

Vernon Lawrence

From: robertfloyd <robertfloyd@bigpond.com>
Sent: Friday, 12 May 2017 12:58 PM
To: Mail
Subject: I-43505 - CU.06.14 - Rates increase

Hi. I strongly oppose any rise in local shire rates. I believe the current rates are excessive and unaffordable for local people and a deterrent to living long term in kununurra. Swek should aspire to reducing costs and our rates and managing a lower more sustainable budget.

Robert floyd

Sent from my Samsung GALAXY Note3 on the Telstra 4G network

Vernon Lawrence

From: Mail
Sent: Friday, 26 May 2017 10:47 AM
To: Vernon Lawrence; Maree Stewart; Felicity Heading
Subject: I-43758 - CORTBC - FW: Submission - Proposed Differential Rates & Minimum Payment

From: Guerinoni & Son - Customers [mailto:customers@guerinoni.com.au]
Sent: Friday, 26 May 2017 10:34 AM
To: Mail <mail@swek.wa.gov.au>
Cc: steven@guerinoni.com.au
Subject: Submission - Proposed Differential Rates & Minimum Payment

To whom it may concern,

As Electors and Ratepayers Guerinoni & Son would like to recommend;

1. In the efforts to increase the revenue from rates increase the Minimum Payments on Vacant Land (UV) for both Residential and Commercial properties. This is a practice that the Shire of Halls Creek have undertaken, where the UV is almost double the General Rates in the Dollar for GRV. Vacant land is often untidy, a fire hazard and pest hazard. Increasing the UV would increase revenue and therefore allow for the General Rates in the Dollar for to drop for developed commercial properties that are actively investing in the community and creating job opportunities, therefore allowing to operate with less of a financial burden. This would also encourage people sitting on undeveloped land to push forward and develop.
2. In the efforts to increase the revenue from rates increase the Minimum Payments on Exploration and Prospecting – these are often held by out of town companies and this would increase revenue and therefore allow for the general rates to drop in the dollar for developed commercial properties that are actively investing in the community and creating job opportunities to operate with less of a financial burden. The Shire of Halls Creek have a General Rates in the Dollar of almost double that of SWEK with a minimum payment that is again almost double.

As a local business employing local electors and rate payers it would be great to see the support from the Shire to increase revenue from other areas to decrease the General Rates in the Dollar for developed and operating commercial businesses.

Kind Regards,

Laine Ellis
Account & Property Manager



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From: Mail
Sent: Friday, 26 May 2017 10:59 AM
To: Rates (Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley)
Cc: Vernon Lawrence
Subject: I-43759 - CORTBC - FW: Objection to Differential Rating & Increase

From: Kong, Elaine [mailto:Elaine.Kong@correctiveservices.wa.gov.au]
Sent: Friday, 26 May 2017 10:33 AM
To: Mail <mail@swek.wa.gov.au>
Cc: Ekbishop73 <Ekbishop73@bigpond.com>
Subject: Objection to Differential Rating & Increase

Hi

I am a working Mum trying to make ends meet. I have never paid so much in rates even when I was living on the Gold Coast and owned property.

I am not familiar with the mechanics of it all but I certainly object to ANY rise/increase in rates from SWEK!

I am putting through my vote to make a difference. Thank you!

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From: Mail
Sent: Monday, 29 May 2017 9:06 AM
To: Felicity Heading
Subject: I-43776 - CORTBC - FW: [MMS] Submission – Differential Rating 2017/18
Attachments: Differential Rates Submission Wyndham East Kimberley.pdf

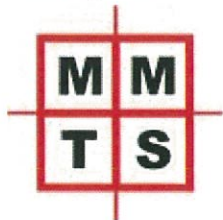
From: Stephanie Lee - MMS [mailto:Stephanie@mms.net.au]
Sent: Friday, 26 May 2017 3:41 PM
To: Mail <mail@swk.wa.gov.au>
Subject: [MMS] Submission – Differential Rating 2017/18

Good Afternoon

I hope this email finds you well.

We refer to the notice of the Shire's intention to levy differential rates.
Please find **attached** a submission for consideration.

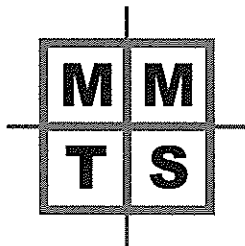
Kind regards



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26 May 2017

Mr Carl Askew
Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley
PO Box 614
KUNUNURRA WA 6743

via email to: mail@swek.wa.gov.au

Dear Sir

SUBMISSION REGARDING INTENTION TO LEVY DIFFERENTIAL RATES 2017-18

We act for a number of exploration and prospecting companies in WA and thank you for the opportunity to make a general submission regarding the proposed rates for 2017-18.

We would like to take this opportunity to ask the Shire to consider a lower rate for Exploration and Prospecting Licences, closer to the UV Pastoral rate or UV Commercial/Industrial rate, reflective of their relatively minimal impact on Shire infrastructure and resources.

Furthermore, we note that valuations provided by the Valuer General are used to calculate rates each year, and that valuations for exploration and prospecting licences are based on the rent rate imposed by the Department of Mines and Petroleum. Last year, the Department increased the rent rate by 3.4% (1.1% in accordance with CPI plus an additional 2.3% above the CPI in lieu of introducing environmental assessment fees) resulting in an increased rate liability of 3.4% even before any increase in the current rate in the dollar or minimum is applied by the Shire.

Therefore, the proposed rate in dollar increase will in reality result in an increase of over 4.7% in the rates payable by a licence holder. For licence holders currently charged the minimum rate, the proposed change will result in an increase of 40%. Please see the following table as an example.

Rent per block	Rent payable for a 10 block Exploration Licence	Valuation	Shire Rate in \$	Shire Rates payable	% increase in Shire Rates payable
\$125.25 (past)	\$1,252.50	\$3,131.25	0.1394	\$436.50	
\$129.50 (current)	\$1,295.00	\$3,237.50	0.1394	\$451.31