Yes</b>
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Land owned by Co-operative Bulk Handling Limited (CBH)	<b>No</b>
Land used primarily as a place of residence (no matter who owns the land)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used for mining exploration or prospecting	<b>Yes</b>
Aged care facilities	<b>Yes</b>
Child care facilities	<b>Yes</b>
Sporting clubs and Surf Lifesaving clubs	<b>No</b>
Land used for the pursuit of the Arts	<b>Yes</b>

**Q22** Which of following charges should be levied on properties exempt from rates? **Both**

## Rates, fees and charges

### Q23 Should a concession on rates be granted in any of the following scenarios?

The land is owned by a person who currently receives a pensioner or health related concession	<b>Yes</b>
The land is owned or used by a not-for-profit organisation	<b>No</b>
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The land is owned or used by a sporting or recreation body and is available for use by the general community without charge or below cost	<b>No</b>
Community service organisations that are not-for-profit, for the benefit of the general public and provide community services without charge or below cost	<b>No</b>
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Land that is determined by the Minister to be subject to a concession	<b>Yes</b>

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### Q24 Should any other scenarios be subject to rates concessions?

Broadacre farmland in the Toodyay Shire - to counteract the inflated land valuations as a result of proximity to Perth, and to encourage the preservation of farming in the Shire.

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### Q25 Which of following charges should be levied on that part of the land that receives a rates concession?

### Q26 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Rate exemptions for the commercial (non-charitable) business activities of charitable organisations should be removed."	<b>Neutral</b>
"Certain categories of ratepayers, for example Independent Living Units, should only be exempt from rates where they qualify under the Commonwealth Aged Care Act 1997."	<b>Neutral</b>
"Land used as a residence should not be regarded as charitable."	<b>Supportive</b>

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## Rates, fees and charges

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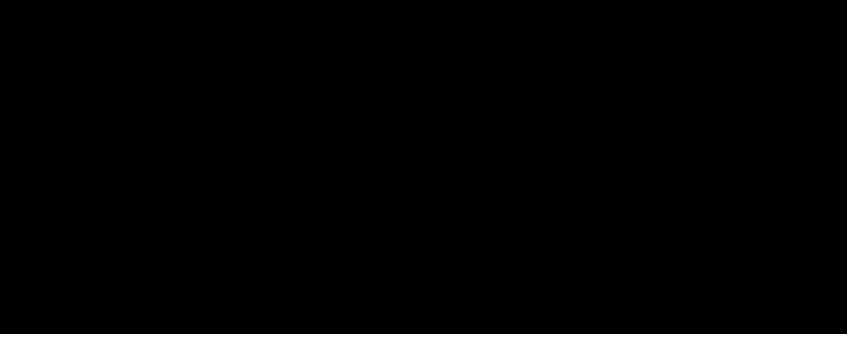
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"Services that are consistent across local governments should have the same fees or charges."	<b>Supportive</b>
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"Fees and charges imposed by local government and fixed under legislation should increase by CPI annually."	<b>Neutral</b>

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Page 12: Additional comments

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**Q4** What is your name?

Andrew Thomson

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Male**

**Q7** What is your age? **56 - 65**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Cambridge (Town)**

Page 5: About you

**Q9** Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

## Rates, fees and charges

**Q10** Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

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### Page 9: Ministerial approval

**Q19** Currently, local governments are required to seek Ministerial approval when seeking to impose a rate in the dollar that is more than twice the lowest of its other rating categories. What is your preferred approach to differential rates? **Differential rates to a maximum of four times may be set with no option for Ministerial approval**

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### Page 10: Rating exemptions

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"All land should be subject to rates." **Very supportive**  
"The types of land subject to rates should be consistent between local governments." **Supportive**

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**Q21** Should the following types of land be subject to rates?

Land owned by the Crown that is used or held for a public purpose	<b>No</b>
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Land vested in trustees for agriculture or horticultural show purposes	<b>Yes</b>
Land owned by Co-operative Bulk Handling Limited (CBH)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used primarily as a place of residence (no matter who owns the land)	<b>Yes</b>
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Aged care facilities	<b>Yes</b>
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**Q22** Which of following charges should be levied on properties exempt from rates? **Both**

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## Rates, fees and charges

### Q23 Should a concession on rates be granted in any of the following scenarios?

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Community service organisations that are not-for-profit, for the benefit of the general public and provide community services without charge or below cost	<b>Yes</b>
The payment of rates or charges will cause hardship to the land owner	<b>Unsure</b>
The concession will encourage the economic development of all or part of the local government district	<b>Unsure</b>
The concession will encourage land that is of cultural, environmental, historic, heritage or scientific significance to the local government area to be preserved, restored or maintained	<b>Yes</b>
Land that is subject to a mining tenement	<b>No</b>
Land that is determined by the Minister to be subject to a concession	<b>Yes</b>

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### Q24 Should any other scenarios be subject to rates concessions?

My reference to possible rate concessions for churches and not-for-profit can be considered if services are offered to broad public at no cost or below recovery costs. Such examples as St John of God Hospital should pay full rates. They are running a commercial business for private patients and lease paying specialist service providers and receive services from the Town similar to other businesses. To get a rate holiday is clearly not right since it gives them an unfair commercial advantage and forces resident rate payers to pick up the costs.

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### Q26 To what extent do you support the following statements?

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## Rates, fees and charges

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"Local governments should be able to vary fees and charges at any time without advertising the change."	<b>Very unsupportive</b>
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"Services that are consistent across local governments should have the same fees or charges."	<b>Neutral</b>
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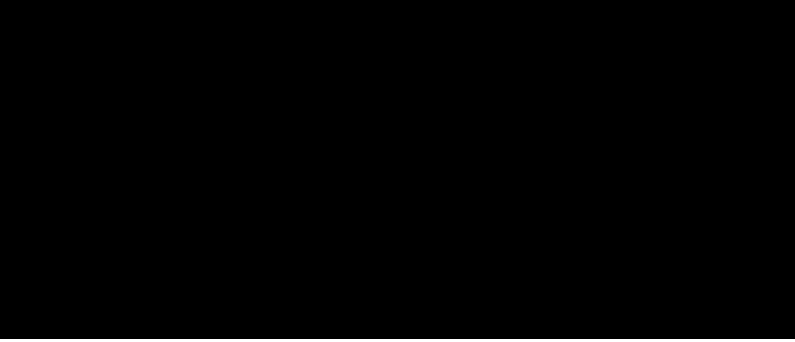
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The definition and the containment of charitable organisations and their activities needs to be cleaned up. There are far too many organisations gaining advantage in our Town without equitable contribution to the costs of running the Town. Also there are large areas of the Town that have UV rates applied but are residential in nature. This is a legacy issue from initial establishment and should be rectified to bring it into line with current application accross other residential areas of the Town to be GRV rated.

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**Q4** What is your name?

Peter Crispin

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Staff member or CEO**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Male**

**Q7** What is your age? **56 - 65**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Coorow (Shire)**

Page 5: About you

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Page 9: Ministerial approval

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Page 10: Rating exemptions

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## Rates, fees and charges

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Nils Hay

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Staff member or CEO**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Male**

**Q7** What is your age? **19 - 35**

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Page 9: Ministerial approval

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**Ministerial approval for rates four times the lowest category**

Page 10: Rating exemptions

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## Rates, fees and charges

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I think the exemption of CBH needs to be addressed. Small local governments in grain-producing areas require significant road investment and maintenance to support CBH activities (which can often involve road traffic across Shire borders). While the industry that CBH brings is most welcome, the current ex gratia payment approach fails to adequately take into account the inputs required to maintain infrastructure to support those operations. A more clearly defined system for determining the required payment would be of benefit from an LG perspective and would remove the need for LG to go 'cap in hand' to CBH when such discussions come up.

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Shire of Gnowangerup

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**Q4** What is your name?

Sharon Minitier

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Staff member or CEO**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Female**

**Q7** What is your age? **36 - 45**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Jerramungup (Shire)**

Page 5: About you

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## Rates, fees and charges

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Land owned by Co-operative Bulk Handling Limited (CBH) **Yes**

Land used primarily as a place of residence (no matter who owns the land) **Yes**

Land used for mining exploration or prospecting **Yes**

Aged care facilities **Yes**

Child care facilities **Yes**

Sporting clubs and Surf Lifesaving clubs **Yes**

Land used for the pursuit of the Arts **Yes**

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**Q22** Which of following charges should be levied on properties exempt from rates? **A service charge to cover basic services and maintenance**

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## Rates, fees and charges

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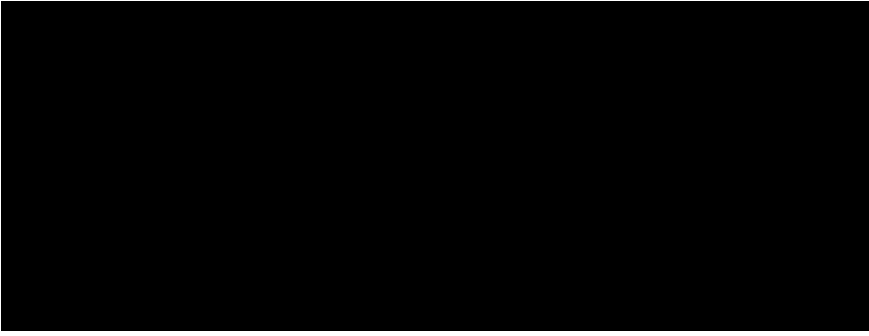
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Colin Mowday

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**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Male**

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**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Merredin (Shire)**

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Page 9: Ministerial approval

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Land used for the pursuit of the Arts	<b>Yes</b>

**Q22** Which of following charges should be levied on properties exempt from rates? **Waste charges**

## Rates, fees and charges

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The land is owned or used by an entity that provides assistance or encouragement for arts or cultural development	<b>No</b>
The land is owned or used by a sporting or recreation body and is available for use by the general community without charge or below cost	<b>Yes</b>
Community service organisations that are not-for-profit, for the benefit of the general public and provide community services without charge or below cost	<b>Yes</b>
The payment of rates or charges will cause hardship to the land owner	<b>Yes</b>
The concession will encourage the economic development of all or part of the local government district	<b>No</b>
The concession will encourage land that is of cultural, environmental, historic, heritage or scientific significance to the local government area to be preserved, restored or maintained	<b>Yes</b>
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Land that is determined by the Minister to be subject to a concession	<b>No</b>

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**Q24** Should any other scenarios be subject to rates concessions? **Respondent skipped this question**

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### Q26 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Rate exemptions for the commercial (non-charitable) business activities of charitable organisations should be removed."	<b>Very unsupportive</b>
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### Page 12: Additional comments

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There are far too many loaded/pointed questions in this survey. Very poorly prepared.

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Page 4: About you

**Q4** What is your name?

Roger Verbrugge

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Male**

**Q7** What is your age? **36 - 45**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Dardanup (Shire)**

Page 5: About you

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Page 9: Ministerial approval

**Q19** Currently, local governments are required to seek Ministerial approval when seeking to impose a rate in the dollar that is more than twice the lowest of its other rating categories. What is your preferred approach to differential rates?

Other (please specify):

Rates should have a minimum and maximum set as a % of the average for each council across the state by category. Ministerial approval to go out of spec with a plan to bring rates back within guidelines.

Page 10: Rating exemptions

**Q20** To what extent do you support the following statements?

"All land should be subject to rates."

**Very supportive**

"The types of land subject to rates should be consistent between local governments."

**Very supportive**

**Q21** Should the following types of land be subject to rates?

Land owned by the Crown that is used or held for a public purpose	<b>Yes</b>
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Land owned by Co-operative Bulk Handling Limited (CBH)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used primarily as a place of residence (no matter who owns the land)	<b>Yes</b>
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Aged care facilities	<b>Yes</b>
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**Both**

## Rates, fees and charges

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no concessions

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## Rates, fees and charges

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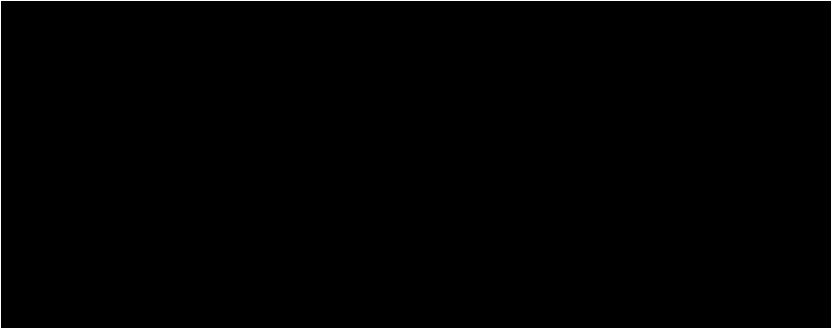
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Currently I am running a farm and shire rates make up 25% of my annual running costs. I get little service for this other than a road. I even have to take my own rubbish to the dump that costs me \$400 a year on top of the rates. Council rates are more than my annual fertiliser bill. Rates need to be determined on a user pays basis for shires with rural and urban areas. General farming should not subsidise Urban areas and spending on tourism. Tourism needs to fund itself not rely on other industries to subsidise it.

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Maxine Middap

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**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Female**

**Q7** What is your age? **66 - 75**

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**Ministerial approval for rates twice the lowest category**

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**Q20** To what extent do you support the following statements?

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Land vested in trustees for agriculture or horticultural show purposes	<b>Yes</b>
Land owned by Co-operative Bulk Handling Limited (CBH)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used primarily as a place of residence (no matter who owns the land)	<b>Yes</b>
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**Waste charges**

## Rates, fees and charges

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### Q24 Should any other scenarios be subject to rates concessions?

**Respondent skipped this question**

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### Q25 Which of following charges should be levied on that part of the land that receives a rates concession?

Other (please specify):  
Waste charges if they use a waste service, otherwise nothing.

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### Q26 To what extent do you support the following statements?

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"Certain categories of ratepayers, for example Independent Living Units, should only be exempt from rates where they qualify under the Commonwealth Aged Care Act 1997."	<b>Very supportive</b>
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## Rates, fees and charges

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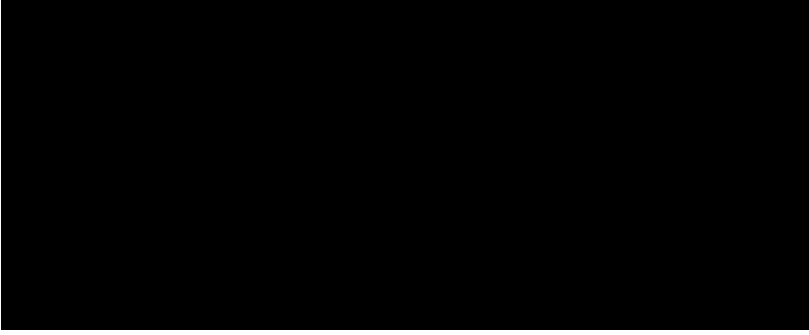
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Rates, fees and charges should be scrutinised more thoroughly, at the moment it is open slather.

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**Q2** Who are you completing this submission on behalf of? **An organisation, including a Local Government, peak body or a business**

Page 3: Your organisation

**Q3** What is the name of the organisation?

City of Greater Geraldton

Page 4: About you

**Q4** What is your name?

Shane Van Styn

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Council member, including Mayor or President**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Male**

**Q7** What is your age? **36 - 45**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Greater Geraldton (City)**

Page 5: About you

**Q9** Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

## Rates, fees and charges

**Q10** Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

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### Page 9: Ministerial approval

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### Page 10: Rating exemptions

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Land used for the pursuit of the Arts	<b>Yes</b>

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**Q22** Which of following charges should be levied on properties exempt from rates?

Other (please specify):  
There should be no exemptions, it should be up to the LG to decide. I would also choose "both" for this.

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## Rates, fees and charges

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The above questions should be read as "to be determined case by case or via policy" of each LG. Not determined by legislation.

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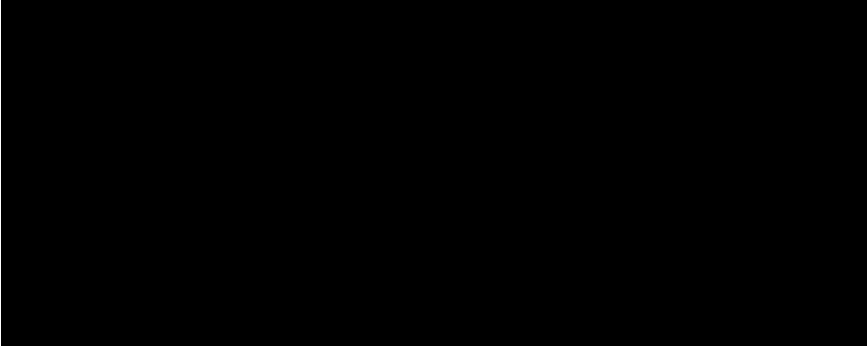
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The overarching principle is that as LG's are so different to each other, trying to fit everyone into one model does not work. LG's should be free to set a rates model as they see fit.

In particular, one glaring omission from this survey was the method of rating. We strongly support the UV method of rating for residential properties, and the ability to use a rolling "last three valuations" method for smoothing out wild rate rise and falls, based purely on valuations.

We also support the abolition of the 50/50/50 rule and the 10% rule.

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Burke Maslen

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Respondent skipped this question

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Silke Becke

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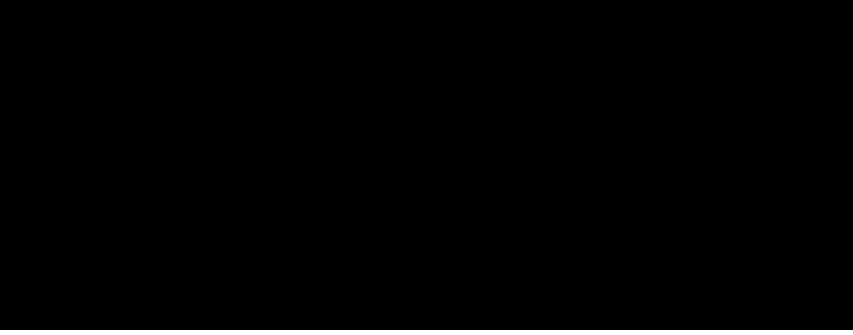
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need to get away from rates calculation dependent on valuations done by Landgate, as there is absolutely no logical connection between these valuations and the actual cost of Shire services to any properties.

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Page 2: About you

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Page 4: About you

**Q4** What is your name?

Garry Keeffe

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Staff member or CEO**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Male**

**Q7** What is your age? **56 - 65**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Northampton (Shire)**

Page 5: About you

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Page 9: Ministerial approval

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**No Ministerial approval required for any differential rates**

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Page 10: Rating exemptions

**Q20** To what extent do you support the following statements?

"All land should be subject to rates."	<b>Supportive</b>
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Land owned by the Crown that is used or held for a public purpose	<b>Yes</b>
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Land used or held exclusively for schools	<b>No</b>
Land used exclusively for charitable purposes	<b>No</b>
Land vested in trustees for agriculture or horticultural show purposes	<b>No</b>
Land owned by Co-operative Bulk Handling Limited (CBH)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used primarily as a place of residence (no matter who owns the land)	<b>Yes</b>
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**A service charge to cover basic services and maintenance**

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## Rates, fees and charges

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The land is owned or used by a sporting or recreation body and is available for use by the general community without charge or below cost	<b>Yes</b>
Community service organisations that are not-for-profit, for the benefit of the general public and provide community services without charge or below cost	<b>Yes</b>
The payment of rates or charges will cause hardship to the land owner	<b>No</b>
The concession will encourage the economic development of all or part of the local government district	<b>No</b>
The concession will encourage land that is of cultural, environmental, historic, heritage or scientific significance to the local government area to be preserved, restored or maintained	<b>Yes</b>
Land that is subject to a mining tenement	<b>No</b>
Land that is determined by the Minister to be subject to a concession	<b>Yes</b>

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**Q24** Should any other scenarios be subject to rates concessions? **Respondent skipped this question**

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**Q25** Which of following charges should be levied on that part of the land that receives a rates concession? **Both**

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"Rate exemptions for the commercial (non-charitable) business activities of charitable organisations should be removed."	<b>Unsupportive</b>
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## Rates, fees and charges

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**Q4** What is your name?

Kevin Xanthis

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Male**

**Q7** What is your age? **66 - 75**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Stirling (City)**

Page 5: About you

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**Q10** Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 9: Ministerial approval

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**Ministerial approval for rates twice the lowest category**

Page 10: Rating exemptions

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"All land should be subject to rates."	<b>Supportive</b>
"The types of land subject to rates should be consistent between local governments."	<b>Supportive</b>

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Land used or held exclusively for churches (religious bodies)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used or held exclusively for schools	<b>Yes</b>
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Land vested in trustees for agriculture or horticultural show purposes	<b>Yes</b>
Land owned by Co-operative Bulk Handling Limited (CBH)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used primarily as a place of residence (no matter who owns the land)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used for mining exploration or prospecting	<b>Yes</b>
Aged care facilities	<b>Yes</b>
Child care facilities	<b>Yes</b>
Sporting clubs and Surf Lifesaving clubs	<b>Yes</b>
Land used for the pursuit of the Arts	<b>Yes</b>

**Q22** Which of following charges should be levied on properties exempt from rates?

**A service charge to cover basic services and maintenance**



## Rates, fees and charges

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The land is owned by a person who currently receives a pensioner or health related concession **Yes**

The land is owned or used by a not-for-profit organisation **Yes**

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The land is owned or used by a sporting or recreation body and is available for use by the general community without charge or below cost **Yes**

Community service organisations that are not-for-profit, for the benefit of the general public and provide community services without charge or below cost **No**

The payment of rates or charges will cause hardship to the land owner **Yes**

The concession will encourage the economic development of all or part of the local government district **Unsure**

The concession will encourage land that is of cultural, environmental, historic, heritage or scientific significance to the local government area to be preserved, restored or maintained **Unsure**

Land that is subject to a mining tenement **Yes**

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"Certain categories of ratepayers, for example Independent Living Units, should only be exempt from rates where they qualify under the Commonwealth Aged Care Act 1997." **Neutral**

"Land used as a residence should not be regarded as charitable." **Supportive**

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## Rates, fees and charges

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"Local governments should be able to impose fixed charges or levies for particular services, facilities or activities."	<b>Supportive</b>
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**Q4** What is your name?

Geoff

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Male**

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**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Toodyay (Shire)**

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Page 10: Rating exemptions

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**Supportive**

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Land used or held exclusively for schools	<b>Unsure</b>
Land used exclusively for charitable purposes	<b>Unsure</b>
Land vested in trustees for agriculture or horticultural show purposes	<b>Unsure</b>
Land owned by Co-operative Bulk Handling Limited (CBH)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used primarily as a place of residence (no matter who owns the land)	<b>Yes</b>
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## Rates, fees and charges

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Community service organisations that are not-for-profit, for the benefit of the general public and provide community services without charge or below cost	<b>Yes</b>
The payment of rates or charges will cause hardship to the land owner	<b>Unsure</b>
The concession will encourage the economic development of all or part of the local government district	<b>Yes</b>
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William Smith

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Male**

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Sporting clubs and Surf Lifesaving clubs	<b>No</b>
Land used for the pursuit of the Arts	<b>Unsure</b>

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## Rates, fees and charges

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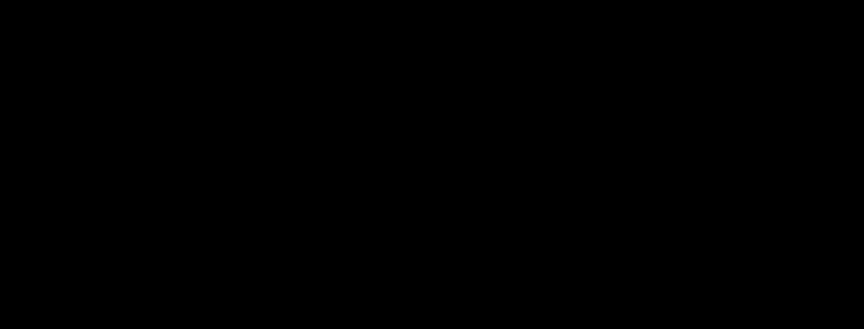
"Local governments should be able to impose fixed charges or levies for particular services, facilities or activities."	<b>Very Supportive</b>
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Page 3: Your organisation

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Shire of Upper Gascoyne

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**Q4** What is your name?

Peter Hutchinson

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Staff member or CEO**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Male**

**Q7** What is your age? **36 - 45**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Upper Gascoyne (Shire)**

Page 5: About you

**Q9** Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

## Rates, fees and charges

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Land owned by Co-operative Bulk Handling Limited (CBH) **No**

Land used primarily as a place of residence (no matter who owns the land) **Yes**

Land used for mining exploration or prospecting **Yes**

Aged care facilities **Yes**

Child care facilities **Yes**

Sporting clubs and Surf Lifesaving clubs **Unsure**

Land used for the pursuit of the Arts **Unsure**

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Not for profit and other land of benefit to the community as a whole needs to be assessed on an individual basis.

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**Both**

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The mining industry has a lot to answer for and a clearly lobbying the department. The idea of different rates in the dollar for different tenements is preposterous. UVs for tenements are set based on a multiple of the mining rent and the multiples change based on the type of tenement (Exploration, Prospecting and Mining) so the nature of the tenement has already been determined when setting the value that Local Governments can rate. Policy offers in charge of this at the department need to research things better.

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Settlers Lifestyls Villages

Page 4: About you

**Q4** What is your name?

Ray Thompson

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Male**

**Q7** What is your age? **76+**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Wanneroo (City)**

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**Q9** Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

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Land vested in trustees for agriculture or horticultural show purposes **Yes**

Land owned by Co-operative Bulk Handling Limited (CBH) **Unsure**

Land used primarily as a place of residence (no matter who owns the land) **Yes**

Land used for mining exploration or prospecting **Yes**

Aged care facilities **No**

Child care facilities **Yes**

Sporting clubs and Surf Lifesaving clubs **Unsure**

Land used for the pursuit of the Arts **Yes**

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**Q22** Which of following charges should be levied on properties exempt from rates? **Both**

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## Rates, fees and charges

### Q23 Should a concession on rates be granted in any of the following scenarios?

The land is owned by a person who currently receives a pensioner or health related concession	<b>Yes</b>
The land is owned or used by a not-for-profit organisation	<b>Yes</b>
The land is owned or used by an entity that provides assistance or encouragement for arts or cultural development	<b>Yes</b>
The land is owned or used by a sporting or recreation body and is available for use by the general community without charge or below cost	<b>No</b>
Community service organisations that are not-for-profit, for the benefit of the general public and provide community services without charge or below cost	<b>No</b>
The payment of rates or charges will cause hardship to the land owner	<b>Yes</b>
The concession will encourage the economic development of all or part of the local government district	<b>No</b>
The concession will encourage land that is of cultural, environmental, historic, heritage or scientific significance to the local government area to be preserved, restored or maintained	<b>Yes</b>
Land that is subject to a mining tenement	<b>Yes</b>
Land that is determined by the Minister to be subject to a concession	<b>Yes</b>

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### Q24 Should any other scenarios be subject to rates concessions?

Lifestyle Villages where Village maintenance is the responsibility of the Village. eg Street lights, road maintenance etc communal gdns etc gardens thus saving Council work and cost.

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### Q25 Which of following charges should be levied on that part of the land that receives a rates concession?

**Waste charges**

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### Q26 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Rate exemptions for the commercial (non-charitable) business activities of charitable organisations should be removed."	<b>Very unsupportive</b>
"Certain categories of ratepayers, for example Independent Living Units, should only be exempt from rates where they qualify under the Commonwealth Aged Care Act 1997."	<b>Very unsupportive</b>
"Land used as a residence should not be regarded as charitable."	<b>Very unsupportive</b>

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## Rates, fees and charges

### Q27 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Local governments should be able to impose fixed charges or levies for particular services, facilities or activities."	<b>Very unsupportive</b>
"Local governments should be able to vary fees and charges at any time without advertising the change."	<b>Unsupportive</b>
"Local governments should have the autonomy to set fees and charges for all services they provide."	<b>Very unsupportive</b>
"Services that are consistent across local governments should have the same fees or charges."	<b>Very unsupportive</b>
"Local governments should not set a fee or charge higher than the cost of delivering that service."	<b>Very unsupportive</b>
"A fee or charge should not be set lower than the cost of delivering that service."	<b>Very unsupportive</b>
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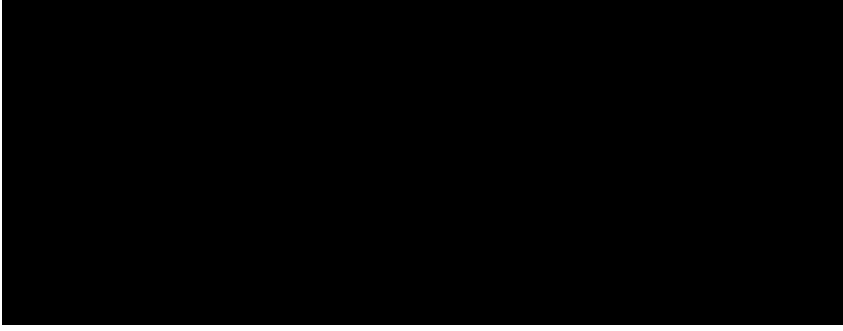
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Units in Villages that have a care facility should still pay Rates. The care facility only should be exempt

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**Q4** What is your name?

Brian Yearwood

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Male**

**Q7** What is your age? **56 - 65**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Joondalup (City)**

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**Q9** Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

**Q10** Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 9: Ministerial approval

**Q19** Currently, local governments are required to seek Ministerial approval when seeking to impose a rate in the dollar that is more than twice the lowest of its other rating categories. What is your preferred approach to differential rates?

**Ministerial approval for rates twice the lowest category**

Page 10: Rating exemptions

**Q20** To what extent do you support the following statements?

"All land should be subject to rates."	<b>Very supportive</b>
"The types of land subject to rates should be consistent between local governments."	<b>Very supportive</b>

**Q21** Should the following types of land be subject to rates?

Land owned by the Crown that is used or held for a public purpose	<b>No</b>
Land used or held exclusively for churches (religious bodies)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used or held exclusively for schools	<b>No</b>
Land used exclusively for charitable purposes	<b>Yes</b>
Land vested in trustees for agriculture or horticultural show purposes	<b>Yes</b>
Land owned by Co-operative Bulk Handling Limited (CBH)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used primarily as a place of residence (no matter who owns the land)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used for mining exploration or prospecting	<b>Yes</b>
Aged care facilities	<b>Yes</b>
Child care facilities	<b>Yes</b>
Sporting clubs and Surf Lifesaving clubs	<b>No</b>
Land used for the pursuit of the Arts	<b>Yes</b>

**Q22** Which of following charges should be levied on properties exempt from rates?

**Both**

## Rates, fees and charges

### Q23 Should a concession on rates be granted in any of the following scenarios?

The land is owned by a person who currently receives a pensioner or health related concession	<b>No</b>
The land is owned or used by a not-for-profit organisation	<b>No</b>
The land is owned or used by an entity that provides assistance or encouragement for arts or cultural development	<b>No</b>
The land is owned or used by a sporting or recreation body and is available for use by the general community without charge or below cost	<b>Yes</b>
Community service organisations that are not-for-profit, for the benefit of the general public and provide community services without charge or below cost	<b>No</b>
The payment of rates or charges will cause hardship to the land owner	<b>No</b>
The concession will encourage the economic development of all or part of the local government district	<b>Yes</b>
The concession will encourage land that is of cultural, environmental, historic, heritage or scientific significance to the local government area to be preserved, restored or maintained	<b>Yes</b>
Land that is subject to a mining tenement	<b>No</b>
Land that is determined by the Minister to be subject to a concession	<b>Yes</b>

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### Q24 Should any other scenarios be subject to rates concessions?

Land that is deemed to be suitable for infill of the Perth Metro Area

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### Q25 Which of following charges should be levied on that part of the land that receives a rates concession?

**Both**

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### Q26 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Rate exemptions for the commercial (non-charitable) business activities of charitable organisations should be removed."	<b>Very supportive</b>
"Certain categories of ratepayers, for example Independent Living Units, should only be exempt from rates where they qualify under the Commonwealth Aged Care Act 1997."	<b>Very supportive</b>
"Land used as a residence should not be regarded as charitable."	<b>Very supportive</b>

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## Rates, fees and charges

### Q27 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Local governments should be able to impose fixed charges or levies for particular services, facilities or activities."	<b>Very Supportive</b>
"Local governments should be able to vary fees and charges at any time without advertising the change."	<b>Very unsupportive</b>
"Local governments should have the autonomy to set fees and charges for all services they provide."	<b>Unsupportive</b>
"Local governments should not set a fee or charge higher than the cost of delivering that service."	<b>Supportive</b>
"A fee or charge should not be set lower than the cost of delivering that service."	<b>Supportive</b>
"Fees and charges imposed by local government and fixed under legislation should increase by CPI annually."	<b>Very Supportive</b>

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Rates charging needs to align with policy objectives. This is not the case in metro area residential infill redevelopment areas.

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**Q4** What is your name?

Andrea

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Female**

**Q7** What is your age? **46 - 55**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Stirling (City)**

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**Q9** Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **No**

**Q10** Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 9: Ministerial approval

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**Ministerial approval for rates twice the lowest category**

Page 10: Rating exemptions

**Q20** To what extent do you support the following statements?

"All land should be subject to rates."	<b>Very unsupportive</b>
"The types of land subject to rates should be consistent between local governments."	<b>Very unsupportive</b>

**Q21** Should the following types of land be subject to rates?

Land owned by the Crown that is used or held for a public purpose	<b>No</b>
Land used or held exclusively for churches (religious bodies)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used or held exclusively for schools	<b>Yes</b>
Land used exclusively for charitable purposes	<b>Yes</b>
Land vested in trustees for agriculture or horticultural show purposes	<b>Yes</b>
Land owned by Co-operative Bulk Handling Limited (CBH)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used primarily as a place of residence (no matter who owns the land)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used for mining exploration or prospecting	<b>Yes</b>
Aged care facilities	<b>Yes</b>
Child care facilities	<b>Yes</b>
Sporting clubs and Surf Lifesaving clubs	<b>Yes</b>
Land used for the pursuit of the Arts	<b>Yes</b>

**Q22** Which of following charges should be levied on properties exempt from rates?

**Both**



## Rates, fees and charges

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The land is owned by a person who currently receives a pensioner or health related concession	<b>Yes</b>
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Community service organisations that are not-for-profit, for the benefit of the general public and provide community services without charge or below cost	<b>Yes</b>
The payment of rates or charges will cause hardship to the land owner	<b>No</b>
The concession will encourage the economic development of all or part of the local government district	<b>No</b>
The concession will encourage land that is of cultural, environmental, historic, heritage or scientific significance to the local government area to be preserved, restored or maintained	<b>Yes</b>
Land that is subject to a mining tenement	<b>No</b>
Land that is determined by the Minister to be subject to a concession	<b>No</b>

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**Q24** Should any other scenarios be subject to rates concessions? **Respondent skipped this question**

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**Q25** Which of following charges should be levied on that part of the land that receives a rates concession? **Both**

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"Certain categories of ratepayers, for example Independent Living Units, should only be exempt from rates where they qualify under the Commonwealth Aged Care Act 1997."	<b>Supportive</b>
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## Rates, fees and charges

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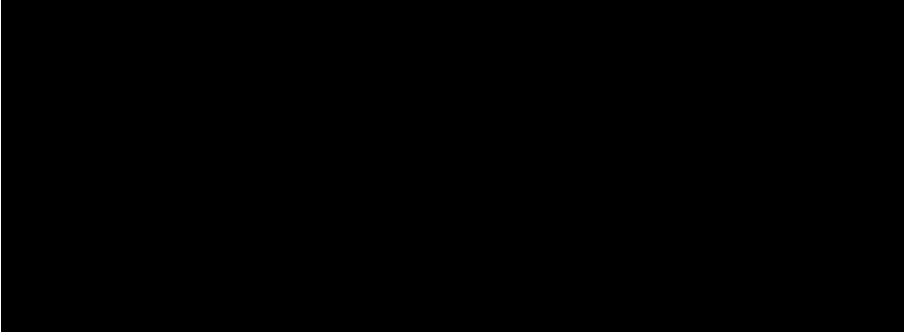
"Local governments should be able to impose fixed charges or levies for particular services, facilities or activities."	<b>Supportive</b>
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**Q4** What is your name?

Tim Hocking

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Male**

**Q7** What is your age? **0 - 18**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Bayswater (City)**

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**Q9** Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

**Q10** Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 9: Ministerial approval

**Q19** Currently, local governments are required to seek Ministerial approval when seeking to impose a rate in the dollar that is more than twice the lowest of its other rating categories. What is your preferred approach to differential rates?

Other (please specify):

Ministerial approval for rates four times the lowest category and ministerial approval if residential is more than twice any other category

Page 10: Rating exemptions

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"All land should be subject to rates."

**Unsupportive**

"The types of land subject to rates should be consistent between local governments."

**Supportive**

**Q21** Should the following types of land be subject to rates?

Land owned by the Crown that is used or held for a public purpose **Yes**

Land used or held exclusively for churches (religious bodies) **Yes**

Land used or held exclusively for schools **No**

Land used exclusively for charitable purposes **Yes**

Land vested in trustees for agriculture or horticultural show purposes **No**

Land owned by Co-operative Bulk Handling Limited (CBH) **No**

Land used primarily as a place of residence (no matter who owns the land) **Yes**

Land used for mining exploration or prospecting **Yes**

Aged care facilities **Yes**

Child care facilities **Yes**

Sporting clubs and Surf Lifesaving clubs **Yes**

Land used for the pursuit of the Arts **Yes**

**Q22** Which of following charges should be levied on properties exempt from rates?

**Both**

## Rates, fees and charges

### Q23 Should a concession on rates be granted in any of the following scenarios?

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Land that is subject to a mining tenement	<b>No</b>
Land that is determined by the Minister to be subject to a concession	<b>No</b>

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**Q24** Should any other scenarios be subject to rates concessions? **Respondent skipped this question**

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**Q25** Which of following charges should be levied on that part of the land that receives a rates concession? **Neither**

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### Q26 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Rate exemptions for the commercial (non-charitable) business activities of charitable organisations should be removed."	<b>Supportive</b>
"Certain categories of ratepayers, for example Independent Living Units, should only be exempt from rates where they qualify under the Commonwealth Aged Care Act 1997."	<b>Very supportive</b>
"Land used as a residence should not be regarded as charitable."	<b>Supportive</b>

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## Rates, fees and charges

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"Services that are consistent across local governments should have the same fees or charges."	<b>Unsupportive</b>
"Local governments should not set a fee or charge higher than the cost of delivering that service."	<b>Unsupportive</b>
"A fee or charge should not be set lower than the cost of delivering that service."	<b>Unsupportive</b>
"Fees and charges imposed by local government and fixed under legislation should increase by CPI annually."	<b>Neutral</b>

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Mike

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Council member, including Mayor or President**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Male**

**Q7** What is your age? **46 - 55**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Corrigin (Shire)**

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**Q9** Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

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Page 9: Ministerial approval

**Q19** Currently, local governments are required to seek Ministerial approval when seeking to impose a rate in the dollar that is more than twice the lowest of its other rating categories. What is your preferred approach to differential rates?

**No Ministerial approval required for any differential rates**

Page 10: Rating exemptions

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Land owned by Co-operative Bulk Handling Limited (CBH)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used primarily as a place of residence (no matter who owns the land)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used for mining exploration or prospecting	<b>Yes</b>
Aged care facilities	<b>No</b>
Child care facilities	<b>No</b>
Sporting clubs and Surf Lifesaving clubs	<b>No</b>
Land used for the pursuit of the Arts	<b>Yes</b>

**Q22** Which of following charges should be levied on properties exempt from rates?

**A service charge to cover basic services and maintenance**



## Rates, fees and charges

### Q23 Should a concession on rates be granted in any of the following scenarios?

The land is owned by a person who currently receives a pensioner or health related concession	<b>No</b>
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matt

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Council member, including Mayor or President**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Male**

**Q7** What is your age? **36 - 45**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Corrigin (Shire)**

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**Ministerial approval for rates twice the lowest category**

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"All land should be subject to rates."	<b>Unsupportive</b>
"The types of land subject to rates should be consistent between local governments."	<b>Supportive</b>

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Land used primarily as a place of residence (no matter who owns the land)	<b>Yes</b>
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**Q22** Which of following charges should be levied on properties exempt from rates?

**Both**

## Rates, fees and charges

### Q23 Should a concession on rates be granted in any of the following scenarios?

The land is owned by a person who currently receives a pensioner or health related concession	<b>Unsure</b>
The land is owned or used by a not-for-profit organisation	<b>Yes</b>
The land is owned or used by an entity that provides assistance or encouragement for arts or cultural development	<b>Yes</b>
The land is owned or used by a sporting or recreation body and is available for use by the general community without charge or below cost	<b>Yes</b>
Community service organisations that are not-for-profit, for the benefit of the general public and provide community services without charge or below cost	<b>No</b>
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Land that is subject to a mining tenement	<b>No</b>
Land that is determined by the Minister to be subject to a concession	<b>No</b>

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**Q25** Which of following charges should be levied on that part of the land that receives a rates concession? **A service charge to cover basic services and maintenance**

### Q26 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Rate exemptions for the commercial (non-charitable) business activities of charitable organisations should be removed."	<b>Neutral</b>
"Certain categories of ratepayers, for example Independent Living Units, should only be exempt from rates where they qualify under the Commonwealth Aged Care Act 1997."	<b>Neutral</b>
"Land used as a residence should not be regarded as charitable."	<b>Supportive</b>

## Rates, fees and charges

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"Local governments should be able to impose fixed charges or levies for particular services, facilities or activities."	<b>Supportive</b>
"Local governments should be able to vary fees and charges at any time without advertising the change."	<b>Supportive</b>
"Local governments should have the autonomy to set fees and charges for all services they provide."	<b>Supportive</b>
"Services that are consistent across local governments should have the same fees or charges."	<b>Unsupportive</b>
"Local governments should not set a fee or charge higher than the cost of delivering that service."	<b>Unsupportive</b>
"A fee or charge should not be set lower than the cost of delivering that service."	<b>Unsupportive</b>
"Fees and charges imposed by local government and fixed under legislation should increase by CPI annually."	<b>Neutral</b>

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Page 12: Additional comments

**Q28** Do you have any additional comments on the topic of rates, fees and charges? Additional information can also be provided to the review team via email at [actreview@dlgsc.wa.gov.au](mailto:actreview@dlgsc.wa.gov.au). **Respondent skipped this question**

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Page 2: About you

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Page 3: Your organisation

**Q3** What is the name of the organisation? **Respondent skipped this question**

Page 4: About you

**Q4** What is your name?

Lynette Baker

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Council member, including Mayor or President**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Female**

**Q7** What is your age? **56 - 65**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Corrigin (Shire)**

Page 5: About you

**Q9** Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

**Q10** Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 9: Ministerial approval

**Q19** Currently, local governments are required to seek Ministerial approval when seeking to impose a rate in the dollar that is more than twice the lowest of its other rating categories. What is your preferred approach to differential rates?

**Ministerial approval for rates twice the lowest category**

Page 10: Rating exemptions

**Q20** To what extent do you support the following statements?

"All land should be subject to rates."	<b>Very supportive</b>
"The types of land subject to rates should be consistent between local governments."	<b>Supportive</b>

**Q21** Should the following types of land be subject to rates?

Land owned by the Crown that is used or held for a public purpose	<b>Yes</b>
Land used or held exclusively for churches (religious bodies)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used or held exclusively for schools	<b>Yes</b>
Land used exclusively for charitable purposes	<b>Yes</b>
Land vested in trustees for agriculture or horticultural show purposes	<b>Yes</b>
Land owned by Co-operative Bulk Handling Limited (CBH)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used primarily as a place of residence (no matter who owns the land)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used for mining exploration or prospecting	<b>Yes</b>
Aged care facilities	<b>Yes</b>
Child care facilities	<b>Yes</b>
Sporting clubs and Surf Lifesaving clubs	<b>Yes</b>
Land used for the pursuit of the Arts	<b>Yes</b>

**Q22** Which of following charges should be levied on properties exempt from rates?

**Both**



## Rates, fees and charges

### Q23 Should a concession on rates be granted in any of the following scenarios?

The land is owned by a person who currently receives a pensioner or health related concession	<b>Yes</b>
The land is owned or used by a not-for-profit organisation	<b>Yes</b>
The land is owned or used by an entity that provides assistance or encouragement for arts or cultural development	<b>Unsure</b>
The land is owned or used by a sporting or recreation body and is available for use by the general community without charge or below cost	<b>Unsure</b>
Community service organisations that are not-for-profit, for the benefit of the general public and provide community services without charge or below cost	<b>Yes</b>
The payment of rates or charges will cause hardship to the land owner	<b>No</b>
The concession will encourage the economic development of all or part of the local government district	<b>No</b>
The concession will encourage land that is of cultural, environmental, historic, heritage or scientific significance to the local government area to be preserved, restored or maintained	<b>No</b>
Land that is subject to a mining tenement	<b>No</b>
Land that is determined by the Minister to be subject to a concession	<b>No</b>

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**Q24** Should any other scenarios be subject to rates concessions? **Respondent skipped this question**

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**Q25** Which of following charges should be levied on that part of the land that receives a rates concession? **Both**

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### Q26 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Rate exemptions for the commercial (non-charitable) business activities of charitable organisations should be removed."	<b>Supportive</b>
"Certain categories of ratepayers, for example Independent Living Units, should only be exempt from rates where they qualify under the Commonwealth Aged Care Act 1997."	<b>Supportive</b>
"Land used as a residence should not be regarded as charitable."	<b>Supportive</b>

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## Rates, fees and charges

**Q27** To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Local governments should be able to impose fixed charges or levies for particular services, facilities or activities."	<b>Supportive</b>
"Local governments should be able to vary fees and charges at any time without advertising the change."	<b>Supportive</b>
"Local governments should have the autonomy to set fees and charges for all services they provide."	<b>Supportive</b>
"Services that are consistent across local governments should have the same fees or charges."	<b>Unsupportive</b>
"Local governments should not set a fee or charge higher than the cost of delivering that service."	<b>Unsupportive</b>
"A fee or charge should not be set lower than the cost of delivering that service."	<b>Unsupportive</b>
"Fees and charges imposed by local government and fixed under legislation should increase by CPI annually."	<b>Supportive</b>

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Page 12: Additional comments

**Q28** Do you have any additional comments on the topic of rates, fees and charges? Additional information can also be provided to the review team via email at [actreview@dlgsc.wa.gov.au](mailto:actreview@dlgsc.wa.gov.au). **Respondent skipped this question**

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Page 4: About you

**Q4** What is your name?

Shannon Hardingham

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Council member, including Mayor or President**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Female**

**Q7** What is your age? **36 - 45**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Corrigin (Shire)**

Page 5: About you

**Q9** Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **No**

**Q10** Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 9: Ministerial approval

**Q19** Currently, local governments are required to seek Ministerial approval when seeking to impose a rate in the dollar that is more than twice the lowest of its other rating categories. What is your preferred approach to differential rates?

**Ministerial approval for rates three times the lowest category**

Page 10: Rating exemptions

**Q20** To what extent do you support the following statements?

"All land should be subject to rates."	<b>Unsupportive</b>
"The types of land subject to rates should be consistent between local governments."	<b>Unsupportive</b>

**Q21** Should the following types of land be subject to rates?

Land owned by the Crown that is used or held for a public purpose	<b>Yes</b>
Land used or held exclusively for churches (religious bodies)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used or held exclusively for schools	<b>No</b>
Land used exclusively for charitable purposes	<b>Yes</b>
Land vested in trustees for agriculture or horticultural show purposes	<b>No</b>
Land owned by Co-operative Bulk Handling Limited (CBH)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used primarily as a place of residence (no matter who owns the land)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used for mining exploration or prospecting	<b>No</b>
Aged care facilities	<b>Yes</b>
Child care facilities	<b>Yes</b>
Sporting clubs and Surf Lifesaving clubs	<b>Yes</b>
Land used for the pursuit of the Arts	<b>Yes</b>

**Q22** Which of following charges should be levied on properties exempt from rates?

**Both**

## Rates, fees and charges

### Q23 Should a concession on rates be granted in any of the following scenarios?

The land is owned by a person who currently receives a pensioner or health related concession	<b>Yes</b>
The land is owned or used by a not-for-profit organisation	<b>No</b>
The land is owned or used by an entity that provides assistance or encouragement for arts or cultural development	<b>No</b>
The land is owned or used by a sporting or recreation body and is available for use by the general community without charge or below cost	<b>No</b>
Community service organisations that are not-for-profit, for the benefit of the general public and provide community services without charge or below cost	<b>No</b>
The payment of rates or charges will cause hardship to the land owner	<b>No</b>
The concession will encourage the economic development of all or part of the local government district	<b>No</b>
The concession will encourage land that is of cultural, environmental, historic, heritage or scientific significance to the local government area to be preserved, restored or maintained	<b>No</b>
Land that is subject to a mining tenement	<b>No</b>
Land that is determined by the Minister to be subject to a concession	<b>Yes</b>

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**Q24** Should any other scenarios be subject to rates concessions? **Respondent skipped this question**

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**Q25** Which of following charges should be levied on that part of the land that receives a rates concession? **Both**

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### Q26 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Rate exemptions for the commercial (non-charitable) business activities of charitable organisations should be removed."	<b>Very supportive</b>
"Certain categories of ratepayers, for example Independent Living Units, should only be exempt from rates where they qualify under the Commonwealth Aged Care Act 1997."	<b>Very supportive</b>
"Land used as a residence should not be regarded as charitable."	<b>Very supportive</b>

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## Rates, fees and charges

**Q27** To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Local governments should be able to impose fixed charges or levies for particular services, facilities or activities."	<b>Very Supportive</b>
"Local governments should be able to vary fees and charges at any time without advertising the change."	<b>Supportive</b>
"Local governments should have the autonomy to set fees and charges for all services they provide."	<b>Supportive</b>
"Services that are consistent across local governments should have the same fees or charges."	<b>Unsupportive</b>
"Local governments should not set a fee or charge higher than the cost of delivering that service."	<b>Unsupportive</b>
"A fee or charge should not be set lower than the cost of delivering that service."	<b>Unsupportive</b>
"Fees and charges imposed by local government and fixed under legislation should increase by CPI annually."	<b>Supportive</b>

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Page 12: Additional comments

**Q28** Do you have any additional comments on the topic of rates, fees and charges? Additional information can also be provided to the review team via email at [actreview@dlgsc.wa.gov.au](mailto:actreview@dlgsc.wa.gov.au). **Respondent skipped this question**

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Page 3: Your organisation

**Q3** What is the name of the organisation? **Respondent skipped this question**

Page 4: About you

**Q4** What is your name?

Jacqui Richards

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Female**

**Q7** What is your age? **46 - 55**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Melville (City)**

Page 5: About you

**Q9** Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **No**

**Q10** Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 9: Ministerial approval

**Q19** Currently, local governments are required to seek Ministerial approval when seeking to impose a rate in the dollar that is more than twice the lowest of its other rating categories. What is your preferred approach to differential rates?

**Ministerial approval for rates twice the lowest category**

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Page 10: Rating exemptions

**Q20** To what extent do you support the following statements?

**Respondent skipped this question**

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**Q21** Should the following types of land be subject to rates?

**Respondent skipped this question**

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**Q22** Which of following charges should be levied on properties exempt from rates?

**Respondent skipped this question**

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**Q23** Should a concession on rates be granted in any of the following scenarios?

**Respondent skipped this question**

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**Q24** Should any other scenarios be subject to rates concessions?

**Respondent skipped this question**

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**Q25** Which of following charges should be levied on that part of the land that receives a rates concession?

**Respondent skipped this question**

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**Q26** To what extent do you support the following statements?

**Respondent skipped this question**

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**Q27** To what extent do you support the following statements?

**Respondent skipped this question**

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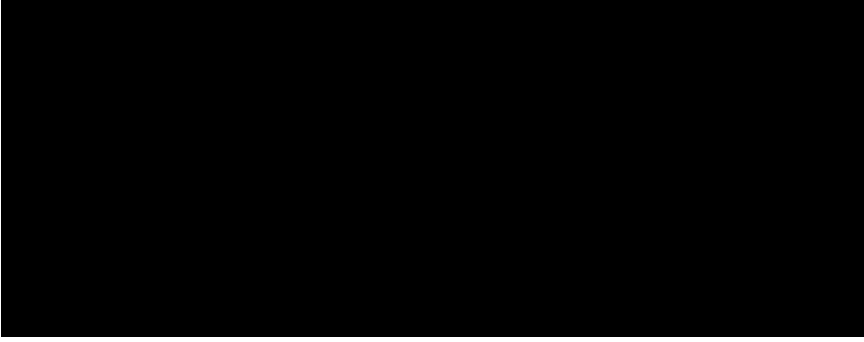
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**Respondent skipped this question**

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Page 2: About you

**Q1** Have you read the discussion paper associated with this survey? **No**

**Q2** Who are you completing this submission on behalf of? **An organisation, including a Local Government, peak body or a business**

Page 3: Your organisation

**Q3** What is the name of the organisation?

Men's Sheds of W.A. Ltd

Page 4: About you

**Q4** What is your name?

Trevor Taylor

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Community organisation**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Male**

**Q7** What is your age? **Not applicable**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Not listed**

Page 5: About you

**Q9** Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

## Rates, fees and charges

**Q10** Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

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### Page 9: Ministerial approval

**Q19** Currently, local governments are required to seek Ministerial approval when seeking to impose a rate in the dollar that is more than twice the lowest of its other rating categories. What is your preferred approach to differential rates? **No Ministerial approval required for any differential rates**

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### Page 10: Rating exemptions

**Q20** To what extent do you support the following statements?

"All land should be subject to rates." **Unsupportive**

"The types of land subject to rates should be consistent between local governments." **Supportive**

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**Q21** Should the following types of land be subject to rates?

Land owned by the Crown that is used or held for a public purpose **No**

Land used or held exclusively for churches (religious bodies) **Yes**

Land used or held exclusively for schools **Yes**

Land used exclusively for charitable purposes **No**

Land vested in trustees for agriculture or horticultural show purposes **No**

Land owned by Co-operative Bulk Handling Limited (CBH) **Yes**

Land used primarily as a place of residence (no matter who owns the land) **Yes**

Land used for mining exploration or prospecting **No**

Aged care facilities **Yes**

Child care facilities **Yes**

Sporting clubs and Surf Lifesaving clubs **No**

Land used for the pursuit of the Arts **Yes**

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**Q22** Which of following charges should be levied on properties exempt from rates? **Both**

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## Rates, fees and charges

### Q23 Should a concession on rates be granted in any of the following scenarios?

The land is owned by a person who currently receives a pensioner or health related concession	<b>Yes</b>
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The land is owned or used by an entity that provides assistance or encouragement for arts or cultural development	<b>Yes</b>
The land is owned or used by a sporting or recreation body and is available for use by the general community without charge or below cost	<b>Yes</b>
Community service organisations that are not-for-profit, for the benefit of the general public and provide community services without charge or below cost	<b>Yes</b>
The payment of rates or charges will cause hardship to the land owner	<b>Unsure</b>
The concession will encourage the economic development of all or part of the local government district	<b>Unsure</b>
The concession will encourage land that is of cultural, environmental, historic, heritage or scientific significance to the local government area to be preserved, restored or maintained	<b>No</b>
Land that is subject to a mining tenement	<b>No</b>
Land that is determined by the Minister to be subject to a concession	<b>Yes</b>

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**Q24** Should any other scenarios be subject to rates concessions? **Respondent skipped this question**

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### Q26 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Rate exemptions for the commercial (non-charitable) business activities of charitable organisations should be removed."	<b>Supportive</b>
"Certain categories of ratepayers, for example Independent Living Units, should only be exempt from rates where they qualify under the Commonwealth Aged Care Act 1997."	<b>Supportive</b>
"Land used as a residence should not be regarded as charitable."	<b>Supportive</b>

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## Rates, fees and charges

### Q27 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Local governments should be able to impose fixed charges or levies for particular services, facilities or activities."	<b>Supportive</b>
"Local governments should be able to vary fees and charges at any time without advertising the change."	<b>Neutral</b>
"Local governments should have the autonomy to set fees and charges for all services they provide."	<b>Neutral</b>
"Services that are consistent across local governments should have the same fees or charges."	<b>Supportive</b>
"Local governments should not set a fee or charge higher than the cost of delivering that service."	<b>Supportive</b>
"A fee or charge should not be set lower than the cost of delivering that service."	<b>Neutral</b>
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### Page 12: Additional comments

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Page 3: Your organisation

**Q3** What is the name of the organisation? **Respondent skipped this question**

Page 4: About you

**Q4** What is your name?

Tamara Clarkson

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Female**

**Q7** What is your age? **19 - 35**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Prefer not to say**

Page 5: About you

**Q9** Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

## Rates, fees and charges

**Q10** Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

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### Page 9: Ministerial approval

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### Page 10: Rating exemptions

**Q20** To what extent do you support the following statements?

"All land should be subject to rates." **Very supportive**

"The types of land subject to rates should be consistent between local governments." **Very supportive**

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**Q21** Should the following types of land be subject to rates?

Land owned by the Crown that is used or held for a public purpose **No**

Land used or held exclusively for churches (religious bodies) **Yes**

Land used or held exclusively for schools **Yes**

Land used exclusively for charitable purposes **No**

Land vested in trustees for agriculture or horticultural show purposes **Yes**

Land owned by Co-operative Bulk Handling Limited (CBH) **Yes**

Land used primarily as a place of residence (no matter who owns the land) **Yes**

Land used for mining exploration or prospecting **Yes**

Aged care facilities **Yes**

Child care facilities **Yes**

Sporting clubs and Surf Lifesaving clubs **Yes**

Land used for the pursuit of the Arts **Yes**

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**Q22** Which of following charges should be levied on properties exempt from rates? **Both**

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## Rates, fees and charges

### Q23 Should a concession on rates be granted in any of the following scenarios?

The land is owned by a person who currently receives a pensioner or health related concession	<b>Yes</b>
The land is owned or used by a not-for-profit organisation	<b>Yes</b>
The land is owned or used by an entity that provides assistance or encouragement for arts or cultural development	<b>No</b>
The land is owned or used by a sporting or recreation body and is available for use by the general community without charge or below cost	<b>Yes</b>
Community service organisations that are not-for-profit, for the benefit of the general public and provide community services without charge or below cost	<b>Yes</b>
The payment of rates or charges will cause hardship to the land owner	<b>No</b>
The concession will encourage the economic development of all or part of the local government district	<b>No</b>
The concession will encourage land that is of cultural, environmental, historic, heritage or scientific significance to the local government area to be preserved, restored or maintained	<b>Yes</b>
Land that is subject to a mining tenement	<b>No</b>
Land that is determined by the Minister to be subject to a concession	<b>No</b>

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**Q24** Should any other scenarios be subject to rates concessions? **Respondent skipped this question**

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**Q25** Which of following charges should be levied on that part of the land that receives a rates concession? **Both**

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### Q26 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Rate exemptions for the commercial (non-charitable) business activities of charitable organisations should be removed."	<b>Very unsupportive</b>
"Certain categories of ratepayers, for example Independent Living Units, should only be exempt from rates where they qualify under the Commonwealth Aged Care Act 1997."	<b>Supportive</b>
"Land used as a residence should not be regarded as charitable."	<b>Supportive</b>

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## Rates, fees and charges

**Q27** To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Local governments should be able to impose fixed charges or levies for particular services, facilities or activities."	<b>Supportive</b>
"Local governments should be able to vary fees and charges at any time without advertising the change."	<b>Supportive</b>
"Local governments should have the autonomy to set fees and charges for all services they provide."	<b>Supportive</b>
"Services that are consistent across local governments should have the same fees or charges."	<b>Supportive</b>
"Local governments should not set a fee or charge higher than the cost of delivering that service."	<b>Unsupportive</b>
"A fee or charge should not be set lower than the cost of delivering that service."	<b>Very Supportive</b>
"Fees and charges imposed by local government and fixed under legislation should increase by CPI annually."	<b>Very Supportive</b>

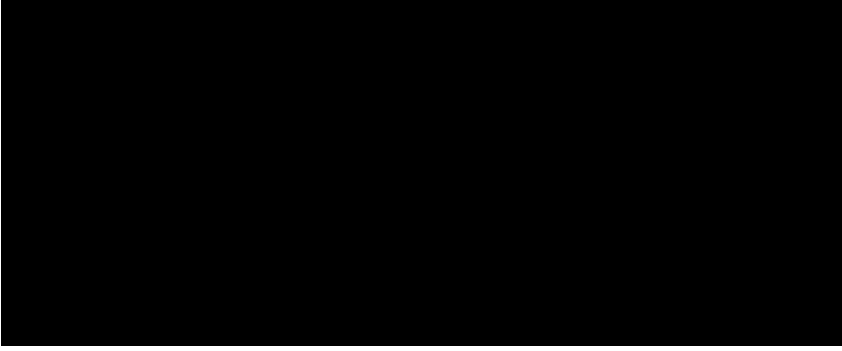
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Page 2: About you

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**Q2** Who are you completing this submission on behalf of? **Yourself**

Page 3: Your organisation

**Q3** What is the name of the organisation? **Respondent skipped this question**

Page 4: About you

**Q4** What is your name?

Stuart Moles

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Male**

**Q7** What is your age? **76+**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Wanneroo (City)**

Page 5: About you

**Q9** Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

**Q10** Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

## Rates, fees and charges

### Page 9: Ministerial approval

**Q19** Currently, local governments are required to seek Ministerial approval when seeking to impose a rate in the dollar that is more than twice the lowest of its other rating categories. What is your preferred approach to differential rates?

Other (please specify):  
Approval where Rates are above the general average for an area

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### Page 10: Rating exemptions

**Q20** To what extent do you support the following statements?

"All land should be subject to rates."	<b>Very supportive</b>
"The types of land subject to rates should be consistent between local governments."	<b>Very supportive</b>

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**Q21** Should the following types of land be subject to rates?

Land owned by the Crown that is used or held for a public purpose	<b>No</b>
Land used or held exclusively for churches (religious bodies)	<b>No</b>
Land used or held exclusively for schools	<b>No</b>
Land used exclusively for charitable purposes	<b>No</b>
Land vested in trustees for agriculture or horticultural show purposes	<b>Unsure</b>
Land owned by Co-operative Bulk Handling Limited (CBH)	<b>Unsure</b>
Land used primarily as a place of residence (no matter who owns the land)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used for mining exploration or prospecting	<b>Unsure</b>
Aged care facilities	<b>No</b>
Child care facilities	<b>No</b>
Sporting clubs and Surf Lifesaving clubs	<b>Yes</b>
Land used for the pursuit of the Arts	<b>Yes</b>

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**Q22** Which of following charges should be levied on properties exempt from rates? **Waste charges**

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## Rates, fees and charges

### Q23 Should a concession on rates be granted in any of the following scenarios?

The land is owned by a person who currently receives a pensioner or health related concession	<b>Yes</b>
The land is owned or used by a not-for-profit organisation	<b>Yes</b>
The land is owned or used by an entity that provides assistance or encouragement for arts or cultural development	<b>No</b>
The land is owned or used by a sporting or recreation body and is available for use by the general community without charge or below cost	<b>No</b>
Community service organisations that are not-for-profit, for the benefit of the general public and provide community services without charge or below cost	<b>No</b>
The payment of rates or charges will cause hardship to the land owner	<b>No</b>
The concession will encourage the economic development of all or part of the local government district	<b>No</b>
The concession will encourage land that is of cultural, environmental, historic, heritage or scientific significance to the local government area to be preserved, restored or maintained	<b>No</b>
Land that is subject to a mining tenement	<b>No</b>
Land that is determined by the Minister to be subject to a concession	<b>Yes</b>

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### Q24 Should any other scenarios be subject to rates concessions?

Property in Retirement Villages (RV) should be granted special dispensation due to the ownership status of residents who incur considerable charges exit fees when leaving a RV which impacts on the rental value of these properties which forms the basis of the GRV system.

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### Q25 Which of following charges should be levied on that part of the land that receives a rates concession?

Other (please specify):  
I feel the Rates for R.Vs should be kept to the average for the community as declared by the local council.

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### Q26 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Rate exemptions for the commercial (non-charitable) business activities of charitable organisations should be removed."	<b>Supportive</b>
"Certain categories of ratepayers, for example Independent Living Units, should only be exempt from rates where they qualify under the Commonwealth Aged Care Act 1997."	<b>Unsupportive</b>
"Land used as a residence should not be regarded as charitable."	<b>Neutral</b>

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## Rates, fees and charges

### Q27 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Local governments should be able to impose fixed charges or levies for particular services, facilities or activities."	<b>Neutral</b>
"Local governments should be able to vary fees and charges at any time without advertising the change."	<b>Unsupportive</b>
"Local governments should have the autonomy to set fees and charges for all services they provide."	<b>Supportive</b>
"Services that are consistent across local governments should have the same fees or charges."	<b>Supportive</b>
"Local governments should not set a fee or charge higher than the cost of delivering that service."	<b>Very Supportive</b>
"A fee or charge should not be set lower than the cost of delivering that service."	<b>Very Supportive</b>
"Fees and charges imposed by local government and fixed under legislation should increase by CPI annually."	<b>Very Supportive</b>

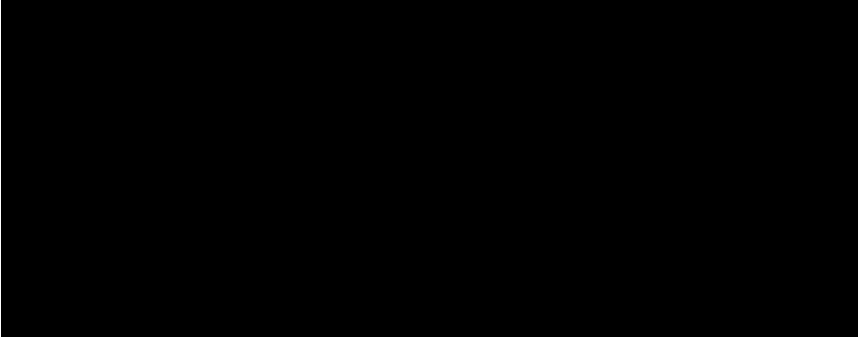
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As a Resident of a R.V.I feel the true position of this cohort has not been examined in any detail, with regard to establishing at an equitable residential property rate for those properties that are unfairly valued based upon the local area in which they are placed. Example my village in Mindarie situated the midst of multi million valued properties where an overall rate is determined based on average property rental in the area, which bears no relationship to the lower a tual value of property in a R.V. where the Resident incurs considerable fees on resale of their property that is not borne by residents in the local community.

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Jake Prendergast

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Male**

**Q7** What is your age? **19 - 35**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Melville (City)**

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**Q9** Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **No**

**Q10** Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 9: Ministerial approval

**Q19** Currently, local governments are required to seek Ministerial approval when seeking to impose a rate in the dollar that is more than twice the lowest of its other rating categories. What is your preferred approach to differential rates?

**Differential rates to a maximum of four times may be set with no option for Ministerial approval**

Page 10: Rating exemptions

**Q20** To what extent do you support the following statements?

"All land should be subject to rates."

**Very supportive**

"The types of land subject to rates should be consistent between local governments."

**Very supportive**

**Q21** Should the following types of land be subject to rates?

Land owned by the Crown that is used or held for a public purpose	<b>Yes</b>
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**Both**

## Rates, fees and charges

### Q23 Should a concession on rates be granted in any of the following scenarios?

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"Rate exemptions for the commercial (non-charitable) business activities of charitable organisations should be removed."	<b>Very supportive</b>
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Nicky

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Female**

**Q7** What is your age? **66 - 75**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Joondalup (City)**

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**Ministerial approval for rates twice the lowest category**

Page 10: Rating exemptions

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"All land should be subject to rates."	<b>Very supportive</b>
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**Q21** Should the following types of land be subject to rates?

Land owned by the Crown that is used or held for a public purpose	<b>Unsure</b>
Land used or held exclusively for churches (religious bodies)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used or held exclusively for schools	<b>Unsure</b>
Land used exclusively for charitable purposes	<b>Yes</b>
Land vested in trustees for agriculture or horticultural show purposes	<b>Unsure</b>
Land owned by Co-operative Bulk Handling Limited (CBH)	<b>Unsure</b>
Land used primarily as a place of residence (no matter who owns the land)	<b>Unsure</b>
Land used for mining exploration or prospecting	<b>Unsure</b>
Aged care facilities	<b>Yes</b>
Child care facilities	<b>Yes</b>
Sporting clubs and Surf Lifesaving clubs	<b>Yes</b>
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## Rates, fees and charges

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just review all charitable status of large churches esp those which also run training organisations (maybe they get government grants for that too). make all charities accountable and all their books to be publicly available

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Peter hodkin

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

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**Ministerial approval for rates twice the lowest category**

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Land used for the pursuit of the Arts	<b>Yes</b>

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**Both**

## Rates, fees and charges

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Rates in joondalup are consistently way above inflation  
No reason for this  
They have over \$50 million in the bank  
Why?  
What are they planning.....  
Do not trust joondalup council

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Bruce Knox

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

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Page 9: Ministerial approval

**Q19** Currently, local governments are required to seek Ministerial approval when seeking to impose a rate in the dollar that is more than twice the lowest of its other rating categories. What is your preferred approach to differential rates?

Other (please specify):

If there are more categories then the ratio needs to be reviewed but without knowing what the various rates would be then no definitive number can be set at this point.

Page 10: Rating exemptions

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"All land should be subject to rates."

**Neutral**

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### Q24 Should any other scenarios be subject to rates concessions?

For charities concessions should only apply where they are defined as a Benevolent Institution under tax law.

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Where rates and charges increase by more than CPI then Ministerial approval should be required backed up by a business case explaining why the increase is occurring

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Felix Rosario

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

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**Q4** What is your name?

Genevieve Hunter

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Staff member or CEO**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Female**

**Q7** What is your age? **56 - 65**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Joondalup (City)**

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Page 9: Ministerial approval

**Q19** Currently, local governments are required to seek Ministerial approval when seeking to impose a rate in the dollar that is more than twice the lowest of its other rating categories. What is your preferred approach to differential rates?

**No Ministerial approval required for any differential rates**

Page 10: Rating exemptions

**Q20** To what extent do you support the following statements?

"All land should be subject to rates."	<b>Supportive</b>
"The types of land subject to rates should be consistent between local governments."	<b>Supportive</b>

**Q21** Should the following types of land be subject to rates?

Land owned by the Crown that is used or held for a public purpose	<b>Yes</b>
Land used or held exclusively for churches (religious bodies)	<b>Yes</b>
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Land vested in trustees for agriculture or horticultural show purposes	<b>Yes</b>
Land owned by Co-operative Bulk Handling Limited (CBH)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used primarily as a place of residence (no matter who owns the land)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used for mining exploration or prospecting	<b>Yes</b>
Aged care facilities	<b>Yes</b>
Child care facilities	<b>Yes</b>
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Land used for the pursuit of the Arts	<b>Yes</b>

**Q22** Which of following charges should be levied on properties exempt from rates?

**Respondent skipped this question**

## Rates, fees and charges

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Land that is subject to a mining tenement	<b>No</b>
Land that is determined by the Minister to be subject to a concession	<b>Yes</b>

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**Q24** Should any other scenarios be subject to rates concessions? **Respondent skipped this question**

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**Q25** Which of following charges should be levied on that part of the land that receives a rates concession? **Both**

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### Q26 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Rate exemptions for the commercial (non-charitable) business activities of charitable organisations should be removed."	<b>Supportive</b>
"Certain categories of ratepayers, for example Independent Living Units, should only be exempt from rates where they qualify under the Commonwealth Aged Care Act 1997."	<b>Very supportive</b>
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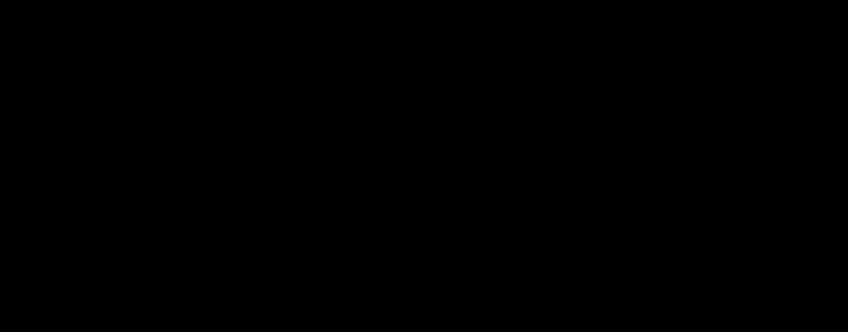
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Page 12: Additional comments

**Q28** Do you have any additional comments on the topic of rates, fees and charges? Additional information can also be provided to the review team via email at [actreview@dlgsc.wa.gov.au](mailto:actreview@dlgsc.wa.gov.au). **Respondent skipped this question**

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Cherie Delmage

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Staff member or CEO**

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Page 9: Ministerial approval

<p><b>Q19</b> Currently, local governments are required to seek Ministerial approval when seeking to impose a rate in the dollar that is more than twice the lowest of its other rating categories. What is your preferred approach to differential rates?</p>	<p>Other (please specify): Get rid of differential rates</p>
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<p>Land owned by Co-operative Bulk Handling Limited (CBH)</p>	<p><b>Yes</b></p>
<p>Land used primarily as a place of residence (no matter who owns the land)</p>	<p><b>Yes</b></p>
<p>Land used for mining exploration or prospecting</p>	<p><b>Yes</b></p>
<p>Aged care facilities</p>	<p><b>Yes</b></p>
<p>Child care facilities</p>	<p><b>Yes</b></p>
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## Rates, fees and charges

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**Q24** Should any other scenarios be subject to rates concessions? **Respondent skipped this question**

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## Rates, fees and charges

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"Local governments should be able to vary fees and charges at any time without advertising the change."	<b>Unsupportive</b>
"Local governments should have the autonomy to set fees and charges for all services they provide."	<b>Very Supportive</b>
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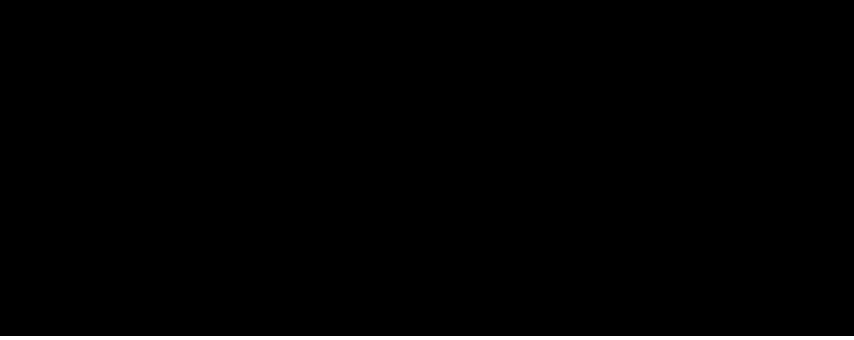
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Standardise as much as possible & remove concessions wherever possible

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**Q4** What is your name?

Karen Hunter

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Female**

**Q7** What is your age? **46 - 55**

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Page 9: Ministerial approval

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Other (please specify):

All differential rates should have ministerial approval - bring accountability to LG's

Page 10: Rating exemptions

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**Very supportive**

"The types of land subject to rates should be consistent between local governments."

**Very supportive**

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**Both**

## Rates, fees and charges

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Land that is determined by the Minister to be subject to a concession	<b>Unsure</b>

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### Q24 Should any other scenarios be subject to rates concessions?

Concessions on ILU's are ok but if run by not-for-profit don't give them full rates exemptions

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### Q25 Which of following charges should be levied on that part of the land that receives a rates concession?

**Both**

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## Rates, fees and charges

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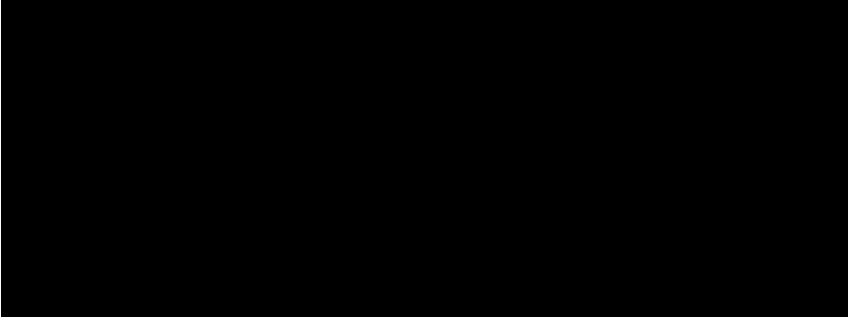
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State government has no rate exemptions or concessions when charging the ESL- this should be the same for LG's.

Every property (ex crown land) should be charged rates. Too many loopholes for so called charities that increased the burden on everyone else.

Should also be pay for service and not be subsidising random alternatives that only fit a small number of the community. Councils need to re-focus on the basics and state government should not expect LG's to do their work. other wise go to 2 tiers of government and scrap either state or local.

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Damien Martin

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Staff member or CEO**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Male**

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Heidi Grant

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Other (please specify):  
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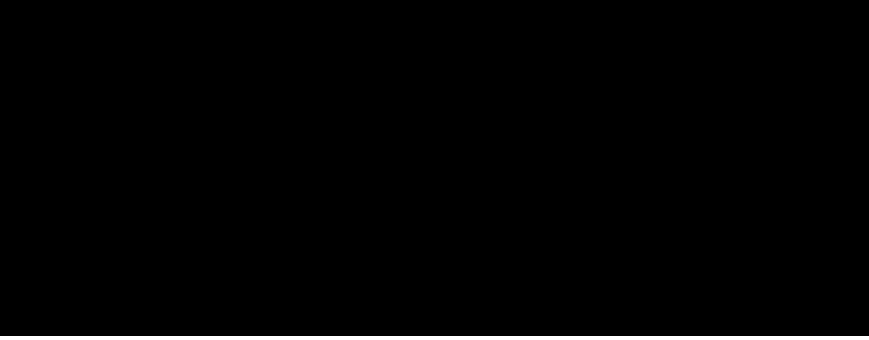
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No

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Amanda O'Halloran

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Respondent skipped this question

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Page 10: Rating exemptions

**Q20** To what extent do you support the following statements?

Respondent skipped this question

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**Q21** Should the following types of land be subject to rates?

Respondent skipped this question

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**Q22** Which of following charges should be levied on properties exempt from rates?

Respondent skipped this question

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**Q23** Should a concession on rates be granted in any of the following scenarios?

Respondent skipped this question

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**Q24** Should any other scenarios be subject to rates concessions?

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Respondent skipped this question

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Respondent skipped this question

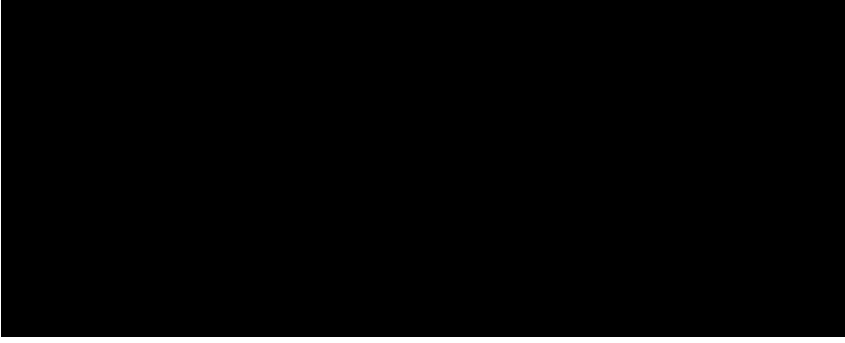
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Page 3: Your organisation

**Q3** What is the name of the organisation? **Respondent skipped this question**

Page 4: About you

**Q4** What is your name?

Kelly

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Staff member or CEO**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Female**

**Q7** What is your age? **56 - 65**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Brookton (Shire)**

Page 5: About you

**Q9** Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **No**

**Q10** Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 9: Ministerial approval

**Q19** Currently, local governments are required to seek Ministerial approval when seeking to impose a rate in the dollar that is more than twice the lowest of its other rating categories. What is your preferred approach to differential rates?

**Differential rates to a maximum of four times may be set with no option for Ministerial approval**

Page 10: Rating exemptions

**Q20** To what extent do you support the following statements?

"All land should be subject to rates."	<b>Supportive</b>
"The types of land subject to rates should be consistent between local governments."	<b>Supportive</b>

**Q21** Should the following types of land be subject to rates?

Land owned by the Crown that is used or held for a public purpose	<b>No</b>
Land used or held exclusively for churches (religious bodies)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used or held exclusively for schools	<b>Yes</b>
Land used exclusively for charitable purposes	<b>Unsure</b>
Land vested in trustees for agriculture or horticultural show purposes	<b>No</b>
Land owned by Co-operative Bulk Handling Limited (CBH)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used primarily as a place of residence (no matter who owns the land)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used for mining exploration or prospecting	<b>Yes</b>
Aged care facilities	<b>No</b>
Child care facilities	<b>Yes</b>
Sporting clubs and Surf Lifesaving clubs	<b>Unsure</b>
Land used for the pursuit of the Arts	<b>Yes</b>

<b>Q22</b> Which of following charges should be levied on properties exempt from rates?	<b>Both</b>
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## Rates, fees and charges

### Q23 Should a concession on rates be granted in any of the following scenarios?

The land is owned by a person who currently receives a pensioner or health related concession	<b>Yes</b>
The land is owned or used by a not-for-profit organisation	<b>No</b>
The land is owned or used by an entity that provides assistance or encouragement for arts or cultural development	<b>No</b>
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Community service organisations that are not-for-profit, for the benefit of the general public and provide community services without charge or below cost	<b>Yes</b>
The payment of rates or charges will cause hardship to the land owner	<b>No</b>
The concession will encourage the economic development of all or part of the local government district	<b>No</b>
The concession will encourage land that is of cultural, environmental, historic, heritage or scientific significance to the local government area to be preserved, restored or maintained	<b>No</b>
Land that is subject to a mining tenement	<b>No</b>
Land that is determined by the Minister to be subject to a concession	<b>Unsure</b>

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### Q24 Should any other scenarios be subject to rates concessions?

the first point above should only be applied to aged pensions. Not to others who could work but do not.

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### Q25 Which of following charges should be levied on that part of the land that receives a rates concession?

**Waste charges**

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### Q26 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Rate exemptions for the commercial (non-charitable) business activities of charitable organisations should be removed."	<b>Very supportive</b>
"Certain categories of ratepayers, for example Independent Living Units, should only be exempt from rates where they qualify under the Commonwealth Aged Care Act 1997."	<b>Very supportive</b>
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## Rates, fees and charges

**Q27** To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Local governments should be able to impose fixed charges or levies for particular services, facilities or activities."	<b>Neutral</b>
"Local governments should be able to vary fees and charges at any time without advertising the change."	<b>Unsupportive</b>
"Local governments should have the autonomy to set fees and charges for all services they provide."	<b>Supportive</b>
"Services that are consistent across local governments should have the same fees or charges."	<b>Supportive</b>
"Local governments should not set a fee or charge higher than the cost of delivering that service."	<b>Supportive</b>
"A fee or charge should not be set lower than the cost of delivering that service."	<b>Supportive</b>
"Fees and charges imposed by local government and fixed under legislation should increase by CPI annually."	<b>Supportive</b>

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**Q4** What is your name?

David Trevaskis

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Staff member or CEO**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Male**

**Q7** What is your age? **19 - 35**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Moora (Shire)**

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**Q9** Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

**Q10** Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 9: Ministerial approval

**Q19** Currently, local governments are required to seek Ministerial approval when seeking to impose a rate in the dollar that is more than twice the lowest of its other rating categories. What is your preferred approach to differential rates?

**Ministerial approval for rates four times the lowest category**

Page 10: Rating exemptions

**Q20** To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The types of land subject to rates should be consistent between local governments."

**Very supportive**

**Q21** Should the following types of land be subject to rates?

Land owned by the Crown that is used or held for a public purpose	<b>No</b>
Land used or held exclusively for churches (religious bodies)	<b>No</b>
Land used or held exclusively for schools	<b>Yes</b>
Land used exclusively for charitable purposes	<b>Yes</b>
Land vested in trustees for agriculture or horticultural show purposes	<b>No</b>
Land owned by Co-operative Bulk Handling Limited (CBH)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used primarily as a place of residence (no matter who owns the land)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used for mining exploration or prospecting	<b>Yes</b>
Aged care facilities	<b>Yes</b>
Child care facilities	<b>Yes</b>
Sporting clubs and Surf Lifesaving clubs	<b>Yes</b>
Land used for the pursuit of the Arts	<b>Yes</b>

**Q22** Which of following charges should be levied on properties exempt from rates?

**Both**

## Rates, fees and charges

### Q23 Should a concession on rates be granted in any of the following scenarios?

The land is owned by a person who currently receives a pensioner or health related concession	<b>Yes</b>
The land is owned or used by a not-for-profit organisation	<b>Yes</b>
The land is owned or used by an entity that provides assistance or encouragement for arts or cultural development	<b>Yes</b>
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Community service organisations that are not-for-profit, for the benefit of the general public and provide community services without charge or below cost	<b>Yes</b>
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Land that is subject to a mining tenement	<b>No</b>
Land that is determined by the Minister to be subject to a concession	<b>Yes</b>

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**Q24** Should any other scenarios be subject to rates concessions? **Respondent skipped this question**

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**Q25** Which of following charges should be levied on that part of the land that receives a rates concession? **Both**

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### Q26 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Rate exemptions for the commercial (non-charitable) business activities of charitable organisations should be removed."	<b>Very supportive</b>
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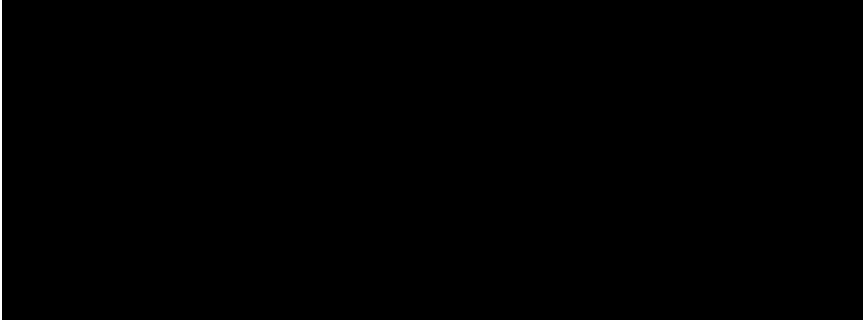
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"A fee or charge should not be set lower than the cost of delivering that service."	<b>Very unsupportive</b>
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Page 3: Your organisation

**Q3** What is the name of the organisation?

Shire of Dumbleyung

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**Q4** What is your name?

Matthew Gilfellon

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Staff member or CEO**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Male**

**Q7** What is your age? **Respondent skipped this question**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Dumbleyung (Shire)**

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**Q9** Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

## Rates, fees and charges

**Q10** Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

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### Page 9: Ministerial approval

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### Page 10: Rating exemptions

**Q20** To what extent do you support the following statements?

"All land should be subject to rates." **Supportive**  
"The types of land subject to rates should be consistent between local governments." **Unsupportive**

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**Q21** Should the following types of land be subject to rates?

Land owned by the Crown that is used or held for a public purpose	<b>Yes</b>
Land used or held exclusively for churches (religious bodies)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used or held exclusively for schools	<b>Yes</b>
Land used exclusively for charitable purposes	<b>Yes</b>
Land vested in trustees for agriculture or horticultural show purposes	<b>Yes</b>
Land owned by Co-operative Bulk Handling Limited (CBH)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used primarily as a place of residence (no matter who owns the land)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used for mining exploration or prospecting	<b>Yes</b>
Aged care facilities	<b>Yes</b>
Child care facilities	<b>Yes</b>
Sporting clubs and Surf Lifesaving clubs	<b>Yes</b>
Land used for the pursuit of the Arts	<b>Yes</b>

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**Q22** Which of following charges should be levied on properties exempt from rates? **Both**

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## Rates, fees and charges

### Q23 Should a concession on rates be granted in any of the following scenarios?

The land is owned by a person who currently receives a pensioner or health related concession	<b>No</b>
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**Q24** Should any other scenarios be subject to rates concessions? **Respondent skipped this question**

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**Q25** Which of following charges should be levied on that part of the land that receives a rates concession? **Both**

### Q26 To what extent do you support the following statements?

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"Certain categories of ratepayers, for example Independent Living Units, should only be exempt from rates where they qualify under the Commonwealth Aged Care Act 1997."	<b>Very unsupportive</b>
"Land used as a residence should not be regarded as charitable."	<b>Very supportive</b>

## Rates, fees and charges

**Q27** To what extent do you support the following statements?

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"A fee or charge should not be set lower than the cost of delivering that service."	<b>Very unsupportive</b>
"Fees and charges imposed by local government and fixed under legislation should increase by CPI annually."	<b>Very Supportive</b>

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Shire of Kellerberrin

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**Q4** What is your name?

Shire of Kellerberrin

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Response is on behalf of a Local Government (Council endorsed)**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Not applicable / the submission is from an organisation**

**Q7** What is your age? **Not applicable**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Kellerberrin (Shire)**

Page 5: About you

**Q9** Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

## Rates, fees and charges

**Q10** Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

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### Page 9: Ministerial approval

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### Page 10: Rating exemptions

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"All land should be subject to rates." **Supportive**

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Land used or held exclusively for schools **Yes**

Land used exclusively for charitable purposes **Yes**

Land vested in trustees for agriculture or horticultural show purposes **Unsure**

Land owned by Co-operative Bulk Handling Limited (CBH) **Yes**

Land used primarily as a place of residence (no matter who owns the land) **Yes**

Land used for mining exploration or prospecting **Yes**

Aged care facilities **Yes**

Child care facilities **Yes**

Sporting clubs and Surf Lifesaving clubs **Yes**

Land used for the pursuit of the Arts **Yes**

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**Q22** Which of following charges should be levied on properties exempt from rates? **Both**

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## Rates, fees and charges

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## Rates, fees and charges

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**Respondent skipped this question**

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**Q4** What is your name?

Brian Dollery

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Peak body**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Male**

**Q7** What is your age? **66 - 75**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Not listed**

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**Q9** Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

## Rates, fees and charges

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Child care facilities **Yes**

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Land used for the pursuit of the Arts **Yes**

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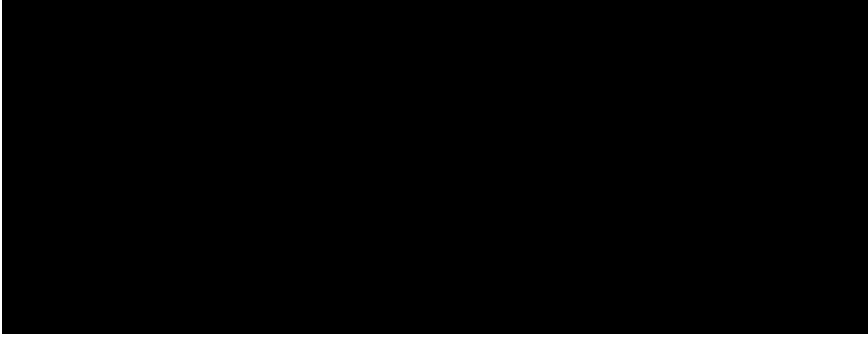
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**Q4** What is your name?

Craig Hoyer

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Council member, including Mayor or President**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Male**

**Q7** What is your age? **56 - 65**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **East Pilbara (Shire)**

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**Q9** Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

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**Ministerial approval for rates twice the lowest category**

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Page 10: Rating exemptions

**Q20** To what extent do you support the following statements?

"All land should be subject to rates."	<b>Very supportive</b>
"The types of land subject to rates should be consistent between local governments."	<b>Supportive</b>

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**Q21** Should the following types of land be subject to rates?

Land owned by the Crown that is used or held for a public purpose	<b>Yes</b>
Land used or held exclusively for churches (religious bodies)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used or held exclusively for schools	<b>Yes</b>
Land used exclusively for charitable purposes	<b>Yes</b>
Land vested in trustees for agriculture or horticultural show purposes	<b>Yes</b>
Land owned by Co-operative Bulk Handling Limited (CBH)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used primarily as a place of residence (no matter who owns the land)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used for mining exploration or prospecting	<b>Yes</b>
Aged care facilities	<b>Yes</b>
Child care facilities	<b>Yes</b>
Sporting clubs and Surf Lifesaving clubs	<b>Yes</b>
Land used for the pursuit of the Arts	<b>Yes</b>

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**Q22** Which of following charges should be levied on properties exempt from rates?

**A service charge to cover basic services and maintenance**

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## Rates, fees and charges

### Q23 Should a concession on rates be granted in any of the following scenarios?

The land is owned by a person who currently receives a pensioner or health related concession	<b>Yes</b>
The land is owned or used by a not-for-profit organisation	<b>Yes</b>
The land is owned or used by an entity that provides assistance or encouragement for arts or cultural development	<b>Yes</b>
The land is owned or used by a sporting or recreation body and is available for use by the general community without charge or below cost	<b>Yes</b>
Community service organisations that are not-for-profit, for the benefit of the general public and provide community services without charge or below cost	<b>Yes</b>
The payment of rates or charges will cause hardship to the land owner	<b>No</b>
The concession will encourage the economic development of all or part of the local government district	<b>No</b>
The concession will encourage land that is of cultural, environmental, historic, heritage or scientific significance to the local government area to be preserved, restored or maintained	<b>Yes</b>
Land that is subject to a mining tenement	<b>No</b>
Land that is determined by the Minister to be subject to a concession	<b>Yes</b>

### Q24 Should any other scenarios be subject to rates concessions?

N/A

**Q25 Which of following charges should be levied on that part of the land that receives a rates concession?** **A service charge to cover basic services and maintenance**

### Q26 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Rate exemptions for the commercial (non-charitable) business activities of charitable organisations should be removed."	<b>Unsupportive</b>
"Certain categories of ratepayers, for example Independent Living Units, should only be exempt from rates where they qualify under the Commonwealth Aged Care Act 1997."	<b>Unsupportive</b>
"Land used as a residence should not be regarded as charitable."	<b>Unsupportive</b>

## Rates, fees and charges

### Q27 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Local governments should be able to impose fixed charges or levies for particular services, facilities or activities."	<b>Supportive</b>
"Local governments should be able to vary fees and charges at any time without advertising the change."	<b>Unsupportive</b>
"Local governments should have the autonomy to set fees and charges for all services they provide."	<b>Supportive</b>
"Services that are consistent across local governments should have the same fees or charges."	<b>Unsupportive</b>
"Local governments should not set a fee or charge higher than the cost of delivering that service."	<b>Unsupportive</b>
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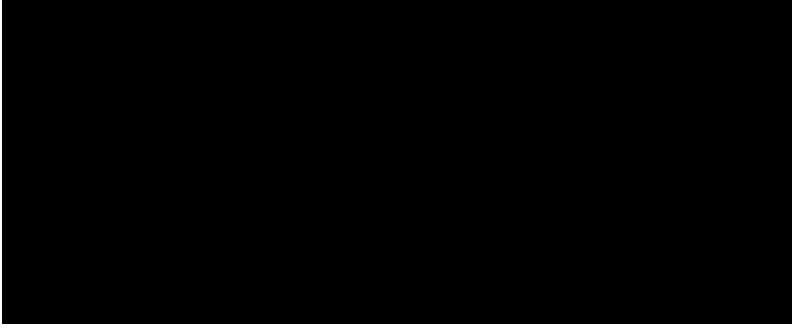
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N/A

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Page 2: About you

**Q1** Have you read the discussion paper associated with this survey? **Yes**

**Q2** Who are you completing this submission on behalf of? **An organisation, including a Local Government, peak body or a business**

Page 3: Your organisation

**Q3** What is the name of the organisation?

Centrecare Inc.

Page 4: About you

**Q4** What is your name?

Tony Pietropiccolo

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Staff member or CEO**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Male**

**Q7** What is your age? **66 - 75**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Gosnells (City)**

Page 5: About you

**Q9** Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

## Rates, fees and charges

**Q10** Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

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### Page 9: Ministerial approval

**Q19** Currently, local governments are required to seek Ministerial approval when seeking to impose a rate in the dollar that is more than twice the lowest of its other rating categories. What is your preferred approach to differential rates? **Ministerial approval for rates twice the lowest category**

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### Page 10: Rating exemptions

**Q20** To what extent do you support the following statements?

"All land should be subject to rates." **Unsupportive**  
"The types of land subject to rates should be consistent between local governments." **Very supportive**

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**Q21** Should the following types of land be subject to rates?

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Land used exclusively for charitable purposes	<b>No</b>
Land vested in trustees for agriculture or horticultural show purposes	<b>No</b>
Land owned by Co-operative Bulk Handling Limited (CBH)	<b>Unsure</b>
Land used primarily as a place of residence (no matter who owns the land)	<b>Unsure</b>
Land used for mining exploration or prospecting	<b>Yes</b>
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Child care facilities	<b>Unsure</b>
Sporting clubs and Surf Lifesaving clubs	<b>No</b>
Land used for the pursuit of the Arts	<b>Unsure</b>

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**Q22** Which of following charges should be levied on properties exempt from rates? **Neither**

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## Rates, fees and charges

### Q23 Should a concession on rates be granted in any of the following scenarios?

The land is owned by a person who currently receives a pensioner or health related concession	<b>Yes</b>
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The land is owned or used by a sporting or recreation body and is available for use by the general community without charge or below cost	<b>Yes</b>
Community service organisations that are not-for-profit, for the benefit of the general public and provide community services without charge or below cost	<b>Yes</b>
The payment of rates or charges will cause hardship to the land owner	<b>Unsure</b>
The concession will encourage the economic development of all or part of the local government district	<b>Unsure</b>
The concession will encourage land that is of cultural, environmental, historic, heritage or scientific significance to the local government area to be preserved, restored or maintained	<b>Yes</b>
Land that is subject to a mining tenement	<b>Unsure</b>
Land that is determined by the Minister to be subject to a concession	<b>Yes</b>

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**Q24** Should any other scenarios be subject to rates concessions? **Respondent skipped this question**

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**Q25** Which of following charges should be levied on that part of the land that receives a rates concession? **Neither**

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### Q26 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Rate exemptions for the commercial (non-charitable) business activities of charitable organisations should be removed."	<b>Very unsupportive</b>
"Certain categories of ratepayers, for example Independent Living Units, should only be exempt from rates where they qualify under the Commonwealth Aged Care Act 1997."	<b>Neutral</b>
"Land used as a residence should not be regarded as charitable."	<b>Neutral</b>

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## Rates, fees and charges

### Q27 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Local governments should be able to impose fixed charges or levies for particular services, facilities or activities."	<b>Neutral</b>
"Local governments should be able to vary fees and charges at any time without advertising the change."	<b>Unsupportive</b>
"Local governments should have the autonomy to set fees and charges for all services they provide."	<b>Unsupportive</b>
"Services that are consistent across local governments should have the same fees or charges."	<b>Supportive</b>
"Local governments should not set a fee or charge higher than the cost of delivering that service."	<b>Unsupportive</b>
"A fee or charge should not be set lower than the cost of delivering that service."	<b>Neutral</b>
"Fees and charges imposed by local government and fixed under legislation should increase by CPI annually."	<b>Neutral</b>

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### Page 12: Additional comments

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The removal of exemptions to charitable organisations is a very serious issue as services are provided mostly free of charge or way below cost to communities. Charitable organisations provide essential services to communities and unlike commercial operations they do not have the luxury of increasing charges to clients in order to offset any additional costs. Many not for profit and charitable organisations struggle to maintain services and their infrastructure. It is important for Councils to consider their rates exemptions to charitable organisations not as lost revenue but an investment in creating the conditions that lead to peaceful and effective communities. Centrecare provides services throughout the metropolitan area and in regional centres and in each of them the social needs of local communities are significant often the positive impact of services on the local population far outweighs any forgone revenue by the local authority. The relationship between not for profits and local councils needs to remain one of mutual support to do otherwise is to remove one more pillar from our social infrastructure, one that is in desperate need of reinforcement rather than depletion. It would be a shame if the relationships between the two were to become purely transactional rather than collaborative and supportive.

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Page 4: About you

**Q4** What is your name?

Louise

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Female**

**Q7** What is your age? **46 - 55**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Bassendean (Town)**

Page 5: About you

**Q9** Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

## Rates, fees and charges

**Q10** Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

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### Page 10: Rating exemptions

**Q20** To what extent do you support the following statements?

"All land should be subject to rates." **Supportive**

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Land owned by the Crown that is used or held for a public purpose **Yes**

Land used or held exclusively for churches (religious bodies) **Yes**

Land used or held exclusively for schools **No**

Land used exclusively for charitable purposes **No**

Land vested in trustees for agriculture or horticultural show purposes **Yes**

Land owned by Co-operative Bulk Handling Limited (CBH) **Yes**

Land used primarily as a place of residence (no matter who owns the land) **Yes**

Land used for mining exploration or prospecting **Yes**

Aged care facilities **No**

Child care facilities **Yes**

Sporting clubs and Surf Lifesaving clubs **No**

Land used for the pursuit of the Arts **Yes**

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**Q22** Which of following charges should be levied on properties exempt from rates? **Both**

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## Rates, fees and charges

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The land is owned by a person who currently receives a pensioner or health related concession	<b>Yes</b>
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The payment of rates or charges will cause hardship to the land owner	<b>Yes</b>
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Land that is subject to a mining tenement	<b>No</b>
Land that is determined by the Minister to be subject to a concession	<b>Unsure</b>

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### Q24 Should any other scenarios be subject to rates concessions?

Any Animal Welfare organisation

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### Q25 Which of following charges should be levied on that part of the land that receives a rates concession?

**Both**

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If you increase by the CPI annually, will it decrease.  
Look at individual cost for services provided annually.

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Page 4: About you

**Q4** What is your name?

Vanessa

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Female**

**Q7** What is your age? **19 - 35**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Cockburn (City)**

Page 5: About you

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Page 9: Ministerial approval

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Land owned by Co-operative Bulk Handling Limited (CBH)	<b>Yes</b>
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Child care facilities	<b>No</b>
Sporting clubs and Surf Lifesaving clubs	<b>No</b>
Land used for the pursuit of the Arts	<b>Unsure</b>

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**A service charge to cover basic services and maintenance**



## Rates, fees and charges

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Page 4: About you

**Q4** What is your name?

Cassie Harrison

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Female**

**Q7** What is your age? **19 - 35**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Armadale (City)**

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Page 4: About you

**Q4** What is your name?

Craig Wansbrough

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Staff member or CEO**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Male**

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**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Wanneroo (City)**

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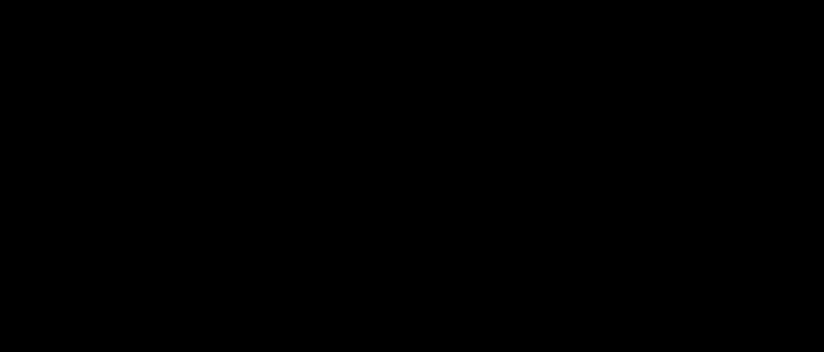
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**Q4** What is your name?

William Muir

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Male**

**Q7** What is your age? **56 - 65**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Swan (City)**

Page 5: About you

**Q9** Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

**Q10** Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 9: Ministerial approval

**Q19** Currently, local governments are required to seek Ministerial approval when seeking to impose a rate in the dollar that is more than twice the lowest of its other rating categories. What is your preferred approach to differential rates?

**Ministerial approval for rates twice the lowest category**

Page 10: Rating exemptions

**Q20** To what extent do you support the following statements?

"All land should be subject to rates."	<b>Very supportive</b>
"The types of land subject to rates should be consistent between local governments."	<b>Very supportive</b>

**Q21** Should the following types of land be subject to rates?

Land owned by the Crown that is used or held for a public purpose	<b>Unsure</b>
Land used or held exclusively for churches (religious bodies)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used or held exclusively for schools	<b>No</b>
Land used exclusively for charitable purposes	<b>Yes</b>
Land vested in trustees for agriculture or horticultural show purposes	<b>Yes</b>
Land owned by Co-operative Bulk Handling Limited (CBH)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used primarily as a place of residence (no matter who owns the land)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used for mining exploration or prospecting	<b>Yes</b>
Aged care facilities	<b>Yes</b>
Child care facilities	<b>Yes</b>
Sporting clubs and Surf Lifesaving clubs	<b>Yes</b>
Land used for the pursuit of the Arts	<b>Yes</b>

**Q22** Which of following charges should be levied on properties exempt from rates?

**Both**

## Rates, fees and charges

### Q23 Should a concession on rates be granted in any of the following scenarios?

The land is owned by a person who currently receives a pensioner or health related concession	<b>Yes</b>
The land is owned or used by a not-for-profit organisation	<b>No</b>
The land is owned or used by an entity that provides assistance or encouragement for arts or cultural development	<b>No</b>
The land is owned or used by a sporting or recreation body and is available for use by the general community without charge or below cost	<b>No</b>
Community service organisations that are not-for-profit, for the benefit of the general public and provide community services without charge or below cost	<b>Yes</b>
The payment of rates or charges will cause hardship to the land owner	<b>Unsure</b>
The concession will encourage the economic development of all or part of the local government district	<b>No</b>
The concession will encourage land that is of cultural, environmental, historic, heritage or scientific significance to the local government area to be preserved, restored or maintained	<b>Unsure</b>
Land that is subject to a mining tenement	<b>Unsure</b>
Land that is determined by the Minister to be subject to a concession	<b>Unsure</b>

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**Q24** Should any other scenarios be subject to rates concessions? **Respondent skipped this question**

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**Q25** Which of following charges should be levied on that part of the land that receives a rates concession? **Both**

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### Q26 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Rate exemptions for the commercial (non-charitable) business activities of charitable organisations should be removed."	<b>Very supportive</b>
"Certain categories of ratepayers, for example Independent Living Units, should only be exempt from rates where they qualify under the Commonwealth Aged Care Act 1997."	<b>Supportive</b>
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## Rates, fees and charges

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"Services that are consistent across local governments should have the same fees or charges."	<b>Very Supportive</b>
"Local governments should not set a fee or charge higher than the cost of delivering that service."	<b>Very Supportive</b>
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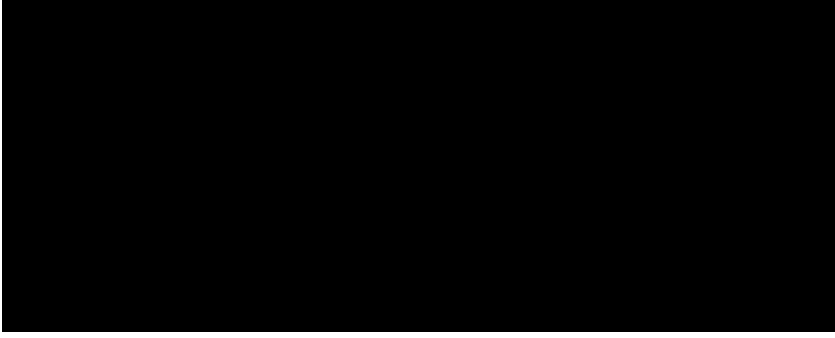
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### Page 12: Additional comments

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It is unfair that like properties in the same street are rated as GRV and UV due to random change of rating classification, with the GRV properties attracting double the rates of the UV properties when both have the same area and a similar residence and used for the same purpose. Rates should not be calculated on the fictitious rental valuation of a property this is unfair as the same services are supplied to each residence, what the properties rental value is should have nothing to do with rates, all properties in the same area should pay the same rates per residence as they are supplied the same services. We happen to be in a rural area but are rated the same as the urban areas. We have no footpaths, street lights, kerbs, public transport or other urban services yet are rated as having them (GRV). Local government is charging like a bank. We are being charged fees for no services.

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Page 2: About you

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**Q2** Who are you completing this submission on behalf of? **Yourself**

Page 3: Your organisation

**Q3** What is the name of the organisation? **Respondent skipped this question**

Page 4: About you

**Q4** What is your name?

Richard Foster

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Male**

**Q7** What is your age? **66 - 75**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Belmont (City)**

Page 5: About you

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Page 9: Ministerial approval

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Land vested in trustees for agriculture or horticultural show purposes	<b>Unsure</b>
Land owned by Co-operative Bulk Handling Limited (CBH)	<b>Unsure</b>
Land used primarily as a place of residence (no matter who owns the land)	<b>Yes</b>
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Aged care facilities	<b>No</b>
Child care facilities	<b>No</b>
Sporting clubs and Surf Lifesaving clubs	<b>No</b>
Land used for the pursuit of the Arts	<b>No</b>

**Q22** Which of following charges should be levied on properties exempt from rates? **Both**

## Rates, fees and charges

### Q23 Should a concession on rates be granted in any of the following scenarios?

The land is owned by a person who currently receives a pensioner or health related concession	<b>Yes</b>
The land is owned or used by a not-for-profit organisation	<b>Yes</b>
The land is owned or used by an entity that provides assistance or encouragement for arts or cultural development	<b>Yes</b>
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Community service organisations that are not-for-profit, for the benefit of the general public and provide community services without charge or below cost	<b>Yes</b>
The payment of rates or charges will cause hardship to the land owner	<b>No</b>
The concession will encourage the economic development of all or part of the local government district	<b>No</b>
The concession will encourage land that is of cultural, environmental, historic, heritage or scientific significance to the local government area to be preserved, restored or maintained	<b>Yes</b>
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**Q24** Should any other scenarios be subject to rates concessions? **Respondent skipped this question**

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"Certain categories of ratepayers, for example Independent Living Units, should only be exempt from rates where they qualify under the Commonwealth Aged Care Act 1997."	<b>Supportive</b>
"Land used as a residence should not be regarded as charitable."	<b>Supportive</b>

## Rates, fees and charges

**Q27** To what extent do you support the following statements?

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"Services that are consistent across local governments should have the same fees or charges."	<b>Supportive</b>
"Local governments should not set a fee or charge higher than the cost of delivering that service."	<b>Supportive</b>
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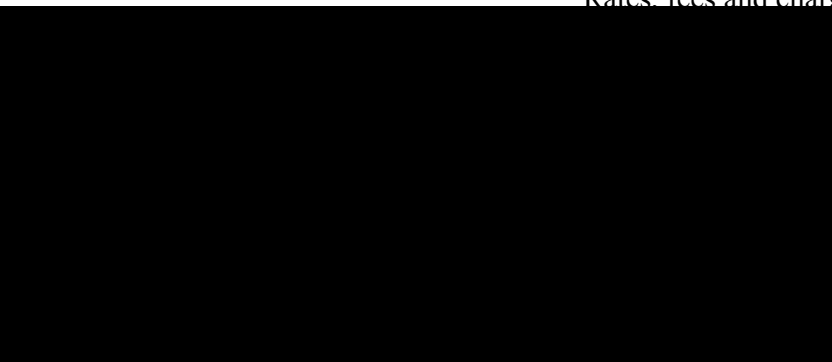
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## Page 2: About you

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**Q2** Who are you completing this submission on behalf of? **Yourself**

## Page 3: Your organisation

**Q3** What is the name of the organisation? **Respondent skipped this question**

## Page 4: About you

**Q4** What is your name?

Tony Nottle

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Staff member or CEO**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Male**

**Q7** What is your age? **36 - 45**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Busselton (City)**

## Page 5: About you

**Q9** Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **No**

**Q10** Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 9: Ministerial approval

**Q19** Currently, local governments are required to seek Ministerial approval when seeking to impose a rate in the dollar that is more than twice the lowest of its other rating categories. What is your preferred approach to differential rates?

Other (please specify):

This adds a political process to a workflow that is needed to be controlled by the LG. It should not be the case.

Page 10: Rating exemptions

**Q20** To what extent do you support the following statements?

"All land should be subject to rates."

**Supportive**

"The types of land subject to rates should be consistent between local governments."

**Supportive**

**Q21** Should the following types of land be subject to rates?

Land owned by the Crown that is used or held for a public purpose	<b>Yes</b>
Land used or held exclusively for churches (religious bodies)	<b>Yes</b>
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Land used exclusively for charitable purposes	<b>Yes</b>
Land vested in trustees for agriculture or horticultural show purposes	<b>Yes</b>
Land owned by Co-operative Bulk Handling Limited (CBH)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used primarily as a place of residence (no matter who owns the land)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used for mining exploration or prospecting	<b>Yes</b>
Aged care facilities	<b>Yes</b>
Child care facilities	<b>Yes</b>
Sporting clubs and Surf Lifesaving clubs	<b>Yes</b>
Land used for the pursuit of the Arts	<b>Yes</b>

**Q22** Which of following charges should be levied on properties exempt from rates?

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## Rates, fees and charges

### Q23 Should a concession on rates be granted in any of the following scenarios?

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The land is owned or used by a not-for-profit organisation	<b>Yes</b>
The land is owned or used by an entity that provides assistance or encouragement for arts or cultural development	<b>Yes</b>
The land is owned or used by a sporting or recreation body and is available for use by the general community without charge or below cost	<b>Yes</b>
Community service organisations that are not-for-profit, for the benefit of the general public and provide community services without charge or below cost	<b>Yes</b>
The payment of rates or charges will cause hardship to the land owner	<b>Yes</b>
The concession will encourage the economic development of all or part of the local government district	<b>Yes</b>
The concession will encourage land that is of cultural, environmental, historic, heritage or scientific significance to the local government area to be preserved, restored or maintained	<b>Yes</b>
Land that is subject to a mining tenement	<b>Yes</b>
Land that is determined by the Minister to be subject to a concession	<b>Yes</b>

### Q24 Should any other scenarios be subject to rates concessions?

Everyone should be charged rates. Then the LG can grant concessions to who it sees fit provided certain requirements or principles are maintained.

### Q25 Which of following charges should be levied on that part of the land that receives a rates concession?

Respondent skipped this question

### Q26 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Rate exemptions for the commercial (non-charitable) business activities of charitable organisations should be removed."	<b>Very supportive</b>
"Certain categories of ratepayers, for example Independent Living Units, should only be exempt from rates where they qualify under the Commonwealth Aged Care Act 1997."	<b>Very supportive</b>
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## Rates, fees and charges

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### Page 12: Additional comments

**Q28** Do you have any additional comments on the topic of rates, fees and charges? Additional information can also be provided to the review team via email at [actreview@dlgsc.wa.gov.au](mailto:actreview@dlgsc.wa.gov.au).

Principles of response:

1. Everyone should pay rates, the Act should allow the LG to be able to grant concessions to certain groups under a set of rules/guidelines. It would be up to the LG to decide who gets the concession;
  2. LG is a service provider, if it chooses, then it should be allowed to set a lower fee for service as it sees fit. It should also have the right to set a fee over and above to help control certain aspects of the organisation and the community;
  3. The Valuer General needs more resources.
  4. We need clarity on rural res areas that are essentially being used for GRV purposes.
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Page 2: About you

**Q1** Have you read the discussion paper associated with this survey? **Yes**

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Page 3: Your organisation

**Q3** What is the name of the organisation?

Shire of Plantagenet

Page 4: About you

**Q4** What is your name?

Robert Stewart

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Staff member or CEO**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Male**

**Q7** What is your age? **56 - 65**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Plantagenet (Shire)**

Page 5: About you

**Q9** Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **No**

## Rates, fees and charges

**Q10** Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

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### Page 9: Ministerial approval

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### Page 10: Rating exemptions

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Land vested in trustees for agriculture or horticultural show purposes **No**

Land owned by Co-operative Bulk Handling Limited (CBH) **Yes**

Land used primarily as a place of residence (no matter who owns the land) **Yes**

Land used for mining exploration or prospecting **Yes**

Aged care facilities **Yes**

Child care facilities **Yes**

Sporting clubs and Surf Lifesaving clubs **Yes**

Land used for the pursuit of the Arts **Yes**

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## Rates, fees and charges

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Land that is subject to a mining tenement	<b>No</b>
Land that is determined by the Minister to be subject to a concession	<b>No</b>

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### Q24 Should any other scenarios be subject to rates concessions?

The answers to the above question are based on the thinking that if everything is rateable, then the council is then in a position to determine whether a grant of ex gratia payment is made to offset those rates.

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### Q25 Which of following charges should be levied on that part of the land that receives a rates concession?

### Q26 To what extent do you support the following statements?

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## Rates, fees and charges

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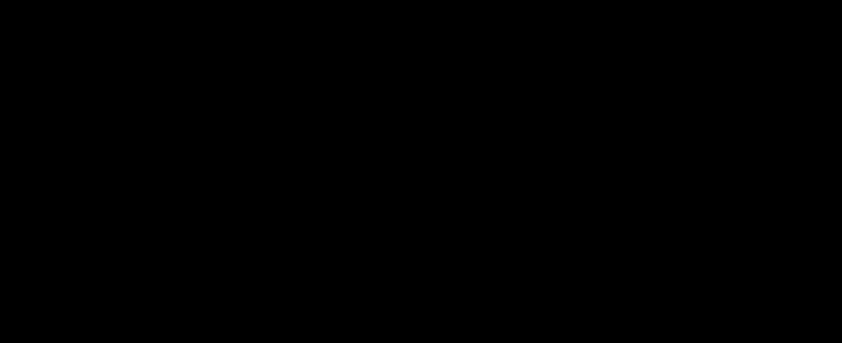
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As a taxing authority it is sometimes ok to subsidise a fee or charge.

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Page 3: Your organisation

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Shire of Chapman Valley

Page 4: About you

**Q4** What is your name?

Shire of Chapman Valley

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**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Male**

**Q7** What is your age? **56 - 65**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Chapman Valley (Shire)**

Page 5: About you

**Q9** Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

## Rates, fees and charges

**Q10** Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

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### Page 9: Ministerial approval

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Land that is determined by the Minister to be subject to a concession	<b>No</b>

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### Q24 Should any other scenarios be subject to rates concessions?

Rate concessions should be at the discretion of the LGA

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### Q25 Which of following charges should be levied on that part of the land that receives a rates concession?

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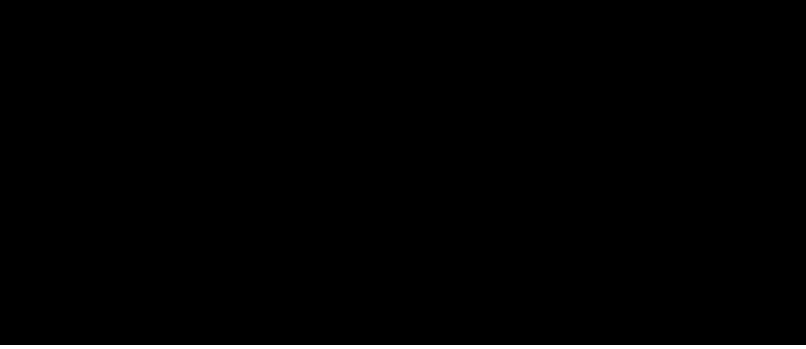
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Page 3: Your organisation

**Q3** What is the name of the organisation?

Shire of Meekatharra

Page 4: About you

**Q4** What is your name?

Roy McClymont

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Response is on behalf of a Local Government (Council endorsed)**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Male**

**Q7** What is your age? **56 - 65**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Meekatharra (Shire)**

Page 5: About you

**Q9** Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

## Rates, fees and charges

**Q10** Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

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### Page 9: Ministerial approval

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"All land should be subject to rates." **Neutral**  
"The types of land subject to rates should be consistent between local governments." **Supportive**

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**Q21** Should the following types of land be subject to rates?

Land owned by the Crown that is used or held for a public purpose	<b>No</b>
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Land owned by Co-operative Bulk Handling Limited (CBH)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used primarily as a place of residence (no matter who owns the land)	<b>Yes</b>
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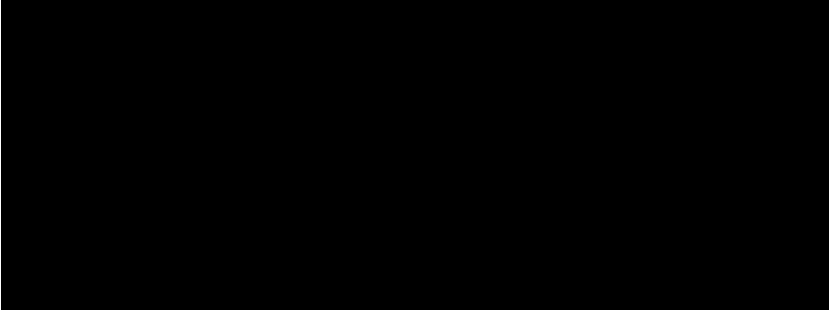
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Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale

Page 4: About you

**Q4** What is your name?

Aaron

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Response is on behalf of a Local Government (Council endorsed)**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Not applicable / the submission is from an organisation**

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**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Serpentine-Jarrahdale (Shire)**

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## Rates, fees and charges

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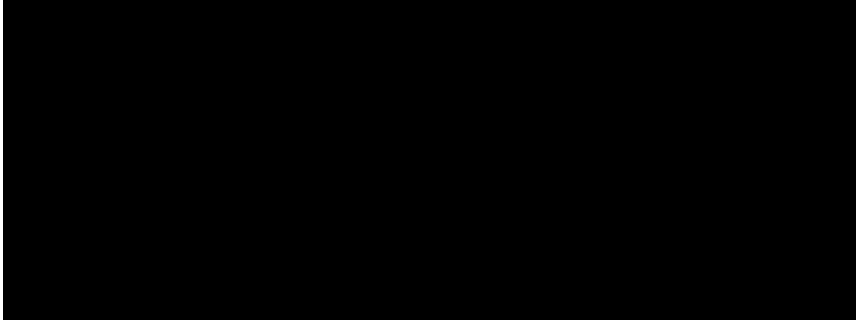
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Nil

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Page 4: About you

**Q4** What is your name?

Henry Stawarz

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Male**

**Q7** What is your age? **66 - 75**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Cambridge (Town)**

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Minister should approve the level of rating to all categories based on what can be justified based on the level of services applicable in each case.

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The principle should apply that all who benefit from services provided by local government should contribute to the cost of those services via the rates and fees levied.

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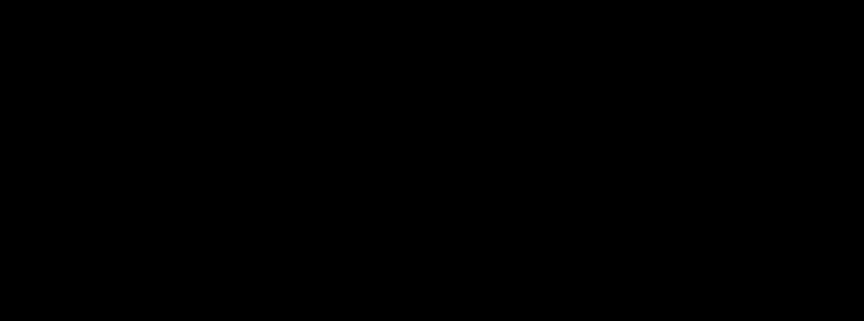
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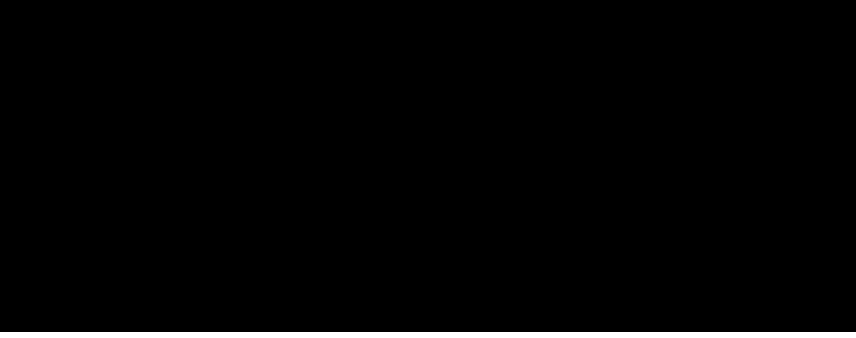
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Councillor King

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**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Male**

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**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Chittering (Shire)**

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## Rates, fees and charges

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The land is owned by a person who currently receives a pensioner or health related concession	<b>Yes</b>
The land is owned or used by a not-for-profit organisation	<b>Yes</b>
The land is owned or used by an entity that provides assistance or encouragement for arts or cultural development	<b>No</b>
The land is owned or used by a sporting or recreation body and is available for use by the general community without charge or below cost	<b>Yes</b>
Community service organisations that are not-for-profit, for the benefit of the general public and provide community services without charge or below cost	<b>Yes</b>
The payment of rates or charges will cause hardship to the land owner	<b>No</b>
The concession will encourage the economic development of all or part of the local government district	<b>No</b>
The concession will encourage land that is of cultural, environmental, historic, heritage or scientific significance to the local government area to be preserved, restored or maintained	<b>No</b>
Land that is subject to a mining tenement	<b>No</b>
Land that is determined by the Minister to be subject to a concession	<b>Yes</b>

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**Q24** Should any other scenarios be subject to rates concessions? **Respondent skipped this question**

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**Q25** Which of following charges should be levied on that part of the land that receives a rates concession? **Both**

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### Q26 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Rate exemptions for the commercial (non-charitable) business activities of charitable organisations should be removed."	<b>Very unsupportive</b>
"Certain categories of ratepayers, for example Independent Living Units, should only be exempt from rates where they qualify under the Commonwealth Aged Care Act 1997."	<b>Very supportive</b>
"Land used as a residence should not be regarded as charitable."	<b>Very unsupportive</b>

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## Rates, fees and charges

**Q27** To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Local governments should be able to impose fixed charges or levies for particular services, facilities or activities."	<b>Supportive</b>
"Local governments should be able to vary fees and charges at any time without advertising the change."	<b>Very unsupportive</b>
"Local governments should have the autonomy to set fees and charges for all services they provide."	<b>Supportive</b>
"Services that are consistent across local governments should have the same fees or charges."	<b>Very Supportive</b>
"Local governments should not set a fee or charge higher than the cost of delivering that service."	<b>Very Supportive</b>
"A fee or charge should not be set lower than the cost of delivering that service."	<b>Very Supportive</b>
"Fees and charges imposed by local government and fixed under legislation should increase by CPI annually."	<b>Supportive</b>

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Page 12: Additional comments

**Q28** Do you have any additional comments on the topic of rates, fees and charges? Additional information can also be provided to the review team via email at [actreview@dlgsc.wa.gov.au](mailto:actreview@dlgsc.wa.gov.au). **Respondent skipped this question**

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Page 3: Your organisation

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Page 4: About you

**Q4** What is your name?

Councillor Ross

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Council member, including Mayor or President**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Female**

**Q7** What is your age? **56 - 65**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Chittering (Shire)**

Page 5: About you

**Q9** Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

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Page 9: Ministerial approval

**Q19** Currently, local governments are required to seek Ministerial approval when seeking to impose a rate in the dollar that is more than twice the lowest of its other rating categories. What is your preferred approach to differential rates?

**Ministerial approval for rates three times the lowest category**

Page 10: Rating exemptions

**Q20** To what extent do you support the following statements?

"All land should be subject to rates."	<b>Supportive</b>
"The types of land subject to rates should be consistent between local governments."	<b>Very supportive</b>

**Q21** Should the following types of land be subject to rates?

Land owned by the Crown that is used or held for a public purpose	<b>Yes</b>
Land used or held exclusively for churches (religious bodies)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used or held exclusively for schools	<b>Yes</b>
Land used exclusively for charitable purposes	<b>Yes</b>
Land vested in trustees for agriculture or horticultural show purposes	<b>Yes</b>
Land owned by Co-operative Bulk Handling Limited (CBH)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used primarily as a place of residence (no matter who owns the land)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used for mining exploration or prospecting	<b>Yes</b>
Aged care facilities	<b>Yes</b>
Child care facilities	<b>Yes</b>
Sporting clubs and Surf Lifesaving clubs	<b>Yes</b>
Land used for the pursuit of the Arts	<b>Yes</b>

**Q22** Which of following charges should be levied on properties exempt from rates?

**A service charge to cover basic services and maintenance**

## Rates, fees and charges

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Community service organisations that are not-for-profit, for the benefit of the general public and provide community services without charge or below cost	<b>Yes</b>
The payment of rates or charges will cause hardship to the land owner	<b>No</b>
The concession will encourage the economic development of all or part of the local government district	<b>Yes</b>
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The more important matter is the level of the concession

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**Both**

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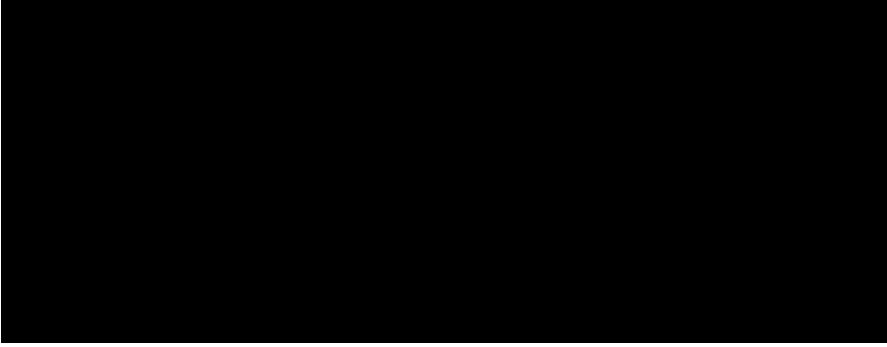
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**Q3** What is the name of the organisation?

Central Country Zone

Page 4: About you

**Q4** What is your name?

Central Country Zone

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Peak body**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Not applicable / the submission is from an organisation**

**Q7** What is your age? **Not applicable**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Not listed**

Page 5: About you

**Q9** Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

## Rates, fees and charges

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### Page 9: Ministerial approval

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### Page 10: Rating exemptions

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"All land should be subject to rates." **Very supportive**

"The types of land subject to rates should be consistent between local governments." **Very supportive**

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Land owned by the Crown that is used or held for a public purpose **Yes**

Land used or held exclusively for churches (religious bodies) **Yes**

Land used or held exclusively for schools **Yes**

Land used exclusively for charitable purposes **Yes**

Land vested in trustees for agriculture or horticultural show purposes **Yes**

Land owned by Co-operative Bulk Handling Limited (CBH) **Yes**

Land used primarily as a place of residence (no matter who owns the land) **Yes**

Land used for mining exploration or prospecting **Yes**

Aged care facilities **Yes**

Child care facilities **Yes**

Sporting clubs and Surf Lifesaving clubs **Yes**

Land used for the pursuit of the Arts **Yes**

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**Q22** Which of following charges should be levied on properties exempt from rates? **Both**

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## Rates, fees and charges

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The land is owned or used by an entity that provides assistance or encouragement for arts or cultural development	<b>No</b>
The land is owned or used by a sporting or recreation body and is available for use by the general community without charge or below cost	<b>No</b>
Community service organisations that are not-for-profit, for the benefit of the general public and provide community services without charge or below cost	<b>No</b>
The payment of rates or charges will cause hardship to the land owner	<b>No</b>
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Land that is subject to a mining tenement	<b>No</b>
Land that is determined by the Minister to be subject to a concession	<b>No</b>

### Q24 Should any other scenarios be subject to rates concessions?

The CCZ supports that a concession should be granted on land that is owned by a person who currently receives a pensioner or health related concession but all other concessions should be at the discretion of the individual local government. It was commented that it is not uncommon for a local government to donate some or all of the rates back to an organisation that pays rates but its work is considered of a charitable or sporting nature.

Concern was raised about the circumstances of Crown land, owned by way of native title, by an Aboriginal organisation, being exempt from rates even though it may operate a commercial activity. It is noted that Crown Land is generally rated if used/leased for commercial purposes.

### Q25 Which of following charges should be levied on that part of the land that receives a rates concession?

**Both**

### Q26 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Rate exemptions for the commercial (non-charitable) business activities of charitable organisations should be removed."	<b>Very supportive</b>
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Page 11: Fees

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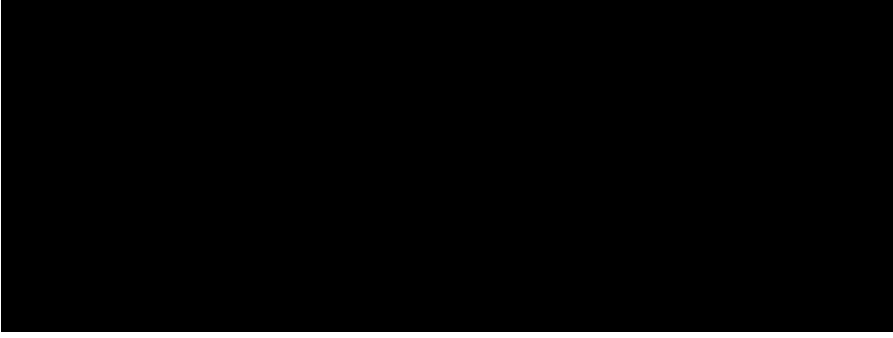
"Local governments should be able to impose fixed charges or levies for particular services, facilities or activities."	<b>Very Supportive</b>
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Shire of Merredin

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**Q4** What is your name?

Shire of Merredin

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Response is on behalf of a Local Government (Council endorsed)**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Not applicable / the submission is from an organisation**

**Q7** What is your age? **Not applicable**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Not listed**

Page 5: About you

**Q9** Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

## Rates, fees and charges

**Q10** Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

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### Page 9: Ministerial approval

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### Page 10: Rating exemptions

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"All land should be subject to rates." **Supportive**

"The types of land subject to rates should be consistent between local governments." **Supportive**

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Land owned by the Crown that is used or held for a public purpose **Yes**

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Land used exclusively for charitable purposes **Yes**

Land vested in trustees for agriculture or horticultural show purposes **Yes**

Land owned by Co-operative Bulk Handling Limited (CBH) **Yes**

Land used primarily as a place of residence (no matter who owns the land) **Yes**

Land used for mining exploration or prospecting **Yes**

Aged care facilities **Yes**

Child care facilities **Yes**

Sporting clubs and Surf Lifesaving clubs **Yes**

Land used for the pursuit of the Arts **Yes**

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The payment of rates or charges will cause hardship to the land owner	<b>No</b>
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No comment

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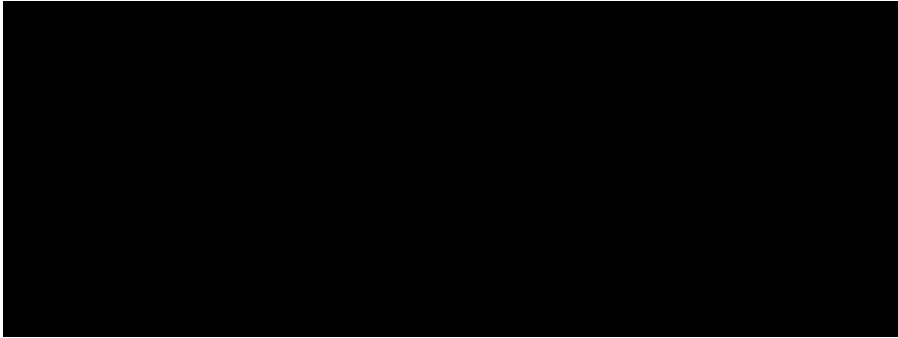
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Page 4: About you

**Q4** What is your name?

Mal McFetridge

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Male**

**Q7** What is your age? **66 - 75**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Rockingham (City)**

Page 5: About you

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Page 10: Rating exemptions

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Land vested in trustees for agriculture or horticultural show purposes	<b>No</b>
Land owned by Co-operative Bulk Handling Limited (CBH)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used primarily as a place of residence (no matter who owns the land)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used for mining exploration or prospecting	<b>Yes</b>
Aged care facilities	<b>No</b>
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Sporting clubs and Surf Lifesaving clubs	<b>No</b>
Land used for the pursuit of the Arts	<b>Yes</b>

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## Rates, fees and charges

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The payment of rates or charges will cause hardship to the land owner	<b>Unsure</b>
The concession will encourage the economic development of all or part of the local government district	<b>No</b>
The concession will encourage land that is of cultural, environmental, historic, heritage or scientific significance to the local government area to be preserved, restored or maintained	<b>Yes</b>
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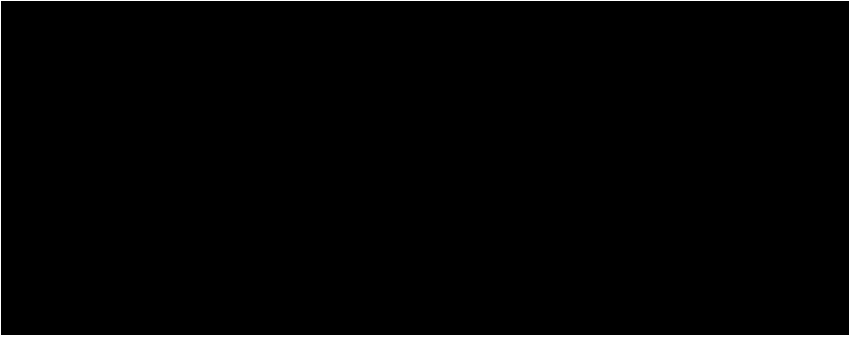
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Question 12.2 should read 'rental' value as property value and the GRV do not rise and fall at the same rate.

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Karen Chappel

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**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Morawa (Shire)**

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Land owned by Co-operative Bulk Handling Limited (CBH)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used primarily as a place of residence (no matter who owns the land)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used for mining exploration or prospecting	<b>Yes</b>
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The payment of rates or charges will cause hardship to the land owner	<b>No</b>
The concession will encourage the economic development of all or part of the local government district	<b>No</b>
The concession will encourage land that is of cultural, environmental, historic, heritage or scientific significance to the local government area to be preserved, restored or maintained	<b>Yes</b>
Land that is subject to a mining tenement	<b>No</b>
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"Rate exemptions for the commercial (non-charitable) business activities of charitable organisations should be removed."	<b>Supportive</b>
"Certain categories of ratepayers, for example Independent Living Units, should only be exempt from rates where they qualify under the Commonwealth Aged Care Act 1997."	<b>Supportive</b>
"Land used as a residence should not be regarded as charitable."	<b>Supportive</b>

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## Rates, fees and charges

**Q27** To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Local governments should be able to impose fixed charges or levies for particular services, facilities or activities."	<b>Supportive</b>
"Local governments should be able to vary fees and charges at any time without advertising the change."	<b>Unsupportive</b>
"Local governments should have the autonomy to set fees and charges for all services they provide."	<b>Supportive</b>
"Services that are consistent across local governments should have the same fees or charges."	<b>Unsupportive</b>
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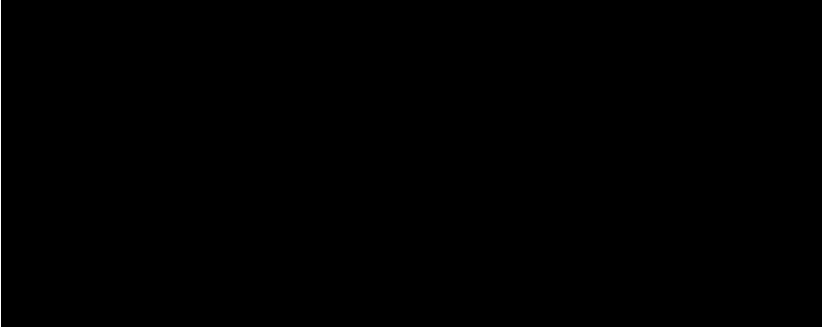
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Page 2: About you

**Q1** Have you read the discussion paper associated with this survey? **Yes**

**Q2** Who are you completing this submission on behalf of? **An organisation, including a Local Government, peak body or a business**

Page 3: Your organisation

**Q3** What is the name of the organisation?

Shire of Bruce Rock

Page 4: About you

**Q4** What is your name?

Shire of Bruce Rock

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Response is on behalf of a Local Government (Council endorsed)**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Not applicable / the submission is from an organisation**

**Q7** What is your age? **Not applicable**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Bruce Rock (Shire)**

Page 5: About you

**Q9** Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

## Rates, fees and charges

**Q10** Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

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### Page 9: Ministerial approval

**Q19** Currently, local governments are required to seek Ministerial approval when seeking to impose a rate in the dollar that is more than twice the lowest of its other rating categories. What is your preferred approach to differential rates? **Respondent skipped this question**

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### Page 10: Rating exemptions

**Q20** To what extent do you support the following statements?

"All land should be subject to rates." **Supportive**

"The types of land subject to rates should be consistent between local governments." **Supportive**

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**Q21** Should the following types of land be subject to rates?

Land owned by the Crown that is used or held for a public purpose **Yes**

Land used or held exclusively for churches (religious bodies) **Unsure**

Land used or held exclusively for schools **Yes**

Land used exclusively for charitable purposes **Yes**

Land vested in trustees for agriculture or horticultural show purposes **Unsure**

Land owned by Co-operative Bulk Handling Limited (CBH) **Yes**

Land used primarily as a place of residence (no matter who owns the land) **Yes**

Land used for mining exploration or prospecting **Yes**

Aged care facilities **Yes**

Child care facilities **Yes**

Sporting clubs and Surf Lifesaving clubs **Yes**

Land used for the pursuit of the Arts **Yes**

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**Q22** Which of following charges should be levied on properties exempt from rates? **Both**

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## Rates, fees and charges

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The land is owned by a person who currently receives a pensioner or health related concession	<b>Yes</b>
The land is owned or used by a not-for-profit organisation	<b>No</b>
The land is owned or used by an entity that provides assistance or encouragement for arts or cultural development	<b>No</b>
The land is owned or used by a sporting or recreation body and is available for use by the general community without charge or below cost	<b>Yes</b>
Community service organisations that are not-for-profit, for the benefit of the general public and provide community services without charge or below cost	<b>Yes</b>
The payment of rates or charges will cause hardship to the land owner	<b>No</b>
The concession will encourage the economic development of all or part of the local government district	<b>Unsure</b>
The concession will encourage land that is of cultural, environmental, historic, heritage or scientific significance to the local government area to be preserved, restored or maintained	<b>Unsure</b>
Land that is subject to a mining tenement	<b>No</b>
Land that is determined by the Minister to be subject to a concession	<b>Unsure</b>

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**Q24** Should any other scenarios be subject to rates concessions? **Respondent skipped this question**

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**Q25** Which of following charges should be levied on that part of the land that receives a rates concession? **Both**

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### Q26 To what extent do you support the following statements?

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## Rates, fees and charges

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"Local governments should have the autonomy to set fees and charges for all services they provide."	<b>Supportive</b>
"Services that are consistent across local governments should have the same fees or charges."	<b>Unsupportive</b>
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Page 2: About you

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Page 3: Your organisation

**Q3** What is the name of the organisation? **Respondent skipped this question**

Page 4: About you

**Q4** What is your name?

Sally Kenton

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Female**

**Q7** What is your age? **66 - 75**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Joondalup (City)**

Page 5: About you

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**Q10** Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 9: Ministerial approval

**Q19** Currently, local governments are required to seek Ministerial approval when seeking to impose a rate in the dollar that is more than twice the lowest of its other rating categories. What is your preferred approach to differential rates?

**Ministerial approval for rates twice the lowest category**

Page 10: Rating exemptions

**Q20** To what extent do you support the following statements?

"All land should be subject to rates."	<b>Very supportive</b>
"The types of land subject to rates should be consistent between local governments."	<b>Very supportive</b>

**Q21** Should the following types of land be subject to rates?

Land owned by the Crown that is used or held for a public purpose	<b>No</b>
Land used or held exclusively for churches (religious bodies)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used or held exclusively for schools	<b>No</b>
Land used exclusively for charitable purposes	<b>Yes</b>
Land vested in trustees for agriculture or horticultural show purposes	<b>Yes</b>
Land owned by Co-operative Bulk Handling Limited (CBH)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used primarily as a place of residence (no matter who owns the land)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used for mining exploration or prospecting	<b>Yes</b>
Aged care facilities	<b>Yes</b>
Child care facilities	<b>Yes</b>
Sporting clubs and Surf Lifesaving clubs	<b>Yes</b>
Land used for the pursuit of the Arts	<b>Yes</b>

**Q22** Which of following charges should be levied on properties exempt from rates?

**A service charge to cover basic services and maintenance**

## Rates, fees and charges

### Q23 Should a concession on rates be granted in any of the following scenarios?

The land is owned by a person who currently receives a pensioner or health related concession	<b>No</b>
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The payment of rates or charges will cause hardship to the land owner	<b>No</b>
The concession will encourage the economic development of all or part of the local government district	<b>No</b>
The concession will encourage land that is of cultural, environmental, historic, heritage or scientific significance to the local government area to be preserved, restored or maintained	<b>Yes</b>
Land that is subject to a mining tenement	<b>No</b>
Land that is determined by the Minister to be subject to a concession	<b>No</b>

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### Q24 Should any other scenarios be subject to rates concessions?

**Respondent skipped this question**

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### Q25 Which of following charges should be levied on that part of the land that receives a rates concession?

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### Q26 To what extent do you support the following statements?

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"Certain categories of ratepayers, for example Independent Living Units, should only be exempt from rates where they qualify under the Commonwealth Aged Care Act 1997."	<b>Neutral</b>
"Land used as a residence should not be regarded as charitable."	<b>Very supportive</b>

## Rates, fees and charges

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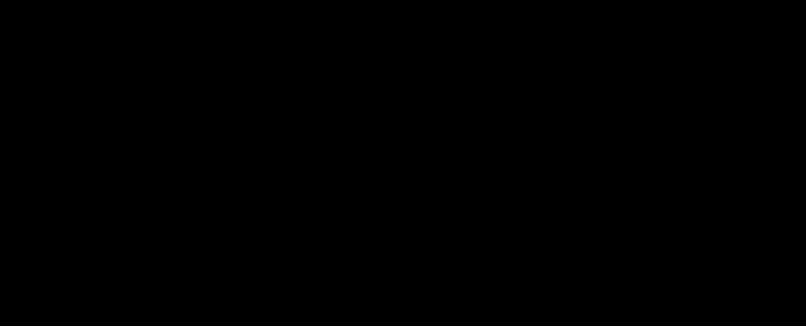
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Page 4: About you

**Q4** What is your name?

Maurice Battilana

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Staff member or CEO**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Male**

**Q7** What is your age? **56 - 65**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Chapman Valley (Shire)**

Page 5: About you

**Q9** Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

**Q10** Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 9: Ministerial approval

**Q19** Currently, local governments are required to seek Ministerial approval when seeking to impose a rate in the dollar that is more than twice the lowest of its other rating categories. What is your preferred approach to differential rates?

**No Ministerial approval required for any differential rates**

Page 10: Rating exemptions

**Q20** To what extent do you support the following statements?

"All land should be subject to rates."	<b>Very supportive</b>
"The types of land subject to rates should be consistent between local governments."	<b>Supportive</b>

**Q21** Should the following types of land be subject to rates?

Land owned by the Crown that is used or held for a public purpose	<b>Yes</b>
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## Rates, fees and charges

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### Q24 Should any other scenarios be subject to rates concessions?

Rate concessions should be at the discretion of the LGA

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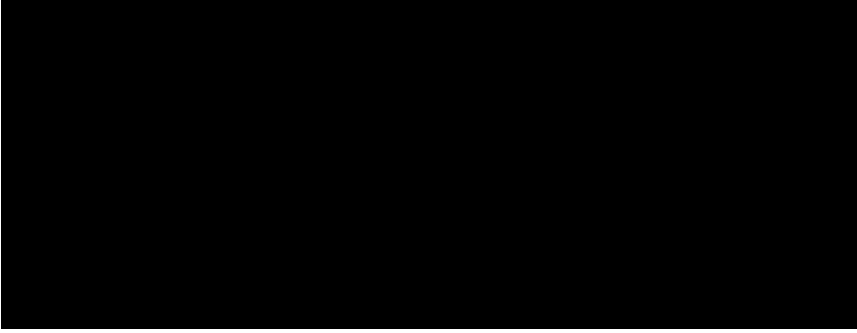
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Page 3: Your organisation

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Page 4: About you

**Q4** What is your name?

Dave Blackburn

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Male**

**Q7** What is your age? **66 - 75**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Joondalup (City)**

Page 5: About you

**Q9** Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

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Page 9: Ministerial approval

**Q19** Currently, local governments are required to seek Ministerial approval when seeking to impose a rate in the dollar that is more than twice the lowest of its other rating categories. What is your preferred approach to differential rates?

**Ministerial approval for rates twice the lowest category**

Page 10: Rating exemptions

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Land vested in trustees for agriculture or horticultural show purposes	<b>No</b>
Land owned by Co-operative Bulk Handling Limited (CBH)	<b>Unsure</b>
Land used primarily as a place of residence (no matter who owns the land)	<b>Yes</b>
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Aged care facilities	<b>Yes</b>
Child care facilities	<b>Yes</b>
Sporting clubs and Surf Lifesaving clubs	<b>No</b>
Land used for the pursuit of the Arts	<b>No</b>

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**Both**

## Rates, fees and charges

### Q23 Should a concession on rates be granted in any of the following scenarios?

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**Q24** Should any other scenarios be subject to rates concessions? **Respondent skipped this question**

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Fee increases shouldn't be locked in to automatic CPI increases as technology and efficiency improvements should be utilised to minimise increases or even reduce fees.

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Page 3: Your organisation

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Page 4: About you

**Q4** What is your name?

Craig Ashworth

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Male**

**Q7** What is your age? **36 - 45**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Cockburn (City)**

Page 5: About you

**Q9** Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

**Q10** Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 9: Ministerial approval

**Q19** Currently, local governments are required to seek Ministerial approval when seeking to impose a rate in the dollar that is more than twice the lowest of its other rating categories. What is your preferred approach to differential rates?

**Differential rates to a maximum of four times may be set with no option for Ministerial approval**

Page 10: Rating exemptions

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**Very supportive**

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## Rates, fees and charges

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Every property and piece of land shall be subject to rates.

Religious institutes and charitable organisations should come under the commercial banner.

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## Page 3: Your organisation

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## Page 4: About you

**Q4** What is your name?

Leanne Chaproniere

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Female**

**Q7** What is your age? **56 - 65**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Cockburn (City)**

## Page 5: About you

**Q9** Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

**Q10** Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 9: Ministerial approval

**Q19** Currently, local governments are required to seek Ministerial approval when seeking to impose a rate in the dollar that is more than twice the lowest of its other rating categories. What is your preferred approach to differential rates?

**Ministerial approval for rates twice the lowest category**

Page 10: Rating exemptions

**Q20** To what extent do you support the following statements?

"All land should be subject to rates."	<b>Very supportive</b>
"The types of land subject to rates should be consistent between local governments."	<b>Very supportive</b>

**Q21** Should the following types of land be subject to rates?

Land owned by the Crown that is used or held for a public purpose	<b>No</b>
Land used or held exclusively for churches (religious bodies)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used or held exclusively for schools	<b>No</b>
Land used exclusively for charitable purposes	<b>Yes</b>
Land vested in trustees for agriculture or horticultural show purposes	<b>Yes</b>
Land owned by Co-operative Bulk Handling Limited (CBH)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used primarily as a place of residence (no matter who owns the land)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used for mining exploration or prospecting	<b>Yes</b>
Aged care facilities	<b>Yes</b>
Child care facilities	<b>Yes</b>
Sporting clubs and Surf Lifesaving clubs	<b>Yes</b>
Land used for the pursuit of the Arts	<b>Yes</b>

**Q22** Which of following charges should be levied on properties exempt from rates?

**Both**

## Rates, fees and charges

### Q23 Should a concession on rates be granted in any of the following scenarios?

The land is owned by a person who currently receives a pensioner or health related concession	<b>Yes</b>
The land is owned or used by a not-for-profit organisation	<b>Yes</b>
The land is owned or used by an entity that provides assistance or encouragement for arts or cultural development	<b>No</b>
The land is owned or used by a sporting or recreation body and is available for use by the general community without charge or below cost	<b>Yes</b>
Community service organisations that are not-for-profit, for the benefit of the general public and provide community services without charge or below cost	<b>Yes</b>
The payment of rates or charges will cause hardship to the land owner	<b>Yes</b>
The concession will encourage the economic development of all or part of the local government district	<b>No</b>
The concession will encourage land that is of cultural, environmental, historic, heritage or scientific significance to the local government area to be preserved, restored or maintained	<b>No</b>
Land that is subject to a mining tenement	<b>No</b>
Land that is determined by the Minister to be subject to a concession	<b>No</b>

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**Q24** Should any other scenarios be subject to rates concessions? **Respondent skipped this question**

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**Q25** Which of following charges should be levied on that part of the land that receives a rates concession? **Both**

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### Q26 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Rate exemptions for the commercial (non-charitable) business activities of charitable organisations should be removed."	<b>Very unsupportive</b>
"Certain categories of ratepayers, for example Independent Living Units, should only be exempt from rates where they qualify under the Commonwealth Aged Care Act 1997."	<b>Unsupportive</b>
"Land used as a residence should not be regarded as charitable."	<b>Very supportive</b>

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## Rates, fees and charges

### Q27 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Local governments should be able to impose fixed charges or levies for particular services, facilities or activities."	<b>Very Supportive</b>
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"Local governments should have the autonomy to set fees and charges for all services they provide."	<b>Unsupportive</b>
"Services that are consistent across local governments should have the same fees or charges."	<b>Very Supportive</b>
"Local governments should not set a fee or charge higher than the cost of delivering that service."	<b>Very unsupportive</b>
"A fee or charge should not be set lower than the cost of delivering that service."	<b>Very Supportive</b>
"Fees and charges imposed by local government and fixed under legislation should increase by CPI annually."	<b>Neutral</b>

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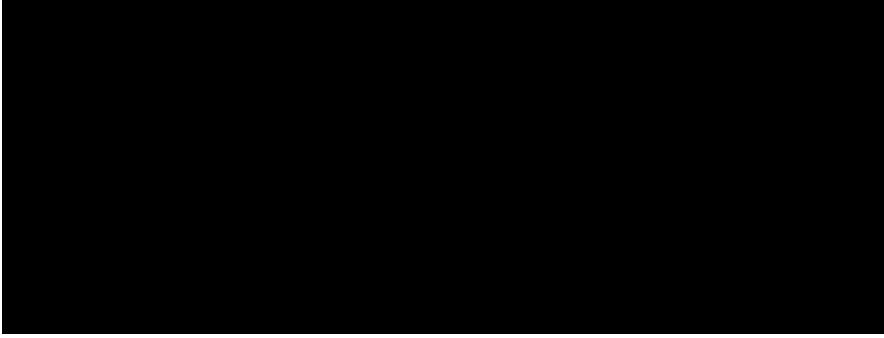
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Local government charges more due to the higher costs of delivery.

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**Q2** Who are you completing this submission on behalf of? **Yourself**

Page 3: Your organisation

**Q3** What is the name of the organisation? **Respondent skipped this question**

Page 4: About you

**Q4** What is your name?

Alan Perkins

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Male**

**Q7** What is your age? **56 - 65**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Belmont (City)**

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Page 9: Ministerial approval

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Page 10: Rating exemptions

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**Q21** Should the following types of land be subject to rates?

Land owned by the Crown that is used or held for a public purpose	<b>Yes</b>
Land used or held exclusively for churches (religious bodies)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used or held exclusively for schools	<b>Yes</b>
Land used exclusively for charitable purposes	<b>Yes</b>
Land vested in trustees for agriculture or horticultural show purposes	<b>Yes</b>
Land owned by Co-operative Bulk Handling Limited (CBH)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used primarily as a place of residence (no matter who owns the land)	<b>Yes</b>
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Aged care facilities	<b>Yes</b>
Child care facilities	<b>Yes</b>
Sporting clubs and Surf Lifesaving clubs	<b>Yes</b>
Land used for the pursuit of the Arts	<b>Yes</b>

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## Rates, fees and charges

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The land is owned by a person who currently receives a pensioner or health related concession	<b>Yes</b>
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The land is owned or used by an entity that provides assistance or encouragement for arts or cultural development	<b>Yes</b>
The land is owned or used by a sporting or recreation body and is available for use by the general community without charge or below cost	<b>Yes</b>
Community service organisations that are not-for-profit, for the benefit of the general public and provide community services without charge or below cost	<b>Yes</b>
The payment of rates or charges will cause hardship to the land owner	<b>No</b>
The concession will encourage the economic development of all or part of the local government district	<b>Yes</b>
The concession will encourage land that is of cultural, environmental, historic, heritage or scientific significance to the local government area to be preserved, restored or maintained	<b>Yes</b>
Land that is subject to a mining tenement	<b>No</b>
Land that is determined by the Minister to be subject to a concession	<b>Yes</b>

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### Q24 Should any other scenarios be subject to rates concessions?

People on Low income

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"Land used as a residence should not be regarded as charitable."	<b>Supportive</b>

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## Rates, fees and charges

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"A fee or charge should not be set lower than the cost of delivering that service."	<b>Unsupportive</b>
"Fees and charges imposed by local government and fixed under legislation should increase by CPI annually."	<b>Supportive</b>

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### Page 12: Additional comments

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All land and property should be rateable but concessions could be given for low income earners, Not for Profit organisations, public schools, Public Aged care centres

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Page 3: Your organisation

**Q3** What is the name of the organisation?

City of Armadale

Page 4: About you

**Q4** What is your name?

Rebecca

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Staff member or CEO**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Female**

**Q7** What is your age? **19 - 35**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Armadale (City)**

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## Rates, fees and charges

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Land used or held exclusively for churches (religious bodies)	<b>No</b>
Land used or held exclusively for schools	<b>No</b>
Land used exclusively for charitable purposes	<b>Yes</b>
Land vested in trustees for agriculture or horticultural show purposes	<b>No</b>
Land owned by Co-operative Bulk Handling Limited (CBH)	<b>Unsure</b>
Land used primarily as a place of residence (no matter who owns the land)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used for mining exploration or prospecting	<b>Unsure</b>
Aged care facilities	<b>Yes</b>
Child care facilities	<b>Yes</b>
Sporting clubs and Surf Lifesaving clubs	<b>No</b>
Land used for the pursuit of the Arts	<b>Unsure</b>

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**Q22** Which of following charges should be levied on properties exempt from rates? **A service charge to cover basic services and maintenance**

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## Rates, fees and charges

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The land is owned by a person who currently receives a pensioner or health related concession	<b>Yes</b>
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The concession will encourage the economic development of all or part of the local government district	<b>Yes</b>
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Land that is subject to a mining tenement	<b>Unsure</b>
Land that is determined by the Minister to be subject to a concession	<b>Yes</b>

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### Q24 Should any other scenarios be subject to rates concessions?

No comment

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"Fees and charges imposed by local government and fixed under legislation should increase by CPI annually."	<b>Supportive</b>

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Page 3: Your organisation

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City of Armadale

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**Q4** What is your name?

Rebecca

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Staff member or CEO**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Female**

**Q7** What is your age? **19 - 35**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Armadale (City)**

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**Q9** Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **No**

## Rates, fees and charges

**Q10** Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

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### Page 9: Ministerial approval

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### Page 10: Rating exemptions

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Land used primarily as a place of residence (no matter who owns the land)	<b>Yes</b>
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Sporting clubs and Surf Lifesaving clubs	<b>No</b>
Land used for the pursuit of the Arts	<b>Unsure</b>

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## Rates, fees and charges

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Land that is determined by the Minister to be subject to a concession	<b>Yes</b>

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### Q24 Should any other scenarios be subject to rates concessions?

No comment

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## Rates, fees and charges

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**Respondent skipped this question**

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Page 3: Your organisation

**Q3** What is the name of the organisation?

Shire of Collie

Page 4: About you

**Q4** What is your name?

David Blurton

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Staff member or CEO**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Male**

**Q7** What is your age? **46 - 55**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Collie (Shire)**

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**Q9** Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

## Rates, fees and charges

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### Page 9: Ministerial approval

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Land used exclusively for charitable purposes **Yes**

Land vested in trustees for agriculture or horticultural show purposes **Yes**

Land owned by Co-operative Bulk Handling Limited (CBH) **Yes**

Land used primarily as a place of residence (no matter who owns the land) **Yes**

Land used for mining exploration or prospecting **Yes**

Aged care facilities **Yes**

Child care facilities **Yes**

Sporting clubs and Surf Lifesaving clubs **No**

Land used for the pursuit of the Arts **Yes**

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**Q22** Which of following charges should be levied on properties exempt from rates? **Waste charges**

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## Rates, fees and charges

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**Q24** Should any other scenarios be subject to rates concessions? **Respondent skipped this question**

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Page 3: Your organisation

**Q3** What is the name of the organisation?

City of Wanneroo

Page 4: About you

**Q4** What is your name?

City of Wanneroo

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Response is on behalf of a Local Government (Council endorsed)**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Not applicable / the submission is from an organisation**

**Q7** What is your age? **Not applicable**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Wanneroo (City)**

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The land is owned or used by a sporting or recreation body and is available for use by the general community without charge or below cost	<b>No</b>
Community service organisations that are not-for-profit, for the benefit of the general public and provide community services without charge or below cost	<b>No</b>
The payment of rates or charges will cause hardship to the land owner	<b>No</b>
The concession will encourage the economic development of all or part of the local government district	<b>No</b>
The concession will encourage land that is of cultural, environmental, historic, heritage or scientific significance to the local government area to be preserved, restored or maintained	<b>No</b>
Land that is subject to a mining tenement	<b>No</b>
Land that is determined by the Minister to be subject to a concession	<b>No</b>

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### Q24 Should any other scenarios be subject to rates concessions?

There are no other scenarios subject to rates that require a concession.

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### Q25 Which of following charges should be levied on that part of the land that receives a rates concession?

**Both**

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### Q26 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Rate exemptions for the commercial (non-charitable) business activities of charitable organisations should be removed."	<b>Very supportive</b>
"Certain categories of ratepayers, for example Independent Living Units, should only be exempt from rates where they qualify under the Commonwealth Aged Care Act 1997."	<b>Very unsupportive</b>
"Land used as a residence should not be regarded as charitable."	<b>Unsupportive</b>

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## Rates, fees and charges

**Q27** To what extent do you support the following statements?

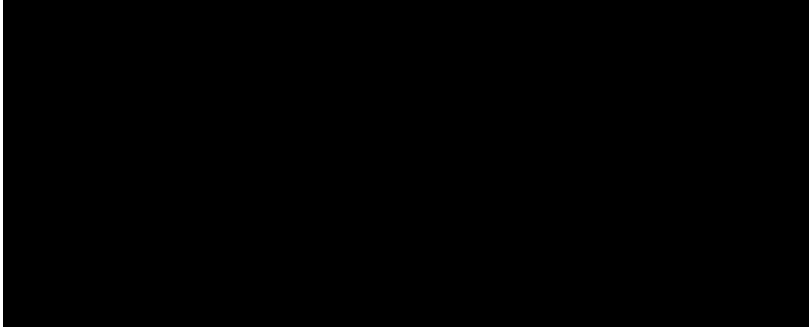
"Local governments should be able to impose fixed charges or levies for particular services, facilities or activities."	<b>Neutral</b>
"Local governments should be able to vary fees and charges at any time without advertising the change."	<b>Supportive</b>
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Page 12: Additional comments

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Page 2: About you

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Page 3: Your organisation

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Page 4: About you

**Q4** What is your name?

Mirella Roche-Parker

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Female**

**Q7** What is your age? **56 - 65**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Swan (City)**

Page 5: About you

**Q9** Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

**Q10** Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 9: Ministerial approval

**Q19** Currently, local governments are required to seek Ministerial approval when seeking to impose a rate in the dollar that is more than twice the lowest of its other rating categories. What is your preferred approach to differential rates?

**Ministerial approval for rates twice the lowest category**

Page 10: Rating exemptions

**Q20** To what extent do you support the following statements?

"All land should be subject to rates."	<b>Supportive</b>
"The types of land subject to rates should be consistent between local governments."	<b>Supportive</b>

**Q21** Should the following types of land be subject to rates?

Land owned by the Crown that is used or held for a public purpose	<b>Yes</b>
Land used or held exclusively for churches (religious bodies)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used or held exclusively for schools	<b>Yes</b>
Land used exclusively for charitable purposes	<b>Yes</b>
Land vested in trustees for agriculture or horticultural show purposes	<b>No</b>
Land owned by Co-operative Bulk Handling Limited (CBH)	<b>No</b>
Land used primarily as a place of residence (no matter who owns the land)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used for mining exploration or prospecting	<b>Yes</b>
Aged care facilities	<b>No</b>
Child care facilities	<b>Yes</b>
Sporting clubs and Surf Lifesaving clubs	<b>No</b>
Land used for the pursuit of the Arts	<b>Yes</b>

**Q22** Which of following charges should be levied on properties exempt from rates?

**Both**

## Rates, fees and charges

### Q23 Should a concession on rates be granted in any of the following scenarios?

The land is owned by a person who currently receives a pensioner or health related concession	<b>Yes</b>
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The payment of rates or charges will cause hardship to the land owner	<b>Yes</b>
The concession will encourage the economic development of all or part of the local government district	<b>Yes</b>
The concession will encourage land that is of cultural, environmental, historic, heritage or scientific significance to the local government area to be preserved, restored or maintained	<b>Yes</b>
Land that is subject to a mining tenement	<b>No</b>
Land that is determined by the Minister to be subject to a concession	<b>Yes</b>

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**Q24** Should any other scenarios be subject to rates concessions? **Respondent skipped this question**

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### Q26 To what extent do you support the following statements?

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"Certain categories of ratepayers, for example Independent Living Units, should only be exempt from rates where they qualify under the Commonwealth Aged Care Act 1997."	<b>Supportive</b>
"Land used as a residence should not be regarded as charitable."	<b>Very supportive</b>

## Rates, fees and charges

### Q27 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Local governments should be able to impose fixed charges or levies for particular services, facilities or activities."	<b>Unsupportive</b>
"Local governments should be able to vary fees and charges at any time without advertising the change."	<b>Very unsupportive</b>
"Local governments should have the autonomy to set fees and charges for all services they provide."	<b>Very unsupportive</b>
"Services that are consistent across local governments should have the same fees or charges."	<b>Supportive</b>
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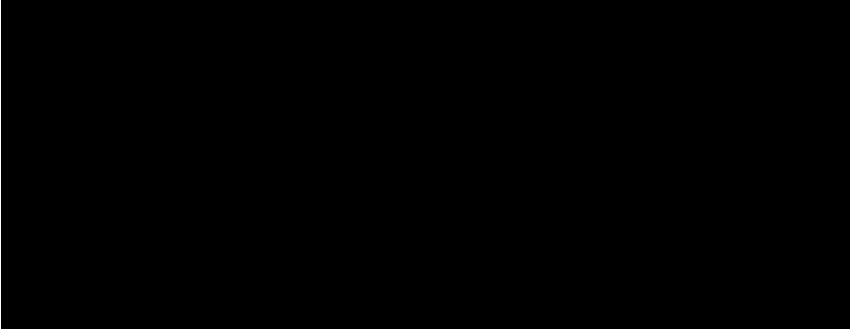
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We live in an area where there are no additional or competitive services available. We provide our own water, maintain our own sewerage system, maintain firebreaks and provide fire vigilance and observation in surrounding areas. We were deemed "Rural Residential," until the City of Swan attempted to make a twofold attack, removing the "rural" reference to where we live, and converting some properties from UV to GRV rates. They used this then as a justification to convert all remaining properties to GRV in the interests of "fairness." The "rental value" as an application of rates is meaningless in our context - by and large we live in modest homes on larger blocks which cannot be subdivided or commercially developed. Their rental potential is minimal, as we have out here limited infrastructure, no public transport, little local job availability and no amenities. As a community, we feel that most of our rates support the urban communities in the City of Swan.

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Anne

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Female**

**Q7** What is your age? **Respondent skipped this question**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Swan (City)**

Page 5: About you

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## Rates, fees and charges

### Page 9: Ministerial approval

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**Respondent skipped this question**

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### Page 10: Rating exemptions

**Q20** To what extent do you support the following statements?

**Respondent skipped this question**

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**Q21** Should the following types of land be subject to rates?

**Respondent skipped this question**

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**Respondent skipped this question**

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**Q23** Should a concession on rates be granted in any of the following scenarios?

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**Respondent skipped this question**

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**Respondent skipped this question**

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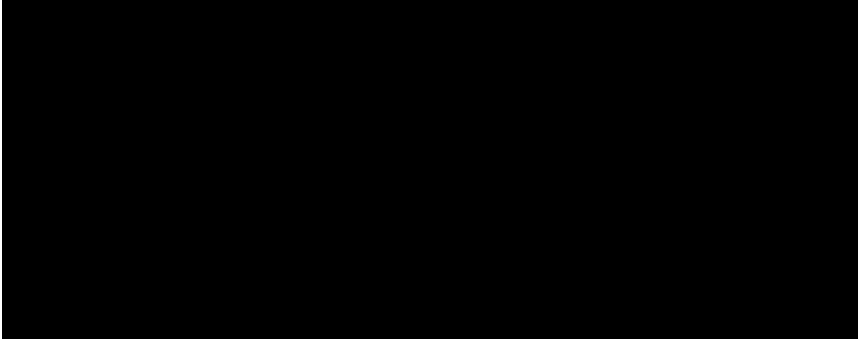
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Christine Cunningham

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Council member, including Mayor or President**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Female**

**Q7** What is your age? **46 - 55**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Canning (City)**

Page 5: About you

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Page 9: Ministerial approval

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Page 10: Rating exemptions

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"All land should be subject to rates."	<b>Very unsupportive</b>
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Land vested in trustees for agriculture or horticultural show purposes	<b>No</b>
Land owned by Co-operative Bulk Handling Limited (CBH)	<b>Unsure</b>
Land used primarily as a place of residence (no matter who owns the land)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used for mining exploration or prospecting	<b>Yes</b>
Aged care facilities	<b>No</b>
Child care facilities	<b>No</b>
Sporting clubs and Surf Lifesaving clubs	<b>No</b>
Land used for the pursuit of the Arts	<b>No</b>

**Q22** Which of following charges should be levied on properties exempt from rates? **Both**

## Rates, fees and charges

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The land is owned by a person who currently receives a pensioner or health related concession	<b>Yes</b>
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The concession will encourage land that is of cultural, environmental, historic, heritage or scientific significance to the local government area to be preserved, restored or maintained	<b>Yes</b>
Land that is subject to a mining tenement	<b>No</b>
Land that is determined by the Minister to be subject to a concession	<b>Unsure</b>

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### Q24 Should any other scenarios be subject to rates concessions?

Does land include water?

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### Q25 Which of following charges should be levied on that part of the land that receives a rates concession?

### Q26 To what extent do you support the following statements?

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## Rates, fees and charges

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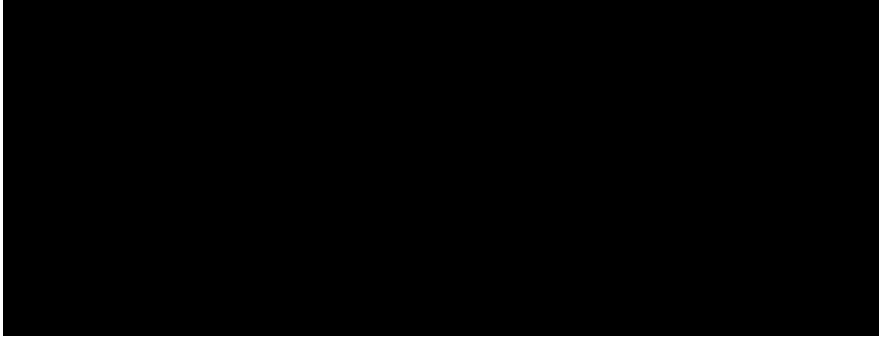
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**Q3** What is the name of the organisation? **Respondent skipped this question**

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**Q4** What is your name?

Terresa Lynes

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Council member, including Mayor or President**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Female**

**Q7** What is your age? **46 - 55**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Gosnells (City)**

Page 5: About you

**Q9** Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

**Q10** Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 9: Ministerial approval

**Q19** Currently, local governments are required to seek Ministerial approval when seeking to impose a rate in the dollar that is more than twice the lowest of its other rating categories. What is your preferred approach to differential rates? **No Ministerial approval required for any differential rates**

Page 10: Rating exemptions

**Q20** To what extent do you support the following statements?

"All land should be subject to rates."	<b>Very supportive</b>
"The types of land subject to rates should be consistent between local governments."	<b>Very supportive</b>

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Aged care facilities	<b>Yes</b>
Child care facilities	<b>Yes</b>
Sporting clubs and Surf Lifesaving clubs	<b>Yes</b>
Land used for the pursuit of the Arts	<b>Yes</b>

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## Rates, fees and charges

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**Q24** Should any other scenarios be subject to rates concessions? **Respondent skipped this question**

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**Q25** Which of following charges should be levied on that part of the land that receives a rates concession? **Respondent skipped this question**

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### Q26 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Rate exemptions for the commercial (non-charitable) business activities of charitable organisations should be removed."	<b>Supportive</b>
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## Rates, fees and charges

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"Local governments should not set a fee or charge higher than the cost of delivering that service."	<b>Supportive</b>
"A fee or charge should not be set lower than the cost of delivering that service."	<b>Supportive</b>
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Page 3: Your organisation

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Shire of Mundaring

Page 4: About you

**Q4** What is your name?

Shire of Mundaring

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Response is on behalf of a Local Government (Council endorsed)**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Not applicable / the submission is from an organisation**

**Q7** What is your age? **Not applicable**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Mundaring (Shire)**

Page 5: About you

**Q9** Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **No**

## Rates, fees and charges

**Q10** Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

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### Page 9: Ministerial approval

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### Page 10: Rating exemptions

**Q20** To what extent do you support the following statements?

"All land should be subject to rates." **Very supportive**

"The types of land subject to rates should be consistent between local governments." **Very supportive**

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Land used or held exclusively for schools **Unsure**

Land used exclusively for charitable purposes **Unsure**

Land vested in trustees for agriculture or horticultural show purposes **Yes**

Land owned by Co-operative Bulk Handling Limited (CBH) **Yes**

Land used primarily as a place of residence (no matter who owns the land) **Yes**

Land used for mining exploration or prospecting **Yes**

Aged care facilities **Yes**

Child care facilities **Yes**

Sporting clubs and Surf Lifesaving clubs **Yes**

Land used for the pursuit of the Arts **Yes**

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**Q22** Which of following charges should be levied on properties exempt from rates? **Waste charges**

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## Rates, fees and charges

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Land that is subject to a mining tenement	<b>No</b>
Land that is determined by the Minister to be subject to a concession	<b>No</b>

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### Q24 Should any other scenarios be subject to rates concessions?

No

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**Waste charges**

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## Rates, fees and charges

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Page 4: About you

**Q4** What is your name?

Tom Burbidge

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Male**

**Q7** What is your age? **66 - 75**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Mundaring (Shire)**

Page 5: About you

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"All land should be subject to rates."

**Very unsupportive**

"The types of land subject to rates should be consistent between local governments."

**Very supportive**

**Q21** Should the following types of land be subject to rates?

Land owned by the Crown that is used or held for a public purpose	<b>No</b>
Land used or held exclusively for churches (religious bodies)	<b>No</b>
Land used or held exclusively for schools	<b>No</b>
Land used exclusively for charitable purposes	<b>No</b>
Land vested in trustees for agriculture or horticultural show purposes	<b>No</b>
Land owned by Co-operative Bulk Handling Limited (CBH)	<b>No</b>
Land used primarily as a place of residence (no matter who owns the land)	<b>No</b>
Land used for mining exploration or prospecting	<b>No</b>
Aged care facilities	<b>No</b>
Child care facilities	<b>No</b>
Sporting clubs and Surf Lifesaving clubs	<b>No</b>
Land used for the pursuit of the Arts	<b>No</b>

**Q22** Which of following charges should be levied on properties exempt from rates?

Other (please specify):

Waste if used, some owners do not need or use LG basic services. I assume the FESA levy applies?



## Rates, fees and charges

### Q23 Should a concession on rates be granted in any of the following scenarios?

The land is owned by a person who currently receives a pensioner or health related concession	<b>Yes</b>
The land is owned or used by a not-for-profit organisation	<b>Yes</b>
The land is owned or used by an entity that provides assistance or encouragement for arts or cultural development	<b>Yes</b>
The land is owned or used by a sporting or recreation body and is available for use by the general community without charge or below cost	<b>Yes</b>
Community service organisations that are not-for-profit, for the benefit of the general public and provide community services without charge or below cost	<b>Yes</b>
The payment of rates or charges will cause hardship to the land owner	<b>Yes</b>
The concession will encourage the economic development of all or part of the local government district	<b>Yes</b>
The concession will encourage land that is of cultural, environmental, historic, heritage or scientific significance to the local government area to be preserved, restored or maintained	<b>Yes</b>
Land that is subject to a mining tenement	<b>Yes</b>
Land that is determined by the Minister to be subject to a concession	<b>Yes</b>

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### Q24 Should any other scenarios be subject to rates concessions?

Caravan / tourist groups owning sites

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### Q25 Which of following charges should be levied on that part of the land that receives a rates concession?

**Neither**

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### Q26 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Rate exemptions for the commercial (non-charitable) business activities of charitable organisations should be removed."	<b>Very unsupportive</b>
"Certain categories of ratepayers, for example Independent Living Units, should only be exempt from rates where they qualify under the Commonwealth Aged Care Act 1997."	<b>Neutral</b>
"Land used as a residence should not be regarded as charitable."	<b>Neutral</b>

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## Rates, fees and charges

### Q27 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Local governments should be able to impose fixed charges or levies for particular services, facilities or activities."	<b>Very unsupportive</b>
"Local governments should be able to vary fees and charges at any time without advertising the change."	<b>Very unsupportive</b>
"Local governments should have the autonomy to set fees and charges for all services they provide."	<b>Very unsupportive</b>
"Services that are consistent across local governments should have the same fees or charges."	<b>Very unsupportive</b>
"Local governments should not set a fee or charge higher than the cost of delivering that service."	<b>Very Supportive</b>
"A fee or charge should not be set lower than the cost of delivering that service."	<b>Very unsupportive</b>
"Fees and charges imposed by local government and fixed under legislation should increase by CPI annually."	<b>Very unsupportive</b>

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### Page 12: Additional comments

**Q28** Do you have any additional comments on the topic of rates, fees and charges? Additional information can also be provided to the review team via email at [actreview@dlgsc.wa.gov.au](mailto:actreview@dlgsc.wa.gov.au).

Rates & fees should be at CPI or lower.

What is the definition of a "charity" or religious group?

I am told it is too easy to dream up a new religion.

I am concerned at what I see as double dipping by LG. LG playing areas should be free.

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Page 2: About you

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**Q2** Who are you completing this submission on behalf of? **Yourself**

Page 3: Your organisation

**Q3** What is the name of the organisation? **Respondent skipped this question**

Page 4: About you

**Q4** What is your name?

Nathan Russell

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Staff member or CEO**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Male**

**Q7** What is your age? **36 - 45**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Subiaco (City)**

Page 5: About you

**Q9** Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

**Q10** Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 9: Ministerial approval

**Q19** Currently, local governments are required to seek Ministerial approval when seeking to impose a rate in the dollar that is more than twice the lowest of its other rating categories. What is your preferred approach to differential rates?

**No Ministerial approval required for any differential rates**

Page 10: Rating exemptions

**Q20** To what extent do you support the following statements?

"All land should be subject to rates."	<b>Very supportive</b>
"The types of land subject to rates should be consistent between local governments."	<b>Very supportive</b>

**Q21** Should the following types of land be subject to rates?

Land owned by the Crown that is used or held for a public purpose	<b>No</b>
Land used or held exclusively for churches (religious bodies)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used or held exclusively for schools	<b>Unsure</b>
Land used exclusively for charitable purposes	<b>No</b>
Land vested in trustees for agriculture or horticultural show purposes	<b>No</b>
Land owned by Co-operative Bulk Handling Limited (CBH)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used primarily as a place of residence (no matter who owns the land)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used for mining exploration or prospecting	<b>Yes</b>
Aged care facilities	<b>Yes</b>
Child care facilities	<b>Yes</b>
Sporting clubs and Surf Lifesaving clubs	<b>No</b>
Land used for the pursuit of the Arts	<b>Unsure</b>

**Q22** Which of following charges should be levied on properties exempt from rates?

**A service charge to cover basic services and maintenance**

## Rates, fees and charges

### Q23 Should a concession on rates be granted in any of the following scenarios?

The land is owned by a person who currently receives a pensioner or health related concession	<b>Yes</b>
The land is owned or used by a not-for-profit organisation	<b>Yes</b>
The land is owned or used by an entity that provides assistance or encouragement for arts or cultural development	<b>Yes</b>
The land is owned or used by a sporting or recreation body and is available for use by the general community without charge or below cost	<b>Yes</b>
Community service organisations that are not-for-profit, for the benefit of the general public and provide community services without charge or below cost	<b>Yes</b>
The payment of rates or charges will cause hardship to the land owner	<b>No</b>
The concession will encourage the economic development of all or part of the local government district	<b>No</b>
The concession will encourage land that is of cultural, environmental, historic, heritage or scientific significance to the local government area to be preserved, restored or maintained	<b>Yes</b>
Land that is subject to a mining tenement	<b>No</b>
Land that is determined by the Minister to be subject to a concession	<b>No</b>

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### Q24 Should any other scenarios be subject to rates concessions?

Religious organisations should not be able to claim any rates concessions.

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**Q25 Which of following charges should be levied on that part of the land that receives a rates concession?** **A service charge to cover basic services and maintenance**

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### Q26 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Rate exemptions for the commercial (non-charitable) business activities of charitable organisations should be removed."	<b>Supportive</b>
"Certain categories of ratepayers, for example Independent Living Units, should only be exempt from rates where they qualify under the Commonwealth Aged Care Act 1997."	<b>Supportive</b>
"Land used as a residence should not be regarded as charitable."	<b>Very supportive</b>

## Rates, fees and charges

### Q27 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Local governments should be able to impose fixed charges or levies for particular services, facilities or activities."	<b>Supportive</b>
"Local governments should be able to vary fees and charges at any time without advertising the change."	<b>Very Supportive</b>
"Local governments should have the autonomy to set fees and charges for all services they provide."	<b>Very Supportive</b>
"Services that are consistent across local governments should have the same fees or charges."	<b>Supportive</b>
"Local governments should not set a fee or charge higher than the cost of delivering that service."	<b>Supportive</b>
"A fee or charge should not be set lower than the cost of delivering that service."	<b>Unsupportive</b>
"Fees and charges imposed by local government and fixed under legislation should increase by CPI annually."	<b>Unsupportive</b>

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### Page 12: Additional comments

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A Local Government CEO should be able to adjust fees and charges within a range set by the Council without having to take the proposal back to council or advertise publicly. This will allow local government to be much more adaptive and responsive to their communities, particularly with regard to parking fees and recreation centre charges.

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Page 3: Your organisation

**Q3** What is the name of the organisation? **Respondent skipped this question**

Page 4: About you

**Q4** What is your name?

Gary Tuffin

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Staff member or CEO**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Male**

**Q7** What is your age? **46 - 55**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **East Fremantle (Town)**

Page 5: About you

**Q9** Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

## Rates, fees and charges

**Q10** Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

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### Page 9: Ministerial approval

**Q19** Currently, local governments are required to seek Ministerial approval when seeking to impose a rate in the dollar that is more than twice the lowest of its other rating categories. What is your preferred approach to differential rates? **Ministerial approval for rates twice the lowest category**

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### Page 10: Rating exemptions

**Q20** To what extent do you support the following statements?

"All land should be subject to rates." **Supportive**

"The types of land subject to rates should be consistent between local governments." **Supportive**

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**Q21** Should the following types of land be subject to rates?

Land owned by the Crown that is used or held for a public purpose **Unsure**

Land used or held exclusively for churches (religious bodies) **Yes**

Land used or held exclusively for schools **Yes**

Land used exclusively for charitable purposes **Unsure**

Land vested in trustees for agriculture or horticultural show purposes **Unsure**

Land owned by Co-operative Bulk Handling Limited (CBH) **Yes**

Land used primarily as a place of residence (no matter who owns the land) **Yes**

Land used for mining exploration or prospecting **Yes**

Aged care facilities **Yes**

Child care facilities **Yes**

Sporting clubs and Surf Lifesaving clubs **Yes**

Land used for the pursuit of the Arts **Yes**

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**Q22** Which of following charges should be levied on properties exempt from rates? **Both**

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## Rates, fees and charges

### Q23 Should a concession on rates be granted in any of the following scenarios?

The land is owned by a person who currently receives a pensioner or health related concession	<b>Yes</b>
The land is owned or used by a not-for-profit organisation	<b>Unsure</b>
The land is owned or used by an entity that provides assistance or encouragement for arts or cultural development	<b>Unsure</b>
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The concession will encourage land that is of cultural, environmental, historic, heritage or scientific significance to the local government area to be preserved, restored or maintained	<b>Unsure</b>
Land that is subject to a mining tenement	<b>No</b>
Land that is determined by the Minister to be subject to a concession	<b>Unsure</b>

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**Q24** Should any other scenarios be subject to rates concessions? **Respondent skipped this question**

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**Q25** Which of following charges should be levied on that part of the land that receives a rates concession? **Both**

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### Q26 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Rate exemptions for the commercial (non-charitable) business activities of charitable organisations should be removed."	<b>Very supportive</b>
"Certain categories of ratepayers, for example Independent Living Units, should only be exempt from rates where they qualify under the Commonwealth Aged Care Act 1997."	<b>Supportive</b>
"Land used as a residence should not be regarded as charitable."	<b>Neutral</b>

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## Rates, fees and charges

**Q27** To what extent do you support the following statements?

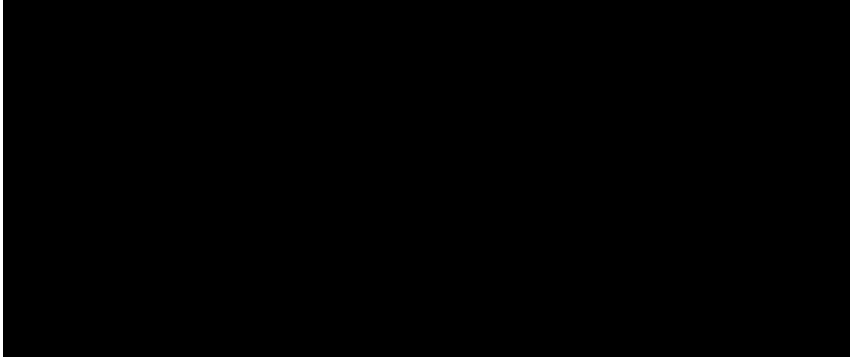
"Local governments should be able to impose fixed charges or levies for particular services, facilities or activities."	<b>Supportive</b>
"Local governments should be able to vary fees and charges at any time without advertising the change."	<b>Supportive</b>
"Local governments should have the autonomy to set fees and charges for all services they provide."	<b>Very Supportive</b>
"Services that are consistent across local governments should have the same fees or charges."	<b>Neutral</b>
"Local governments should not set a fee or charge higher than the cost of delivering that service."	<b>Unsupportive</b>
"A fee or charge should not be set lower than the cost of delivering that service."	<b>Unsupportive</b>
"Fees and charges imposed by local government and fixed under legislation should increase by CPI annually."	<b>Supportive</b>

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Page 3: Your organisation

**Q3** What is the name of the organisation?

City of Busselton

Page 4: About you

**Q4** What is your name?

City of Busselton

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Response is on behalf of a Local Government (Council endorsed)**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Not applicable / the submission is from an organisation**

**Q7** What is your age? **Not applicable**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Busselton (City)**

Page 5: About you

**Q9** Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

## Rates, fees and charges

**Q10** Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

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### Page 9: Ministerial approval

**Q19** Currently, local governments are required to seek Ministerial approval when seeking to impose a rate in the dollar that is more than twice the lowest of its other rating categories. What is your preferred approach to differential rates? **Ministerial approval for rates three times the lowest category**

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### Page 10: Rating exemptions

**Q20** To what extent do you support the following statements?

"All land should be subject to rates." **Supportive**

"The types of land subject to rates should be consistent between local governments." **Supportive**

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**Q21** Should the following types of land be subject to rates?

Land owned by the Crown that is used or held for a public purpose **No**

Land used or held exclusively for churches (religious bodies) **No**

Land used or held exclusively for schools **No**

Land used exclusively for charitable purposes **No**

Land vested in trustees for agriculture or horticultural show purposes **No**

Land owned by Co-operative Bulk Handling Limited (CBH) **Yes**

Land used primarily as a place of residence (no matter who owns the land) **Yes**

Land used for mining exploration or prospecting **Yes**

Aged care facilities **Yes**

Child care facilities **Yes**

Sporting clubs and Surf Lifesaving clubs **No**

Land used for the pursuit of the Arts **Yes**

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**Q22** Which of following charges should be levied on properties exempt from rates? **Both**

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## Rates, fees and charges

### Q23 Should a concession on rates be granted in any of the following scenarios?

The land is owned by a person who currently receives a pensioner or health related concession	<b>No</b>
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The concession will encourage the economic development of all or part of the local government district	<b>Yes</b>
The concession will encourage land that is of cultural, environmental, historic, heritage or scientific significance to the local government area to be preserved, restored or maintained	<b>No</b>
Land that is subject to a mining tenement	<b>No</b>
Land that is determined by the Minister to be subject to a concession	<b>No</b>

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### Q24 Should any other scenarios be subject to rates concessions?

No, unless granted by the Local Government.

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### Q25 Which of following charges should be levied on that part of the land that receives a rates concession?

**Both**

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### Q26 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Rate exemptions for the commercial (non-charitable) business activities of charitable organisations should be removed."	<b>Very supportive</b>
"Certain categories of ratepayers, for example Independent Living Units, should only be exempt from rates where they qualify under the Commonwealth Aged Care Act 1997."	<b>Very supportive</b>
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## Rates, fees and charges

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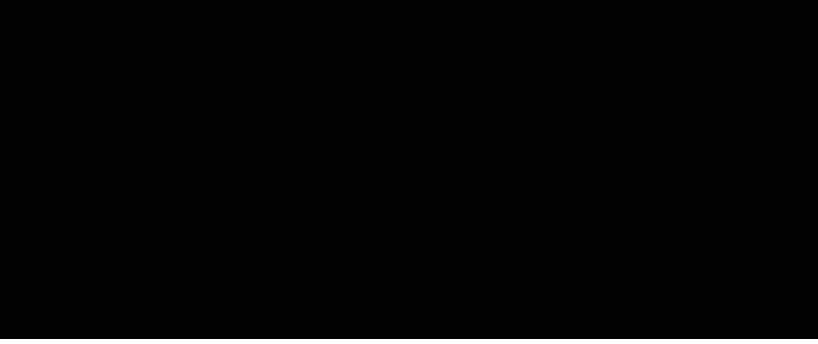
"Local governments should be able to impose fixed charges or levies for particular services, facilities or activities."	<b>Supportive</b>
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**Q3** What is the name of the organisation?

City of Swan

Page 4: About you

**Q4** What is your name?

City of Swan

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Response is on behalf of a Local Government (Council endorsed)**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Not applicable / the submission is from an organisation**

**Q7** What is your age? **Not applicable**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Swan (City)**

Page 5: About you

**Q9** Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

## Rates, fees and charges

**Q10** Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

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### Page 9: Ministerial approval

**Q19** Currently, local governments are required to seek Ministerial approval when seeking to impose a rate in the dollar that is more than twice the lowest of its other rating categories. What is your preferred approach to differential rates? **Ministerial approval for rates four times the lowest category**

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### Page 10: Rating exemptions

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"All land should be subject to rates." **Very supportive**

"The types of land subject to rates should be consistent between local governments." **Very supportive**

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**Q21** Should the following types of land be subject to rates?

Land owned by the Crown that is used or held for a public purpose **No**

Land used or held exclusively for churches (religious bodies) **Yes**

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Land used exclusively for charitable purposes **Yes**

Land vested in trustees for agriculture or horticultural show purposes **Yes**

Land owned by Co-operative Bulk Handling Limited (CBH) **Yes**

Land used primarily as a place of residence (no matter who owns the land) **Yes**

Land used for mining exploration or prospecting **Yes**

Aged care facilities **Yes**

Child care facilities **Yes**

Sporting clubs and Surf Lifesaving clubs **Yes**

Land used for the pursuit of the Arts **Yes**

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**Q22** Which of following charges should be levied on properties exempt from rates? **Both**

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## Rates, fees and charges

### Q23 Should a concession on rates be granted in any of the following scenarios?

The land is owned by a person who currently receives a pensioner or health related concession	<b>Yes</b>
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Community service organisations that are not-for-profit, for the benefit of the general public and provide community services without charge or below cost	<b>Yes</b>
The payment of rates or charges will cause hardship to the land owner	<b>No</b>
The concession will encourage the economic development of all or part of the local government district	<b>Yes</b>
The concession will encourage land that is of cultural, environmental, historic, heritage or scientific significance to the local government area to be preserved, restored or maintained	<b>Yes</b>
Land that is subject to a mining tenement	<b>No</b>
Land that is determined by the Minister to be subject to a concession	<b>No</b>

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**Q24** Should any other scenarios be subject to rates concessions? **Respondent skipped this question**

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**Q25** Which of following charges should be levied on that part of the land that receives a rates concession? **Both**

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### Q26 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Rate exemptions for the commercial (non-charitable) business activities of charitable organisations should be removed."	<b>Unsupportive</b>
"Certain categories of ratepayers, for example Independent Living Units, should only be exempt from rates where they qualify under the Commonwealth Aged Care Act 1997."	<b>Unsupportive</b>
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**Q3** What is the name of the organisation? **Respondent skipped this question**

Page 4: About you

**Q4** What is your name?

Andrew Brien

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Staff member or CEO**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Male**

**Q7** What is your age? **46 - 55**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Bayswater (City)**

Page 5: About you

**Q9** Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

**Q10** Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 9: Ministerial approval

**Q19** Currently, local governments are required to seek Ministerial approval when seeking to impose a rate in the dollar that is more than twice the lowest of its other rating categories. What is your preferred approach to differential rates?

**Differential rates to a maximum of four times may be set with no option for Ministerial approval**

Page 10: Rating exemptions

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Land vested in trustees for agriculture or horticultural show purposes	<b>No</b>
Land owned by Co-operative Bulk Handling Limited (CBH)	<b>Unsure</b>
Land used primarily as a place of residence (no matter who owns the land)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used for mining exploration or prospecting	<b>Unsure</b>
Aged care facilities	<b>Yes</b>
Child care facilities	<b>Yes</b>
Sporting clubs and Surf Lifesaving clubs	<b>Yes</b>
Land used for the pursuit of the Arts	<b>Yes</b>

**Q22** Which of following charges should be levied on properties exempt from rates? **Both**

## Rates, fees and charges

### Q23 Should a concession on rates be granted in any of the following scenarios?

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Community service organisations that are not-for-profit, for the benefit of the general public and provide community services without charge or below cost	<b>Yes</b>
The payment of rates or charges will cause hardship to the land owner	<b>Yes</b>
The concession will encourage the economic development of all or part of the local government district	<b>Yes</b>
The concession will encourage land that is of cultural, environmental, historic, heritage or scientific significance to the local government area to be preserved, restored or maintained	<b>Yes</b>
Land that is subject to a mining tenement	<b>Unsure</b>
Land that is determined by the Minister to be subject to a concession	<b>Unsure</b>

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**Q24** Should any other scenarios be subject to rates concessions? **Respondent skipped this question**

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**Q25** Which of following charges should be levied on that part of the land that receives a rates concession? **Both**

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### Q26 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Rate exemptions for the commercial (non-charitable) business activities of charitable organisations should be removed."	<b>Very supportive</b>
"Certain categories of ratepayers, for example Independent Living Units, should only be exempt from rates where they qualify under the Commonwealth Aged Care Act 1997."	<b>Supportive</b>
"Land used as a residence should not be regarded as charitable."	<b>Supportive</b>

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## Rates, fees and charges

### Q27 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Local governments should be able to impose fixed charges or levies for particular services, facilities or activities."	<b>Very Supportive</b>
"Local governments should be able to vary fees and charges at any time without advertising the change."	<b>Unsupportive</b>
"Local governments should have the autonomy to set fees and charges for all services they provide."	<b>Very Supportive</b>
"Services that are consistent across local governments should have the same fees or charges."	<b>Unsupportive</b>
"Local governments should not set a fee or charge higher than the cost of delivering that service."	<b>Unsupportive</b>
"A fee or charge should not be set lower than the cost of delivering that service."	<b>Supportive</b>
"Fees and charges imposed by local government and fixed under legislation should increase by CPI annually."	<b>Very Supportive</b>

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Page 12: Additional comments

## Rates, fees and charges

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“Local governments should be able to impose fixed charges or levies for particular services, facilities or activities.”

This should not be limited to particular services or activities. The Local Government should be able to adopt a "Special Levy or Charge" with a fixed dollar rate payable by each rateable property to undertake specific projects. The local government would be required to account for any revenue raised through this process and return any unused funding. As an example, the Council may wish to implement a street scraping program across the entire local government area at a cost of \$1.5m. This amount would simply be divided by the number of rateable properties with every property paying the same amount in preference to levying based on a rate in the dollar. This would need to be itemised on the rates notice and a program would have to be developed with costings prior to imposing the charge (which could run over multiple years). QLD legislation had a similar provision in the 1993 QLD Local Government Act.

“Local governments should be able to vary fees and charges at any time without advertising the change.”

Whilst this is not supported as written, with appropriate public consultation there could be scope for changes during the year but this would need to be focused on external changes that have resulted in the need for change.

“Local governments should have the autonomy to set fees and charges for all services they provide.” Yes, based on a cost recovery only basis for legislated services. Other charges should be allowed to make a profit where there is some form of commercial competition (ie parking, recreation facilities etc)

“Services that are consistent across local governments should have the same fees or charges.”

Each local government has different cost pressures and commercial drivers through competition and as such need to retain autonomy to set their own fees and charges.

“Local governments should not set a fee or charge higher than the cost of delivering that service.”

Refer comments in relation to autonomy to set fees and charges.

“A fee or charge should not be set lower than the cost of delivering that service.”

Whilst this is supported, the local government should also be able to use a calculation to include a community service obligation in relation to setting fees and charges and attribute this amount as part of the calculation of costs.

“Fees and charges imposed by local government and fixed under legislation should increase by CPI annually.” CPI should be the minimum level of increase, however prior to introduction of this arrangement all fees and charges should be reviewed to more accurately reflect the true costs of providing the service.

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Page 2: About you

**Q1** Have you read the discussion paper associated with this survey? **Yes**

**Q2** Who are you completing this submission on behalf of? **An organisation, including a Local Government, peak body or a business**

Page 3: Your organisation

**Q3** What is the name of the organisation?

Shire of Lake Grace

Page 4: About you

**Q4** What is your name?

Denise Gobbart

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Staff member or CEO**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Not applicable / the submission is from an organisation**

**Q7** What is your age? **Not applicable**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Lake Grace (Shire)**

Page 5: About you

**Q9** Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**



## Rates, fees and charges

**Q10** Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

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### Page 9: Ministerial approval

**Q19** Currently, local governments are required to seek Ministerial approval when seeking to impose a rate in the dollar that is more than twice the lowest of its other rating categories. What is your preferred approach to differential rates? **No Ministerial approval required for any differential rates**

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### Page 10: Rating exemptions

**Q20** To what extent do you support the following statements?

"All land should be subject to rates." **Very supportive**

"The types of land subject to rates should be consistent between local governments." **Very supportive**

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**Q21** Should the following types of land be subject to rates?

Land owned by the Crown that is used or held for a public purpose **Yes**

Land used or held exclusively for churches (religious bodies) **Yes**

Land used or held exclusively for schools **Yes**

Land used exclusively for charitable purposes **Yes**

Land vested in trustees for agriculture or horticultural show purposes **Yes**

Land owned by Co-operative Bulk Handling Limited (CBH) **Yes**

Land used primarily as a place of residence (no matter who owns the land) **Yes**

Land used for mining exploration or prospecting **Yes**

Aged care facilities **Yes**

Child care facilities **Yes**

Sporting clubs and Surf Lifesaving clubs **Yes**

Land used for the pursuit of the Arts **Yes**

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**Q22** Which of following charges should be levied on properties exempt from rates? **Both**

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## Rates, fees and charges

### Q23 Should a concession on rates be granted in any of the following scenarios?

The land is owned by a person who currently receives a pensioner or health related concession	<b>Yes</b>
The land is owned or used by a not-for-profit organisation	<b>No</b>
The land is owned or used by an entity that provides assistance or encouragement for arts or cultural development	<b>No</b>
The land is owned or used by a sporting or recreation body and is available for use by the general community without charge or below cost	<b>No</b>
Community service organisations that are not-for-profit, for the benefit of the general public and provide community services without charge or below cost	<b>No</b>
The payment of rates or charges will cause hardship to the land owner	<b>No</b>
The concession will encourage the economic development of all or part of the local government district	<b>No</b>
The concession will encourage land that is of cultural, environmental, historic, heritage or scientific significance to the local government area to be preserved, restored or maintained	<b>No</b>
Land that is subject to a mining tenement	<b>No</b>
Land that is determined by the Minister to be subject to a concession	<b>No</b>

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### Q24 Should any other scenarios be subject to rates concessions?

The Shire supports that a concession should be granted on land that is owned by a person who currently receives a pensioner or health related concession but all other concessions should be at the discretion of the individual local government. It was commented that it is not uncommon for a local government to donate some or all of the rates back to an organisation that pays rates but its work is considered of a charitable or sporting nature.

Concern was raised about the circumstances of Crown land, owned, by way of native title, by an Aboriginal organisation, being exempt from rates even though it may operate a commercial activity. It is noted that Crown Land is generally rated if used/leased for commercial purposes.

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### Q25 Which of following charges should be levied on that part of the land that receives a rates concession?

**Both**

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### Q26 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Rate exemptions for the commercial (non-charitable) business activities of charitable organisations should be removed."	<b>Very supportive</b>
"Certain categories of ratepayers, for example Independent Living Units, should only be exempt from rates where they qualify under the Commonwealth Aged Care Act 1997."	<b>Unsupportive</b>
"Land used as a residence should not be regarded as charitable."	<b>Very supportive</b>

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Page 11: Fees

**Q27** To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Local governments should be able to impose fixed charges or levies for particular services, facilities or activities."	<b>Very Supportive</b>
"Local governments should be able to vary fees and charges at any time without advertising the change."	<b>Very Supportive</b>
"Local governments should have the autonomy to set fees and charges for all services they provide."	<b>Very Supportive</b>
"Services that are consistent across local governments should have the same fees or charges."	<b>Very unsupportive</b>
"Local governments should not set a fee or charge higher than the cost of delivering that service."	<b>Unsupportive</b>
"A fee or charge should not be set lower than the cost of delivering that service."	<b>Unsupportive</b>
"Fees and charges imposed by local government and fixed under legislation should increase by CPI annually."	<b>Unsupportive</b>

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Page 12: Additional comments

## Rates, fees and charges

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Noting that the Shire position in Q25 is very supportive of “The types of land subject to rates should be consistent between local governments” it is also of the view that each local government reserves the right to grant an exemption from rates on a case by case basis without affecting the rateability of similar land in another local government.

Whilst the Shire is of the view that all land should be rateable it must also be recognised that the State Administrative Tribunal can be involved in assessing rating issues.

Another aspect is that instead of rating exemptions being included in a wide range of legislation (eg university acts etc) perhaps any exemptions should be incorporated in a single piece of legislation.

The Shire supports that a concession should be granted on land that is owned by a person who currently receives a pensioner or health related concession but all other concessions should be at the discretion of the individual local government. It was commented that it is not uncommon for a local government to donate some or all of the rates back to an organisation that pays rates but its work is considered of a charitable or sporting nature.

Concern was raised about the circumstances of Crown land, owned, by way of native title, by an Aboriginal organisation, being exempt from rates even though it may operate a commercial activity. It is noted that Crown Land is generally rated if used/leased for commercial purposes.

Local Government needs the opportunity to set fees to ensure that all services achieve cost recovery of the service.

Legislation should be amended so rate equivalency payments made by Landcorp and other Government Trading Entities are made to the relevant Local Government instead of the State.

s6.56 be amended to clarify that all debt recovery action costs incurred by a Local Government in pursuing recovery of unpaid rates and services charges be recoverable and not be limited by reference to the 'cost of proceedings'.

Resource projects covered by State Agreement Acts should be liable for local government rates.

s6.16 a review be undertaken to remove fees & charges from legislation and Councils be empowered to set fees & charges for local government services.

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Page 2: About you

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**Q2** Who are you completing this submission on behalf of? **An organisation, including a Local Government, peak body or a business**

Page 3: Your organisation

**Q3** What is the name of the organisation?

City of Mandurah

Page 4: About you

**Q4** What is your name?

Sophie Luxton

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Response is on behalf of a Local Government (Council endorsed)**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Not applicable / the submission is from an organisation**

**Q7** What is your age? **Not applicable**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Mandurah (City)**

Page 5: About you

**Q9** Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

## Rates, fees and charges

**Q10** Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

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### Page 9: Ministerial approval

**Q19** Currently, local governments are required to seek Ministerial approval when seeking to impose a rate in the dollar that is more than twice the lowest of its other rating categories. What is your preferred approach to differential rates? **No Ministerial approval required for any differential rates**

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### Page 10: Rating exemptions

**Q20** To what extent do you support the following statements?

"All land should be subject to rates." **Supportive**

"The types of land subject to rates should be consistent between local governments." **Supportive**

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**Q21** Should the following types of land be subject to rates?

Land owned by the Crown that is used or held for a public purpose **No**

Land used or held exclusively for churches (religious bodies) **No**

Land used or held exclusively for schools **No**

Land used exclusively for charitable purposes **No**

Land vested in trustees for agriculture or horticultural show purposes **No**

Land owned by Co-operative Bulk Handling Limited (CBH) **Yes**

Land used primarily as a place of residence (no matter who owns the land) **Yes**

Land used for mining exploration or prospecting **Yes**

Aged care facilities **Yes**

Child care facilities **Yes**

Sporting clubs and Surf Lifesaving clubs **Yes**

Land used for the pursuit of the Arts **Yes**

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**Q22** Which of following charges should be levied on properties exempt from rates? **Both**

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**Q23** Should a concession on rates be granted in any of the following scenarios? **Respondent skipped this question**

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## Rates, fees and charges

### Q24 Should any other scenarios be subject to rates concessions?

It should be open to Council to determine to grant a concession for any circumstance they feel is appropriate.

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### Q25 Which of following charges should be levied on that part of the land that receives a rates concession? **Both**

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### Q26 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Rate exemptions for the commercial (non-charitable) business activities of charitable organisations should be removed." **Very supportive**

"Certain categories of ratepayers, for example Independent Living Units, should only be exempt from rates where they qualify under the Commonwealth Aged Care Act 1997." **Supportive**

"Land used as a residence should not be regarded as charitable." **Very supportive**

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## Page 11: Fees

### Q27 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Local governments should be able to impose fixed charges or levies for particular services, facilities or activities." **Very Supportive**

"Local governments should be able to vary fees and charges at any time without advertising the change." **Unsupportive**

"Local governments should have the autonomy to set fees and charges for all services they provide." **Very Supportive**

"Services that are consistent across local governments should have the same fees or charges." **Unsupportive**

"Local governments should not set a fee or charge higher than the cost of delivering that service." **Unsupportive**

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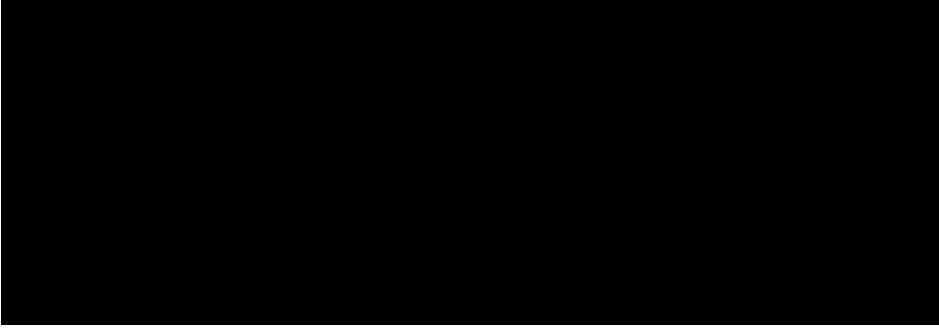
"Fees and charges imposed by local government and fixed under legislation should increase by CPI annually." **Unsupportive**

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## Page 12: Additional comments

**Q28** Do you have any additional comments on the topic of rates, fees and charges? Additional information can also be provided to the review team via email at [actreview@dlgsc.wa.gov.au](mailto:actreview@dlgsc.wa.gov.au). **Respondent skipped this question**

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Page 3: Your organisation

**Q3** What is the name of the organisation?

City of Perth

Page 4: About you

**Q4** What is your name?

Kathleen O'Brien

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Staff member or CEO**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Not applicable / the submission is from an organisation**

**Q7** What is your age? **Not applicable**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Perth (City)**

Page 5: About you

**Q9** Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**



## Rates, fees and charges

**Q10** Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

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### Page 9: Ministerial approval

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### Page 10: Rating exemptions

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## Rates, fees and charges

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The land is owned by a person who currently receives a pensioner or health related concession	<b>Yes</b>
The land is owned or used by a not-for-profit organisation	<b>Yes</b>
The land is owned or used by an entity that provides assistance or encouragement for arts or cultural development	<b>Yes</b>
The land is owned or used by a sporting or recreation body and is available for use by the general community without charge or below cost	<b>Yes</b>
Community service organisations that are not-for-profit, for the benefit of the general public and provide community services without charge or below cost	<b>Yes</b>
The payment of rates or charges will cause hardship to the land owner	<b>Yes</b>
The concession will encourage the economic development of all or part of the local government district	<b>Yes</b>
The concession will encourage land that is of cultural, environmental, historic, heritage or scientific significance to the local government area to be preserved, restored or maintained	<b>Yes</b>
Land that is subject to a mining tenement	<b>Yes</b>
Land that is determined by the Minister to be subject to a concession	<b>Yes</b>

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### Q24 Should any other scenarios be subject to rates concessions?

No - but the Council should have the option to grant a concession.

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### Q25 Which of following charges should be levied on that part of the land that receives a rates concession?

**Both**

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### Q26 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Rate exemptions for the commercial (non-charitable) business activities of charitable organisations should be removed."	<b>Supportive</b>
"Certain categories of ratepayers, for example Independent Living Units, should only be exempt from rates where they qualify under the Commonwealth Aged Care Act 1997."	<b>Supportive</b>
"Land used as a residence should not be regarded as charitable."	<b>Supportive</b>

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## Rates, fees and charges

### Q27 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Local governments should be able to impose fixed charges or levies for particular services, facilities or activities."	<b>Very Supportive</b>
"Local governments should be able to vary fees and charges at any time without advertising the change."	<b>Supportive</b>
"Local governments should have the autonomy to set fees and charges for all services they provide."	<b>Supportive</b>
"Services that are consistent across local governments should have the same fees or charges."	<b>Unsupportive</b>
"Local governments should not set a fee or charge higher than the cost of delivering that service."	<b>Unsupportive</b>
"A fee or charge should not be set lower than the cost of delivering that service."	<b>Unsupportive</b>
"Fees and charges imposed by local government and fixed under legislation should increase by CPI annually."	<b>Unsupportive</b>

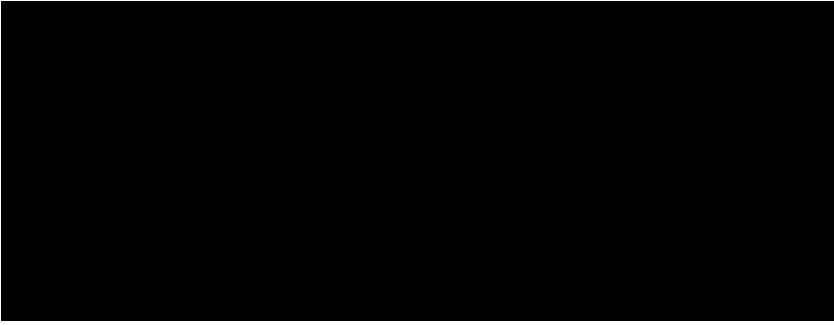
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### Page 12: Additional comments

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Additional commentary in position paper submitted to the Department on 26/03/19.

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Page 3: Your organisation

**Q3** What is the name of the organisation?

City of Kalamunda

Page 4: About you

**Q4** What is your name?

City of Kalamunda

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Response is on behalf of a Local Government (Council endorsed)**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Not applicable / the submission is from an organisation**

**Q7** What is your age? **Not applicable**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Kalamunda (City)**

Page 5: About you

**Q9** Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **No**

## Rates, fees and charges

**Q10** Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

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### Page 9: Ministerial approval

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### Page 10: Rating exemptions

**Q20** To what extent do you support the following statements?

"All land should be subject to rates." **Very supportive**

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Land used exclusively for charitable purposes **Yes**

Land vested in trustees for agriculture or horticultural show purposes **Yes**

Land owned by Co-operative Bulk Handling Limited (CBH) **Yes**

Land used primarily as a place of residence (no matter who owns the land) **Yes**

Land used for mining exploration or prospecting **Yes**

Aged care facilities **Yes**

Child care facilities **Yes**

Sporting clubs and Surf Lifesaving clubs **No**

Land used for the pursuit of the Arts **Yes**

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**Q22** Which of following charges should be levied on properties exempt from rates? **Both**

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## Rates, fees and charges

### Q23 Should a concession on rates be granted in any of the following scenarios?

The land is owned by a person who currently receives a pensioner or health related concession	<b>Yes</b>
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The land is owned or used by an entity that provides assistance or encouragement for arts or cultural development	<b>No</b>
The land is owned or used by a sporting or recreation body and is available for use by the general community without charge or below cost	<b>No</b>
Community service organisations that are not-for-profit, for the benefit of the general public and provide community services without charge or below cost	<b>Yes</b>
The payment of rates or charges will cause hardship to the land owner	<b>No</b>
The concession will encourage the economic development of all or part of the local government district	<b>No</b>
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Land that is subject to a mining tenement	<b>No</b>
Land that is determined by the Minister to be subject to a concession	<b>No</b>

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### Q24 Should any other scenarios be subject to rates concessions?

No

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**Both**

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### Q26 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Rate exemptions for the commercial (non-charitable) business activities of charitable organisations should be removed."	<b>Very supportive</b>
"Certain categories of ratepayers, for example Independent Living Units, should only be exempt from rates where they qualify under the Commonwealth Aged Care Act 1997."	<b>Neutral</b>
"Land used as a residence should not be regarded as charitable."	<b>Very supportive</b>

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## Rates, fees and charges

### Q27 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Local governments should be able to impose fixed charges or levies for particular services, facilities or activities."	<b>Supportive</b>
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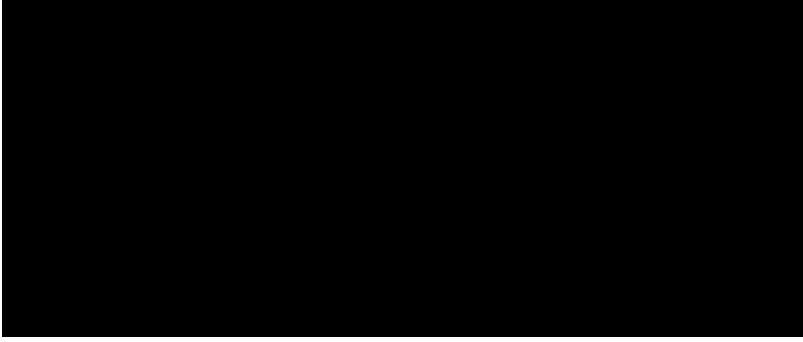
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### Page 12: Additional comments

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Consider rating exemption for those residences officially identified as Public Open Space in Structure Plans.

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**Q2** Who are you completing this submission on behalf of? **An organisation, including a Local Government, peak body or a business**

Page 3: Your organisation

**Q3** What is the name of the organisation?

Northam & Districts Community Voice

Page 4: About you

**Q4** What is your name?

Brian Daniels

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Community organisation**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Not applicable / the submission is from an organisation**

**Q7** What is your age? **Not applicable**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Northam (Shire)**

Page 5: About you

**Q9** Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**



## Rates, fees and charges

**Q10** Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

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### Page 9: Ministerial approval

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### Page 10: Rating exemptions

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Land owned by Co-operative Bulk Handling Limited (CBH) **Yes**

Land used primarily as a place of residence (no matter who owns the land) **Yes**

Land used for mining exploration or prospecting **Yes**

Aged care facilities **No**

Child care facilities **No**

Sporting clubs and Surf Lifesaving clubs **Yes**

Land used for the pursuit of the Arts **Yes**

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## Rates, fees and charges

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The land is owned or used by an entity that provides assistance or encouragement for arts or cultural development	<b>Yes</b>
The land is owned or used by a sporting or recreation body and is available for use by the general community without charge or below cost	<b>No</b>
Community service organisations that are not-for-profit, for the benefit of the general public and provide community services without charge or below cost	<b>Yes</b>
The payment of rates or charges will cause hardship to the land owner	<b>Yes</b>
The concession will encourage the economic development of all or part of the local government district	<b>No</b>
The concession will encourage land that is of cultural, environmental, historic, heritage or scientific significance to the local government area to be preserved, restored or maintained	<b>No</b>
Land that is subject to a mining tenement	<b>No</b>
Land that is determined by the Minister to be subject to a concession	<b>Yes</b>

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**Q24** Should any other scenarios be subject to rates concessions? **Respondent skipped this question**

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**Q25** Which of following charges should be levied on that part of the land that receives a rates concession? **Both**

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### Q26 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Rate exemptions for the commercial (non-charitable) business activities of charitable organisations should be removed."	<b>Supportive</b>
"Land used as a residence should not be regarded as charitable."	<b>Neutral</b>

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## Rates, fees and charges

### Q27 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Local governments should be able to impose fixed charges or levies for particular services, facilities or activities."	<b>Supportive</b>
"Local governments should be able to vary fees and charges at any time without advertising the change."	<b>Unsupportive</b>
"Local governments should have the autonomy to set fees and charges for all services they provide."	<b>Neutral</b>
"Services that are consistent across local governments should have the same fees or charges."	<b>Supportive</b>
"Local governments should not set a fee or charge higher than the cost of delivering that service."	<b>Supportive</b>
"A fee or charge should not be set lower than the cost of delivering that service."	<b>Unsupportive</b>
"Fees and charges imposed by local government and fixed under legislation should increase by CPI annually."	<b>Neutral</b>

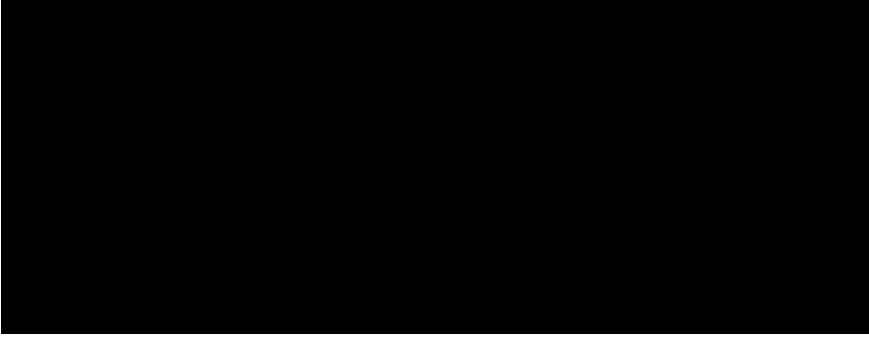
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In the Shire of Northam the GRV of properties has risen dramatically from 2017 to 2018 this is contradictory to the well advertised housing market decline across Australia. With the council imposing a rate in the dollar of 9.7975 resulting in higher rates and hardship for many ratepayers. Solution, take away the power of the CEO to spend money on worthless and unnecessary projects.

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Page 2: About you

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Page 3: Your organisation

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Page 4: About you

**Q4** What is your name?

Steve Walker

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Male**

**Q7** What is your age? **36 - 45**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Prefer not to say**

Page 5: About you

**Q9** Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

## Rates, fees and charges

**Q10** Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

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### Page 9: Ministerial approval

**Q19** Currently, local governments are required to seek Ministerial approval when seeking to impose a rate in the dollar that is more than twice the lowest of its other rating categories. What is your preferred approach to differential rates? **Ministerial approval for rates four times the lowest category**

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### Page 10: Rating exemptions

**Q20** To what extent do you support the following statements?

"All land should be subject to rates." **Supportive**  
"The types of land subject to rates should be consistent between local governments." **Unsupportive**

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**Q21** Should the following types of land be subject to rates?

Land owned by the Crown that is used or held for a public purpose	<b>Yes</b>
Land used or held exclusively for churches (religious bodies)	<b>Unsure</b>
Land used or held exclusively for schools	<b>Yes</b>
Land used exclusively for charitable purposes	<b>Unsure</b>
Land vested in trustees for agriculture or horticultural show purposes	<b>Yes</b>
Land owned by Co-operative Bulk Handling Limited (CBH)	<b>Unsure</b>
Land used primarily as a place of residence (no matter who owns the land)	<b>Unsure</b>
Land used for mining exploration or prospecting	<b>Yes</b>
Aged care facilities	<b>Yes</b>
Child care facilities	<b>Yes</b>
Sporting clubs and Surf Lifesaving clubs	<b>Yes</b>
Land used for the pursuit of the Arts	<b>Unsure</b>

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**Q22** Which of following charges should be levied on properties exempt from rates? **Both**

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## Rates, fees and charges

### Q23 Should a concession on rates be granted in any of the following scenarios?

The land is owned by a person who currently receives a pensioner or health related concession	<b>No</b>
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The land is owned or used by an entity that provides assistance or encouragement for arts or cultural development	<b>Unsure</b>
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Community service organisations that are not-for-profit, for the benefit of the general public and provide community services without charge or below cost	<b>Yes</b>
The payment of rates or charges will cause hardship to the land owner	<b>No</b>
The concession will encourage the economic development of all or part of the local government district	<b>Unsure</b>
The concession will encourage land that is of cultural, environmental, historic, heritage or scientific significance to the local government area to be preserved, restored or maintained	<b>Unsure</b>
Land that is subject to a mining tenement	<b>Yes</b>
Land that is determined by the Minister to be subject to a concession	<b>No</b>

### Q24 Should any other scenarios be subject to rates concessions?

CASE BY CASE basis. State Minister can overrule and give concession.

I have more information to qualify my responses to the above Q.22 Table. (due to my computer session to time-out, I can't put them in right now.)

### Q25 Which of following charges should be levied on that part of the land that receives a rates concession?

**Waste charges**

### Q26 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Rate exemptions for the commercial (non-charitable) business activities of charitable organisations should be removed."	<b>Very supportive</b>
"Certain categories of ratepayers, for example Independent Living Units, should only be exempt from rates where they qualify under the Commonwealth Aged Care Act 1997."	<b>Neutral</b>
"Land used as a residence should not be regarded as charitable."	<b>Neutral</b>

## Rates, fees and charges

### Q27 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Local governments should be able to impose fixed charges or levies for particular services, facilities or activities."	<b>Neutral</b>
"Local governments should be able to vary fees and charges at any time without advertising the change."	<b>Neutral</b>
"Local governments should have the autonomy to set fees and charges for all services they provide."	<b>Supportive</b>
"Services that are consistent across local governments should have the same fees or charges."	<b>Unsupportive</b>
"Local governments should not set a fee or charge higher than the cost of delivering that service."	<b>Supportive</b>
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### Page 12: Additional comments

**Q28** Do you have any additional comments on the topic of rates, fees and charges? Additional information can also be provided to the review team via email at [actreview@dlgsc.wa.gov.au](mailto:actreview@dlgsc.wa.gov.au).

YES. Too many organisations hiding under low rates or no rates. The lists get longer and longer each few years at metro local governments. Unequitable.

(I have more to add here. see email)

long term vacant land, holiday houses, Air bnb properties. AGREE.

Increase differential. 3 or 4 is ok. More is ok.

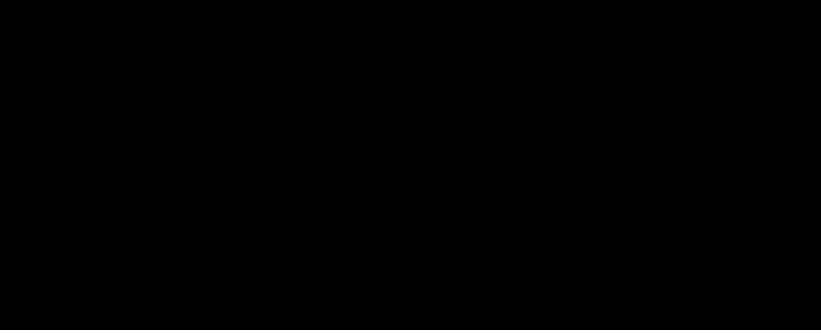
Keep mining rates.

lessen exemptions.

Commercial not exempt from rates.

Differential are great. All metro local governments should be doing them.

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Page 2: About you

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Page 3: Your organisation

**Q3** What is the name of the organisation? **Respondent skipped this question**

Page 4: About you

**Q4** What is your name?

Dan Bull

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Council member, including Mayor or President**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Male**

**Q7** What is your age? **36 - 45**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Bayswater (City)**

Page 5: About you

**Q9** Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

**Q10** Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**



Page 9: Ministerial approval

**Q19** Currently, local governments are required to seek Ministerial approval when seeking to impose a rate in the dollar that is more than twice the lowest of its other rating categories. What is your preferred approach to differential rates?

Respondent skipped this question

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Page 10: Rating exemptions

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Respondent skipped this question

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**Q21** Should the following types of land be subject to rates?

Respondent skipped this question

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**Q22** Which of following charges should be levied on properties exempt from rates?

Respondent skipped this question

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**Q23** Should a concession on rates be granted in any of the following scenarios?

Respondent skipped this question

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Page 3: Your organisation

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Northam & Districts Community Voice

Page 4: About you

**Q4** What is your name?

Brian Daniels

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Community organisation**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Not applicable / the submission is from an organisation**

**Q7** What is your age? **Not applicable**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Northam (Shire)**

Page 5: About you

**Q9** Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

## Rates, fees and charges

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### Page 10: Rating exemptions

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"All land should be subject to rates." **Supportive**

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Land vested in trustees for agriculture or horticultural show purposes **No**

Land owned by Co-operative Bulk Handling Limited (CBH) **Yes**

Land used primarily as a place of residence (no matter who owns the land) **Yes**

Land used for mining exploration or prospecting **Yes**

Aged care facilities **No**

Child care facilities **No**

Sporting clubs and Surf Lifesaving clubs **Yes**

Land used for the pursuit of the Arts **No**

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## Rates, fees and charges

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**Q24** Should any other scenarios be subject to rates concessions? **Respondent skipped this question**

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**Q25** Which of following charges should be levied on that part of the land that receives a rates concession? **Both**

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### Q26 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Rate exemptions for the commercial (non-charitable) business activities of charitable organisations should be removed."	<b>Unsupportive</b>
"Certain categories of ratepayers, for example Independent Living Units, should only be exempt from rates where they qualify under the Commonwealth Aged Care Act 1997."	<b>Supportive</b>
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## Rates, fees and charges

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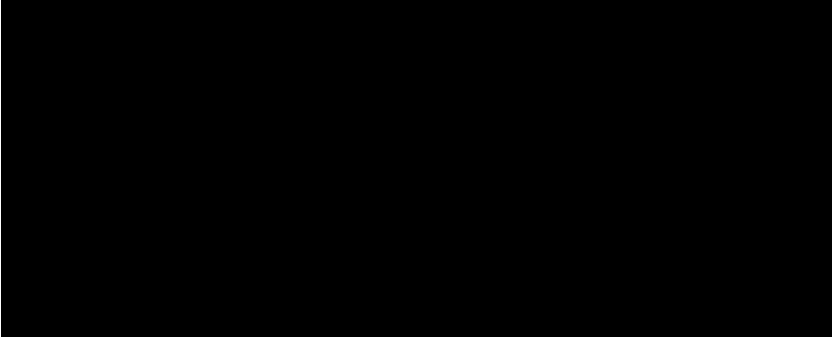
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Page 3: Your organisation

**Q3** What is the name of the organisation?

City of Kwinana

Page 4: About you

**Q4** What is your name?

City of Kwinana

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**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Not applicable / the submission is from an organisation**

**Q7** What is your age? **Not applicable**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Kwinana (City)**

Page 5: About you

**Q9** Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

## Rates, fees and charges

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### Page 9: Ministerial approval

**Q19** Currently, local governments are required to seek Ministerial approval when seeking to impose a rate in the dollar that is more than twice the lowest of its other rating categories. What is your preferred approach to differential rates? **Differential rates to a maximum of four times may be set with no option for Ministerial approval**

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### Page 10: Rating exemptions

**Q20** To what extent do you support the following statements?

"All land should be subject to rates." **Very supportive**

"The types of land subject to rates should be consistent between local governments." **Very supportive**

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**Q21** Should the following types of land be subject to rates?

Land owned by the Crown that is used or held for a public purpose **Yes**

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Land owned by Co-operative Bulk Handling Limited (CBH) **Yes**

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Aged care facilities **Yes**

Child care facilities **Yes**

Sporting clubs and Surf Lifesaving clubs **Yes**

Land used for the pursuit of the Arts **Yes**

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**Q22** Which of following charges should be levied on properties exempt from rates? **Both**

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## Rates, fees and charges

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Land that is subject to a mining tenement	<b>No</b>
Land that is determined by the Minister to be subject to a concession	<b>No</b>

### Q24 Should any other scenarios be subject to rates concessions?

Concessions should be at the discretion of the Council of the Local Government to be set at the time of Rate Setting.

### Q25 Which of following charges should be levied on that part of the land that receives a rates concession?

Other (please specify):  
Waste charges - however, the charges should include the full waste charge and the rates levied to properties should be calculated as any other ratepayer in the category minus the concession set by the Council.

### Q26 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Rate exemptions for the commercial (non-charitable) business activities of charitable organisations should be removed."	<b>Very supportive</b>
"Certain categories of ratepayers, for example Independent Living Units, should only be exempt from rates where they qualify under the Commonwealth Aged Care Act 1997."	<b>Very unsupportive</b>
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## Rates, fees and charges

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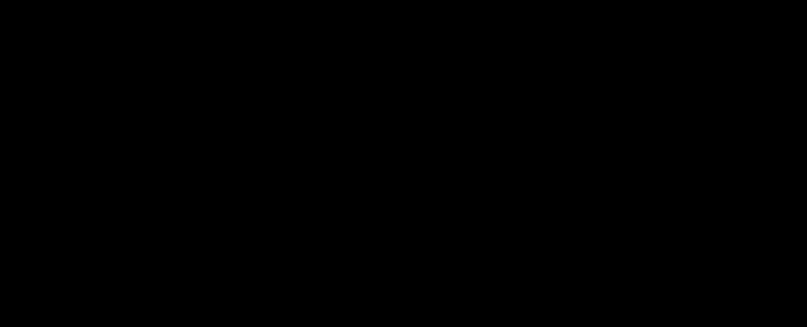
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Page 4: About you

**Q4** What is your name?

Dr Kaj NIEUKERKE

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Male**

**Q7** What is your age? **66 - 75**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Esperance (Shire)**

Page 5: About you

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**Q10** Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 9: Ministerial approval

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**Ministerial approval for rates twice the lowest category**

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Page 10: Rating exemptions

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Land owned by Co-operative Bulk Handling Limited (CBH)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used primarily as a place of residence (no matter who owns the land)	<b>Yes</b>
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When this questionnaire asks "LG should consider any submissions" (Q13) it should MEAN consider, not just note and ignore... They require sufficient time set aside to actually conduct a discussion and make the appropriate adjustment if so required. The current time frame does not allow this to happen. Rates are rushed through so as to allow rates notices to go out in August...

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Page 3: Your organisation

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City of Karratha

Page 4: About you

**Q4** What is your name?

Henry Eaton

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Response is on behalf of a Local Government (Council endorsed)**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Not applicable / the submission is from an organisation**

**Q7** What is your age? **Not applicable**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Karratha (City)**

Page 5: About you

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### Page 9: Ministerial approval

**Q19** Currently, local governments are required to seek Ministerial approval when seeking to impose a rate in the dollar that is more than twice the lowest of its other rating categories. What is your preferred approach to differential rates? **No Ministerial approval required for any differential rates**

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### Page 10: Rating exemptions

**Q20** To what extent do you support the following statements?

"All land should be subject to rates." **Very supportive**

"The types of land subject to rates should be consistent between local governments." **Neutral**

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**Q21** Should the following types of land be subject to rates?

Land owned by the Crown that is used or held for a public purpose **Yes**

Land used or held exclusively for churches (religious bodies) **Yes**

Land used or held exclusively for schools **Yes**

Land used exclusively for charitable purposes **No**

Land vested in trustees for agriculture or horticultural show purposes **Yes**

Land owned by Co-operative Bulk Handling Limited (CBH) **Yes**

Land used primarily as a place of residence (no matter who owns the land) **Yes**

Land used for mining exploration or prospecting **Yes**

Aged care facilities **Yes**

Child care facilities **Yes**

Sporting clubs and Surf Lifesaving clubs **Yes**

Land used for the pursuit of the Arts **Yes**

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**Q22** Which of following charges should be levied on properties exempt from rates? **Both**

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## Rates, fees and charges

### Q23 Should a concession on rates be granted in any of the following scenarios?

The land is owned by a person who currently receives a pensioner or health related concession	<b>Yes</b>
The land is owned or used by a not-for-profit organisation	<b>Unsure</b>
The land is owned or used by an entity that provides assistance or encouragement for arts or cultural development	<b>No</b>
The land is owned or used by a sporting or recreation body and is available for use by the general community without charge or below cost	<b>Yes</b>
Community service organisations that are not-for-profit, for the benefit of the general public and provide community services without charge or below cost	<b>Yes</b>
The payment of rates or charges will cause hardship to the land owner	<b>No</b>
The concession will encourage the economic development of all or part of the local government district	<b>No</b>
The concession will encourage land that is of cultural, environmental, historic, heritage or scientific significance to the local government area to be preserved, restored or maintained	<b>No</b>
Land that is subject to a mining tenement	<b>No</b>
Land that is determined by the Minister to be subject to a concession	<b>No</b>

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### Q24 Should any other scenarios be subject to rates concessions?

Only as determined by the Council for a particular category or on a case by case basis.

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### Q25 Which of following charges should be levied on that part of the land that receives a rates concession?

**Neither**

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### Q26 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Rate exemptions for the commercial (non-charitable) business activities of charitable organisations should be removed."	<b>Very supportive</b>
"Certain categories of ratepayers, for example Independent Living Units, should only be exempt from rates where they qualify under the Commonwealth Aged Care Act 1997."	<b>Very supportive</b>
"Land used as a residence should not be regarded as charitable."	<b>Very supportive</b>

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## Rates, fees and charges

### Q27 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Local governments should be able to impose fixed charges or levies for particular services, facilities or activities."	<b>Very Supportive</b>
"Local governments should be able to vary fees and charges at any time without advertising the change."	<b>Very Supportive</b>
"Local governments should have the autonomy to set fees and charges for all services they provide."	<b>Very Supportive</b>
"Services that are consistent across local governments should have the same fees or charges."	<b>Unsupportive</b>
"Local governments should not set a fee or charge higher than the cost of delivering that service."	<b>Very unsupportive</b>
"A fee or charge should not be set lower than the cost of delivering that service."	<b>Very unsupportive</b>
"Fees and charges imposed by local government and fixed under legislation should increase by CPI annually."	<b>Neutral</b>

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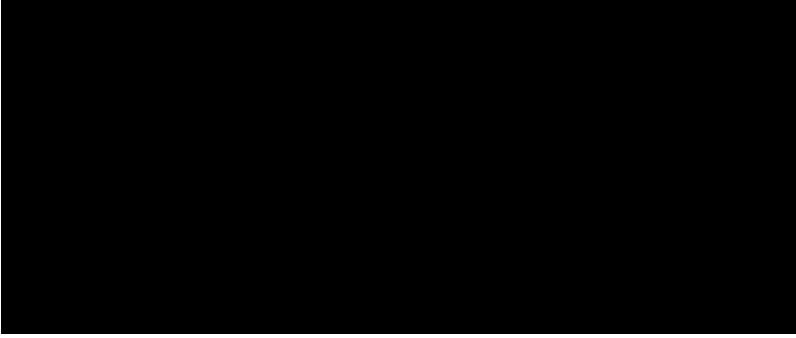
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Local Governments should continue to be able to apply specified area rates (including fees and charges) for those areas that benefit from a specific service eg. SMART (technological) suburbs, etc

Fees and charges for retail products (eg. drinks, snacks, etc) should not be subject to the same requirements/restrictions as fees and charges for services.

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Page 2: About you

**Q1** Have you read the discussion paper associated with this survey? **Yes**

**Q2** Who are you completing this submission on behalf of? **An organisation, including a Local Government, peak body or a business**

Page 3: Your organisation

**Q3** What is the name of the organisation?

Shire of Westonia

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**Q4** What is your name?

Shire of Westonia

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Response is on behalf of a Local Government (Council endorsed)**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Not applicable / the submission is from an organisation**

**Q7** What is your age? **Not applicable**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Westonia (Shire)**

Page 5: About you

**Q9** Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

## Rates, fees and charges

**Q10** Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

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### Page 9: Ministerial approval

**Q19** Currently, local governments are required to seek Ministerial approval when seeking to impose a rate in the dollar that is more than twice the lowest of its other rating categories. What is your preferred approach to differential rates? **No Ministerial approval required for any differential rates**

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### Page 10: Rating exemptions

**Q20** To what extent do you support the following statements?

"All land should be subject to rates." **Supportive**

"The types of land subject to rates should be consistent between local governments." **Supportive**

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**Q21** Should the following types of land be subject to rates?

Land owned by the Crown that is used or held for a public purpose **Yes**

Land used or held exclusively for churches (religious bodies) **Unsure**

Land used or held exclusively for schools **Yes**

Land used exclusively for charitable purposes **Yes**

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Land owned by Co-operative Bulk Handling Limited (CBH) **Yes**

Land used primarily as a place of residence (no matter who owns the land) **Yes**

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Land used for the pursuit of the Arts **Yes**

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**Q22** Which of following charges should be levied on properties exempt from rates? **Both**

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## Rates, fees and charges

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Community service organisations that are not-for-profit, for the benefit of the general public and provide community services without charge or below cost	<b>Yes</b>
The payment of rates or charges will cause hardship to the land owner	<b>No</b>
The concession will encourage the economic development of all or part of the local government district	<b>Unsure</b>
The concession will encourage land that is of cultural, environmental, historic, heritage or scientific significance to the local government area to be preserved, restored or maintained	<b>Unsure</b>
Land that is subject to a mining tenement	<b>No</b>
Land that is determined by the Minister to be subject to a concession	<b>Unsure</b>

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**Q24** Should any other scenarios be subject to rates concessions? **Respondent skipped this question**

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**Q25** Which of following charges should be levied on that part of the land that receives a rates concession? **Both**

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### Q26 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Rate exemptions for the commercial (non-charitable) business activities of charitable organisations should be removed."	<b>Very supportive</b>
"Certain categories of ratepayers, for example Independent Living Units, should only be exempt from rates where they qualify under the Commonwealth Aged Care Act 1997."	<b>Unsupportive</b>
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## Rates, fees and charges

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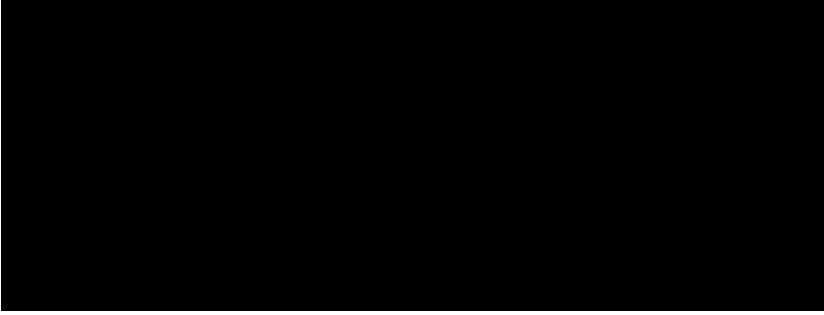
"Local governments should be able to impose fixed charges or levies for particular services, facilities or activities."	<b>Supportive</b>
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"Local governments should have the autonomy to set fees and charges for all services they provide."	<b>Supportive</b>
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Page 12: Additional comments

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Page 3: Your organisation

**Q3** What is the name of the organisation? **Respondent skipped this question**

Page 4: About you

**Q4** What is your name?

Maria

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Female**

**Q7** What is your age? **56 - 65**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Port Hedland (Town)**

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**Q9** Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **No**

## Rates, fees and charges

**Q10** Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

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### Page 9: Ministerial approval

**Q19** Currently, local governments are required to seek Ministerial approval when seeking to impose a rate in the dollar that is more than twice the lowest of its other rating categories. What is your preferred approach to differential rates? **Ministerial approval for rates twice the lowest category**

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### Page 10: Rating exemptions

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"All land should be subject to rates." **Supportive**

"The types of land subject to rates should be consistent between local governments." **Supportive**

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Land used or held exclusively for churches (religious bodies) **Yes**

Land used or held exclusively for schools **Unsure**

Land used exclusively for charitable purposes **Unsure**

Land vested in trustees for agriculture or horticultural show purposes **Unsure**

Land owned by Co-operative Bulk Handling Limited (CBH) **Yes**

Land used primarily as a place of residence (no matter who owns the land) **Yes**

Land used for mining exploration or prospecting **Yes**

Aged care facilities **Yes**

Child care facilities **Yes**

Sporting clubs and Surf Lifesaving clubs **Unsure**

Land used for the pursuit of the Arts **Yes**

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**Q22** Which of following charges should be levied on properties exempt from rates? **Both**

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## Rates, fees and charges

### Q23 Should a concession on rates be granted in any of the following scenarios?

The land is owned by a person who currently receives a pensioner or health related concession **Yes**

The land is owned or used by a not-for-profit organisation **Yes**

The land is owned or used by an entity that provides assistance or encouragement for arts or cultural development **No**

The land is owned or used by a sporting or recreation body and is available for use by the general community without charge or below cost **Yes**

Community service organisations that are not-for-profit, for the benefit of the general public and provide community services without charge or below cost **Yes**

The payment of rates or charges will cause hardship to the land owner **Yes**

The concession will encourage the economic development of all or part of the local government district **Yes**

The concession will encourage land that is of cultural, environmental, historic, heritage or scientific significance to the local government area to be preserved, restored or maintained **Yes**

Land that is subject to a mining tenement **Unsure**

Land that is determined by the Minister to be subject to a concession **Yes**

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Q24 Should any other scenarios be subject to rates concessions? **Respondent skipped this question**

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"Certain categories of ratepayers, for example Independent Living Units, should only be exempt from rates where they qualify under the Commonwealth Aged Care Act 1997." **Supportive**

"Land used as a residence should not be regarded as charitable." **Neutral**



## Rates, fees and charges

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"Local governments should be able to vary fees and charges at any time without advertising the change."	<b>Very unsupportive</b>
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Page 3: Your organisation

**Q3** What is the name of the organisation?

Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes

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**Q4** What is your name?

Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Response is on behalf of a Local Government (Council endorsed)**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Not applicable / the submission is from an organisation**

**Q7** What is your age? **Not applicable**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Bridgetown-Greenbushes (Shire)**

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**Q9** Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

## Rates, fees and charges

**Q10** Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

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### Page 9: Ministerial approval

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Land owned by Co-operative Bulk Handling Limited (CBH) **Yes**

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Sporting clubs and Surf Lifesaving clubs **Yes**

Land used for the pursuit of the Arts **Yes**

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## Rates, fees and charges

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Land that is subject to a mining tenement	<b>Yes</b>
Land that is determined by the Minister to be subject to a concession	<b>Yes</b>

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### Q24 Should any other scenarios be subject to rates concessions?

No there should be some legislative control on what concessions can be provided by a Council.

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### Q25 Which of following charges should be levied on that part of the land that receives a rates concession?

**Both**

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### Q26 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Rate exemptions for the commercial (non-charitable) business activities of charitable organisations should be removed."	<b>Very supportive</b>
"Certain categories of ratepayers, for example Independent Living Units, should only be exempt from rates where they qualify under the Commonwealth Aged Care Act 1997."	<b>Very supportive</b>
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Page 4: About you

**Q4** What is your name?

Alan Gray

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Male**

**Q7** What is your age? **56 - 65**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Broome (Shire)**

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**Q9** Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

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Page 9: Ministerial approval

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**Ministerial approval for rates twice the lowest category**

Page 10: Rating exemptions

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Land used for mining exploration or prospecting	<b>Yes</b>
Aged care facilities	<b>Unsure</b>
Child care facilities	<b>Unsure</b>
Sporting clubs and Surf Lifesaving clubs	<b>Unsure</b>
Land used for the pursuit of the Arts	<b>No</b>

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## Rates, fees and charges

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"Local governments should be able to impose fixed charges or levies for particular services, facilities or activities."	<b>Neutral</b>
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Broome Shire has no proper Hardship policy for those who cannot afford to pay their rates on time. Plus, they charge penalty interest when struggling ratepayers cannot afford, and do not deserve, to be penalised. This should change for all Shires.

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Page 3: Your organisation

**Q3** What is the name of the organisation? **Respondent skipped this question**

Page 4: About you

**Q4** What is your name?

Diana Oliver

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Female**

**Q7** What is your age? **56 - 65**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Broome (Shire)**

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Page 3: Your organisation

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Gidgegannup Progress Association Inc.

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**Q4** What is your name?

Sally Block

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Not applicable / the submission is from an organisation**

**Q7** What is your age? **Not applicable**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Swan (City)**

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### Page 10: Rating exemptions

**Q20** To what extent do you support the following statements?

"All land should be subject to rates." **Supportive**

"The types of land subject to rates should be consistent between local governments." **Supportive**

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**Q21** Should the following types of land be subject to rates?

Land owned by the Crown that is used or held for a public purpose **No**

Land used or held exclusively for churches (religious bodies) **Yes**

Land used or held exclusively for schools **Yes**

Land used exclusively for charitable purposes **Yes**

Land vested in trustees for agriculture or horticultural show purposes **Yes**

Land owned by Co-operative Bulk Handling Limited (CBH) **No**

Land used primarily as a place of residence (no matter who owns the land) **Yes**

Land used for mining exploration or prospecting **Yes**

Aged care facilities **Yes**

Child care facilities **Yes**

Sporting clubs and Surf Lifesaving clubs **Yes**

Land used for the pursuit of the Arts **Yes**

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**Q22** Which of following charges should be levied on properties exempt from rates? **Both**

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## Rates, fees and charges

### Q23 Should a concession on rates be granted in any of the following scenarios?

The land is owned by a person who currently receives a pensioner or health related concession	<b>Yes</b>
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Community service organisations that are not-for-profit, for the benefit of the general public and provide community services without charge or below cost	<b>Yes</b>
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The concession will encourage the economic development of all or part of the local government district	<b>Yes</b>
The concession will encourage land that is of cultural, environmental, historic, heritage or scientific significance to the local government area to be preserved, restored or maintained	<b>Yes</b>
Land that is subject to a mining tenement	<b>No</b>
Land that is determined by the Minister to be subject to a concession	<b>Yes</b>

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### Q24 Should any other scenarios be subject to rates concessions?

Rural land that is conserving the environment

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### Q25 Which of following charges should be levied on that part of the land that receives a rates concession?

**Both**

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### Q26 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Rate exemptions for the commercial (non-charitable) business activities of charitable organisations should be removed." **Supportive**

"Certain categories of ratepayers, for example Independent Living Units, should only be exempt from rates where they qualify under the Commonwealth Aged Care Act 1997." **Supportive**

"Land used as a residence should not be regarded as charitable." **Supportive**

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## Rates, fees and charges

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"Local governments should have the autonomy to set fees and charges for all services they provide."	<b>Supportive</b>
"Services that are consistent across local governments should have the same fees or charges."	<b>Supportive</b>
"Local governments should not set a fee or charge higher than the cost of delivering that service."	<b>Supportive</b>
"A fee or charge should not be set lower than the cost of delivering that service."	<b>Supportive</b>
"Fees and charges imposed by local government and fixed under legislation should increase by CPI annually."	<b>Neutral</b>

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Rural residential land should have a different rate to urban/suburban residential. Rural landowners generally have fewer services but increased responsibilities such as conservation of environmental areas and water courses. Firebreaks, weed control, feral animal control. Although there is a Farmland rate not all rural residences comply with the income requirements from their farming pursuits, Nevertheless the landowners are conserving the rural aspect of the area. Differential rating in rural areas would assist with the rating of the different levels of conservation etc.

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**Q4** What is your name?

Suzanne Thompson

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Female**

**Q7** What is your age? **36 - 45**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Joondalup (City)**

Page 5: About you

**Q9** Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

**Q10** Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**



Page 9: Ministerial approval

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**Ministerial approval for rates twice the lowest category**

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Page 10: Rating exemptions

**Q20** To what extent do you support the following statements?

"All land should be subject to rates."	<b>Unsupportive</b>
"The types of land subject to rates should be consistent between local governments."	<b>Very supportive</b>

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**Q21** Should the following types of land be subject to rates?

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Land used or held exclusively for churches (religious bodies)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used or held exclusively for schools	<b>Unsure</b>
Land used exclusively for charitable purposes	<b>Yes</b>
Land vested in trustees for agriculture or horticultural show purposes	<b>Yes</b>
Land owned by Co-operative Bulk Handling Limited (CBH)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used primarily as a place of residence (no matter who owns the land)	<b>Yes</b>
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The land is owned or used by a sporting or recreation body and is available for use by the general community without charge or below cost	<b>Yes</b>
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**Q24** Should any other scenarios be subject to rates concessions? **Respondent skipped this question**

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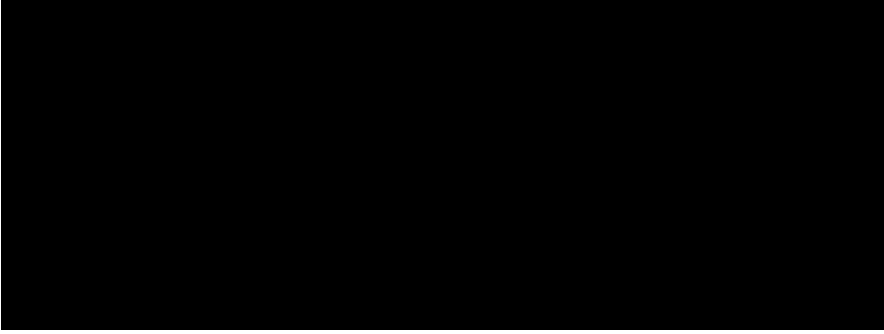
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I believe that private schools that operate as commercial ventures should be made to pay rates.

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DENNIS GRIMWOOD

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Male**

**Q7** What is your age? **76+**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Armadale (City)**

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**Ministerial approval for rates twice the lowest category**

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Land owned by Co-operative Bulk Handling Limited (CBH)	<b>Yes</b>
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**Q22** Which of following charges should be levied on properties exempt from rates?

**A service charge to cover basic services and maintenance**

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## Rates, fees and charges

### Q23 Should a concession on rates be granted in any of the following scenarios?

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### Q24 Should any other scenarios be subject to rates concessions?

**Respondent skipped this question**

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## Rates, fees and charges

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Restrictions must be placed on the rate of discretionary increase to the "minimum rate". The Minimum Rate can be set to any level and currently does not need to be consistent with the general rate increase - it may be a huge proportional increase even though affected land value may remain unchanged.

The "rate" is a rate in the dollar of property value and is not related to population growth, which can increase the ratepayer base at a faster rate than the rate in the dollar increase. Consequently revenue can increase manyfold even though the rate in the dollar remains constant. Therefore the rate in the dollar should be set so as to limit planned revenues to reasonable increases to the total Municipal Fund. Otherwise Councils simply increase expenditure and expand their organisations to match revenue - creating future liabilities to sustain that

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Lorna Buchan

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Female**

**Q7** What is your age? **46 - 55**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Rockingham (City)**

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**Waste charges**

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## Rates, fees and charges

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**Q24** Should any other scenarios be subject to rates concessions? **Respondent skipped this question**

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## Rates, fees and charges

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Rates relief should not be given to Churches or any religious organisation.

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Rashelle Predovnik

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### Q24 Should any other scenarios be subject to rates concessions?

People who are struggling to pay, who are defaulting on their mortgages and who need extra time, help and support. There should be no interest applied to their debt, a payment plan they are able to meet over a long period of time should be applied. Special concessions need to be given to help these families not spiral into poverty (which often has generational impacts...).

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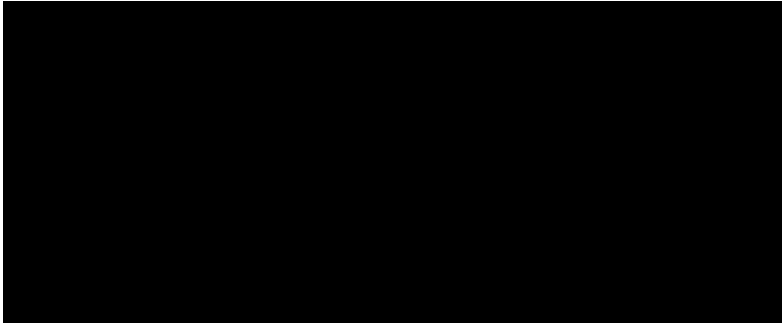
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If local governments are able to impose fixed charges or levies for particular services, facilities or activities – who determines how high this is and what safeguards will be put in place to ensure these charges and levies are not excessive? More detail please. If you propose fees and charges imposed by local government and fixed under legislation should increase by CPI annually – you should also allow these charges to decrease when the CPI falls, as it does during economic periods of deflation. That way people aren't slugged increasing fees when CPI decreases...

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Gordon Walsh

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**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Male**

**Q7** What is your age? **66 - 75**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Swan (City)**

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Aged care facilities	<b>Yes</b>
Child care facilities	<b>Yes</b>
Sporting clubs and Surf Lifesaving clubs	<b>No</b>
Land used for the pursuit of the Arts	<b>No</b>

**Q22** Which of following charges should be levied on properties exempt from rates?

**A service charge to cover basic services and maintenance**

## Rates, fees and charges

### Q23 Should a concession on rates be granted in any of the following scenarios?

The land is owned by a person who currently receives a pensioner or health related concession	<b>Yes</b>
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The land is owned or used by an entity that provides assistance or encouragement for arts or cultural development	<b>Yes</b>
The land is owned or used by a sporting or recreation body and is available for use by the general community without charge or below cost	<b>Yes</b>
Community service organisations that are not-for-profit, for the benefit of the general public and provide community services without charge or below cost	<b>Yes</b>
The payment of rates or charges will cause hardship to the land owner	<b>Yes</b>
The concession will encourage the economic development of all or part of the local government district	<b>Yes</b>
The concession will encourage land that is of cultural, environmental, historic, heritage or scientific significance to the local government area to be preserved, restored or maintained	<b>Yes</b>
Land that is subject to a mining tenement	<b>No</b>
Land that is determined by the Minister to be subject to a concession	<b>Yes</b>

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### Q24 Should any other scenarios be subject to rates concessions?

**Respondent skipped this question**

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### Q25 Which of following charges should be levied on that part of the land that receives a rates concession?

**A service charge to cover basic services and maintenance**

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### Q26 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Rate exemptions for the commercial (non-charitable) business activities of charitable organisations should be removed."	<b>Neutral</b>
"Certain categories of ratepayers, for example Independent Living Units, should only be exempt from rates where they qualify under the Commonwealth Aged Care Act 1997."	<b>Supportive</b>
"Land used as a residence should not be regarded as charitable."	<b>Very unsupportive</b>

## Rates, fees and charges

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"Local governments should have the autonomy to set fees and charges for all services they provide."	<b>Very unsupportive</b>
"Services that are consistent across local governments should have the same fees or charges."	<b>Supportive</b>
"Local governments should not set a fee or charge higher than the cost of delivering that service."	<b>Very Supportive</b>
"A fee or charge should not be set lower than the cost of delivering that service."	<b>Very Supportive</b>
"Fees and charges imposed by local government and fixed under legislation should increase by CPI annually."	<b>Very unsupportive</b>

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### Page 12: Additional comments

**Q28** Do you have any additional comments on the topic of rates, fees and charges? Additional information can also be provided to the review team via email at [actreview@dlgsc.wa.gov.au](mailto:actreview@dlgsc.wa.gov.au).

Unfortunately more rates mean more \$ and shires are so besotted with extra funding their entire strategic mindset is about more houses in a given locality to provide more funds for the coffers. Sadly this leads to poor planning that doesn't consider families, transport infrastructure and environmental needs.

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Page 2: About you

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Page 3: Your organisation

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Page 4: About you

**Q4** What is your name?

Beryl

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Female**

**Q7** What is your age? **56 - 65**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Swan (City)**

Page 5: About you

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**Q10** Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 9: Ministerial approval

**Q19** Currently, local governments are required to seek Ministerial approval when seeking to impose a rate in the dollar that is more than twice the lowest of its other rating categories. What is your preferred approach to differential rates?

**Differential rates to a maximum of four times may be set with no option for Ministerial approval**

Page 10: Rating exemptions

**Q20** To what extent do you support the following statements?

"All land should be subject to rates."

**Unsupportive**

"The types of land subject to rates should be consistent between local governments."

**Very supportive**

**Q21** Should the following types of land be subject to rates?

Land owned by the Crown that is used or held for a public purpose **No**

Land used or held exclusively for churches (religious bodies) **No**

Land used or held exclusively for schools **No**

Land used exclusively for charitable purposes **No**

Land vested in trustees for agriculture or horticultural show purposes **No**

Land owned by Co-operative Bulk Handling Limited (CBH) **No**

Land used primarily as a place of residence (no matter who owns the land) **Yes**

Land used for mining exploration or prospecting **Yes**

Aged care facilities **No**

Child care facilities **No**

Sporting clubs and Surf Lifesaving clubs **No**

Land used for the pursuit of the Arts **No**

**Q22** Which of following charges should be levied on properties exempt from rates?

**Both**

## Rates, fees and charges

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The concession will encourage land that is of cultural, environmental, historic, heritage or scientific significance to the local government area to be preserved, restored or maintained	<b>Yes</b>
Land that is subject to a mining tenement	<b>No</b>
Land that is determined by the Minister to be subject to a concession	<b>Unsure</b>

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### Q24 Should any other scenarios be subject to rates concessions?

In keeping with aged care facilities and pensioners, those holding seniors cards should also get a concession

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## Rates, fees and charges

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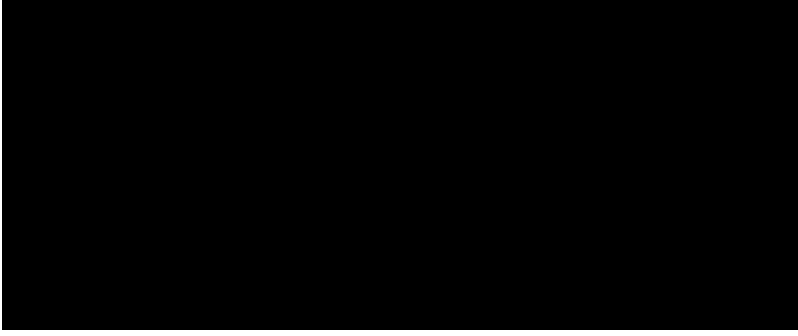
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Rates should not increase at a greater rate than CPI or a very small % above that. That is - the amount the rate payer pays, regardless of the property valuation. Local government should be required to justify costs above CPI. Property developers should be paying rates until the land is transferred to a new owner; councils should not be able to claim increases in rates are due to a rapidly expanding development base.

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Page 2: About you

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Page 4: About you

**Q4** What is your name?

Paul Mulcahy

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Male**

**Q7** What is your age? **56 - 65**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Swan (City)**

Page 5: About you

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Page 9: Ministerial approval

**Q19** Currently, local governments are required to seek Ministerial approval when seeking to impose a rate in the dollar that is more than twice the lowest of its other rating categories. What is your preferred approach to differential rates?

**Ministerial approval for rates twice the lowest category**

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Page 10: Rating exemptions

**Q20** To what extent do you support the following statements?

"All land should be subject to rates."	<b>Supportive</b>
"The types of land subject to rates should be consistent between local governments."	<b>Very supportive</b>

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**Q21** Should the following types of land be subject to rates?

Land owned by the Crown that is used or held for a public purpose	<b>Yes</b>
Land used or held exclusively for churches (religious bodies)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used or held exclusively for schools	<b>No</b>
Land used exclusively for charitable purposes	<b>Unsure</b>
Land vested in trustees for agriculture or horticultural show purposes	<b>No</b>
Land owned by Co-operative Bulk Handling Limited (CBH)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used primarily as a place of residence (no matter who owns the land)	<b>Yes</b>
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Aged care facilities	<b>Yes</b>
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## Rates, fees and charges

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Totally disagree with making rural land that does not produce major income same rating as residential as City of Swan tried to do. There is a complete difference to the provision of services in our rural community and while we accept that we do not want to pay same as residential rates. Also if land is zoned rural shires should not be able to change zoning purely for rating purposes

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Page 3: Your organisation

**Q3** What is the name of the organisation? **Respondent skipped this question**

Page 4: About you

**Q4** What is your name?

Phillip Blight

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Council member, including Mayor or President**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Male**

**Q7** What is your age? **56 - 65**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Wagin (Shire)**

Page 5: About you

**Q9** Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

**Q10** Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 9: Ministerial approval

**Q19** Currently, local governments are required to seek Ministerial approval when seeking to impose a rate in the dollar that is more than twice the lowest of its other rating categories. What is your preferred approach to differential rates?

**No Ministerial approval required for any differential rates**

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Page 10: Rating exemptions

**Q20** To what extent do you support the following statements?

"All land should be subject to rates."	<b>Very supportive</b>
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Land owned by Co-operative Bulk Handling Limited (CBH)	<b>Yes</b>
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**Q24** Should any other scenarios be subject to rates concessions? **Respondent skipped this question**

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Page 4: About you

**Q4** What is your name?

Stella

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Female**

**Q7** What is your age? **56 - 65**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Bayswater (City)**

Page 5: About you

**Q9** Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

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Page 9: Ministerial approval

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Land owned by Co-operative Bulk Handling Limited (CBH)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used primarily as a place of residence (no matter who owns the land)	<b>Yes</b>
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## Rates, fees and charges

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## Rates, fees and charges

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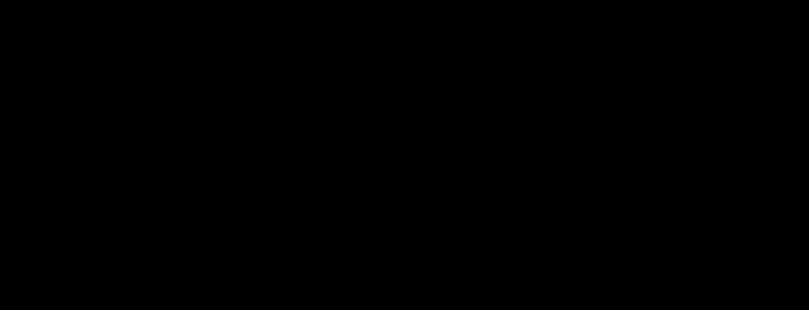
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Community should have the ability to approach the Minister or higher authority if an unfair or unjust fee or charge is imposed by local government

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Page 2: About you

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**Q2** Who are you completing this submission on behalf of? **An organisation, including a Local Government, peak body or a business**

Page 3: Your organisation

**Q3** What is the name of the organisation?

WEROC

Page 4: About you

**Q4** What is your name?

WEROC

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Response is on behalf of a Local Government (Council endorsed)**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Not applicable / the submission is from an organisation**

**Q7** What is your age? **Not applicable**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Not listed**

Page 5: About you

**Q9** Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **No**

## Rates, fees and charges

**Q10** Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

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### Page 9: Ministerial approval

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Land used exclusively for charitable purposes **Yes**

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Land owned by Co-operative Bulk Handling Limited (CBH) **Yes**

Land used primarily as a place of residence (no matter who owns the land) **Yes**

Land used for mining exploration or prospecting **Yes**

Aged care facilities **Yes**

Child care facilities **Yes**

Sporting clubs and Surf Lifesaving clubs **Yes**

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### Q26 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Certain categories of ratepayers, for example Independent Living Units, should only be exempt from rates where they qualify under the Commonwealth Aged Care Act 1997."	<b>Unsupportive</b>
"Land used as a residence should not be regarded as charitable."	<b>Very supportive</b>

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## Rates, fees and charges

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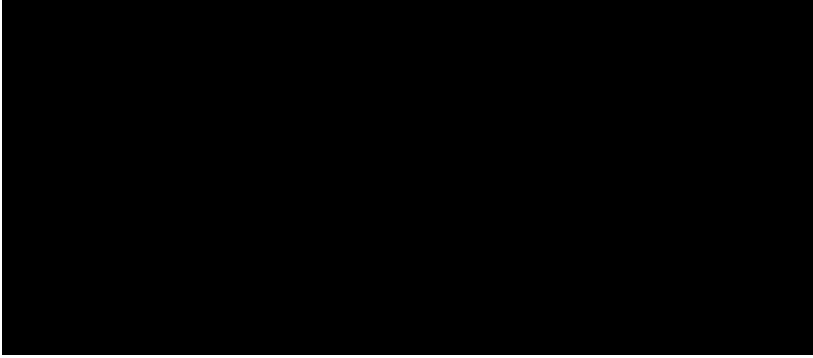
"Local governments should be able to impose fixed charges or levies for particular services, facilities or activities."	<b>Supportive</b>
"Local governments should be able to vary fees and charges at any time without advertising the change."	<b>Supportive</b>
"Local governments should have the autonomy to set fees and charges for all services they provide."	<b>Supportive</b>
"Services that are consistent across local governments should have the same fees or charges."	<b>Unsupportive</b>
"Local governments should not set a fee or charge higher than the cost of delivering that service."	<b>Unsupportive</b>
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### Page 12: Additional comments

**Q28** Do you have any additional comments on the topic of rates, fees and charges? Additional information can also be provided to the review team via email at [actreview@dlgsc.wa.gov.au](mailto:actreview@dlgsc.wa.gov.au). **Respondent skipped this question**

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Page 2: About you

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**Q2** Who are you completing this submission on behalf of? **Yourself**

Page 3: Your organisation

**Q3** What is the name of the organisation? **Respondent skipped this question**

Page 4: About you

**Q4** What is your name?

Jamie Criddle

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Staff member or CEO**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Male**

**Q7** What is your age? **Not applicable**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Westonia (Shire)**

Page 5: About you

**Q9** Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **No**

**Q10** Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**



Page 9: Ministerial approval

**Q19** Currently, local governments are required to seek Ministerial approval when seeking to impose a rate in the dollar that is more than twice the lowest of its other rating categories. What is your preferred approach to differential rates? **No Ministerial approval required for any differential rates**

Page 10: Rating exemptions

**Q20** To what extent do you support the following statements?

"All land should be subject to rates." **Supportive**  
 "The types of land subject to rates should be consistent between local governments." **Supportive**

**Q21** Should the following types of land be subject to rates?

Land owned by the Crown that is used or held for a public purpose	<b>Yes</b>
Land used or held exclusively for churches (religious bodies)	<b>Unsure</b>
Land used or held exclusively for schools	<b>Yes</b>
Land used exclusively for charitable purposes	<b>Yes</b>
Land vested in trustees for agriculture or horticultural show purposes	<b>Unsure</b>
Land owned by Co-operative Bulk Handling Limited (CBH)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used primarily as a place of residence (no matter who owns the land)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used for mining exploration or prospecting	<b>Yes</b>
Aged care facilities	<b>Yes</b>
Child care facilities	<b>Yes</b>
Sporting clubs and Surf Lifesaving clubs	<b>Yes</b>
Land used for the pursuit of the Arts	<b>Yes</b>

**Q22** Which of following charges should be levied on properties exempt from rates? **Both**

## Rates, fees and charges

### Q23 Should a concession on rates be granted in any of the following scenarios?

The land is owned by a person who currently receives a pensioner or health related concession	<b>Yes</b>
The land is owned or used by a not-for-profit organisation	<b>No</b>
The land is owned or used by an entity that provides assistance or encouragement for arts or cultural development	<b>No</b>
The land is owned or used by a sporting or recreation body and is available for use by the general community without charge or below cost	<b>Yes</b>
Community service organisations that are not-for-profit, for the benefit of the general public and provide community services without charge or below cost	<b>Yes</b>
The payment of rates or charges will cause hardship to the land owner	<b>No</b>
The concession will encourage the economic development of all or part of the local government district	<b>Unsure</b>
The concession will encourage land that is of cultural, environmental, historic, heritage or scientific significance to the local government area to be preserved, restored or maintained	<b>Unsure</b>
Land that is subject to a mining tenement	<b>No</b>
Land that is determined by the Minister to be subject to a concession	<b>Unsure</b>

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**Q24** Should any other scenarios be subject to rates concessions? **Respondent skipped this question**

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**Q25** Which of following charges should be levied on that part of the land that receives a rates concession? **Both**

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### Q26 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Rate exemptions for the commercial (non-charitable) business activities of charitable organisations should be removed."	<b>Very supportive</b>
"Certain categories of ratepayers, for example Independent Living Units, should only be exempt from rates where they qualify under the Commonwealth Aged Care Act 1997."	<b>Unsupportive</b>
"Land used as a residence should not be regarded as charitable."	<b>Very supportive</b>

## Rates, fees and charges

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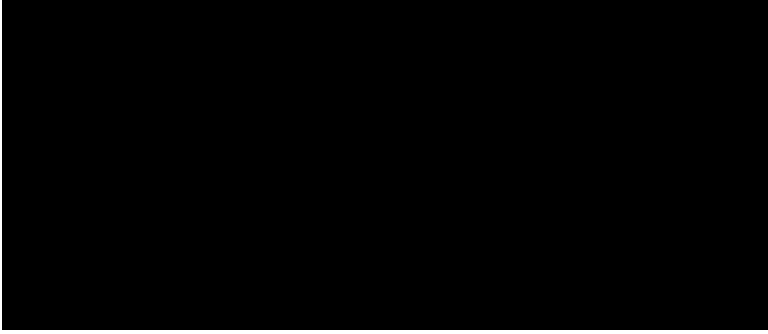
"Local governments should be able to impose fixed charges or levies for particular services, facilities or activities."	<b>Supportive</b>
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"Local governments should have the autonomy to set fees and charges for all services they provide."	<b>Supportive</b>
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"A fee or charge should not be set lower than the cost of delivering that service."	<b>Supportive</b>
"Fees and charges imposed by local government and fixed under legislation should increase by CPI annually."	<b>Supportive</b>

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Page 12: Additional comments

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Page 4: About you

**Q4** What is your name?

Chris Littlemore

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Staff member or CEO**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Male**

**Q7** What is your age? **56 - 65**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Boddington (Shire)**

Page 5: About you

**Q9** Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

**Q10** Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 9: Ministerial approval

**Q19** Currently, local governments are required to seek Ministerial approval when seeking to impose a rate in the dollar that is more than twice the lowest of its other rating categories. What is your preferred approach to differential rates?

**No Ministerial approval required for any differential rates**

Page 10: Rating exemptions

**Q20** To what extent do you support the following statements?

"All land should be subject to rates."	<b>Very supportive</b>
"The types of land subject to rates should be consistent between local governments."	<b>Very unsupportive</b>

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Land used exclusively for charitable purposes	<b>Yes</b>
Land vested in trustees for agriculture or horticultural show purposes	<b>No</b>
Land owned by Co-operative Bulk Handling Limited (CBH)	<b>Unsure</b>
Land used primarily as a place of residence (no matter who owns the land)	<b>Yes</b>
Land used for mining exploration or prospecting	<b>Yes</b>
Aged care facilities	<b>Yes</b>
Child care facilities	<b>Yes</b>
Sporting clubs and Surf Lifesaving clubs	<b>No</b>
Land used for the pursuit of the Arts	<b>Yes</b>

**Q22** Which of following charges should be levied on properties exempt from rates?

**Waste charges**

## Rates, fees and charges

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Community service organisations that are not-for-profit, for the benefit of the general public and provide community services without charge or below cost	<b>No</b>
The payment of rates or charges will cause hardship to the land owner	<b>No</b>
The concession will encourage the economic development of all or part of the local government district	<b>No</b>
The concession will encourage land that is of cultural, environmental, historic, heritage or scientific significance to the local government area to be preserved, restored or maintained	<b>Yes</b>
Land that is subject to a mining tenement	<b>Yes</b>
Land that is determined by the Minister to be subject to a concession	<b>Yes</b>

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**Q24** Should any other scenarios be subject to rates concessions? **Respondent skipped this question**

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Shire of Carnarvon

Page 4: About you

**Q4** What is your name?

David Burton

**Q5** What best describes your relationship to local government? **Staff member or CEO**

**Q6** What best describes your gender? **Male**

**Q7** What is your age? **46 - 55**

**Q8** Which local government do you interact with most? **Carnarvon (Shire)**

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## Rates, fees and charges

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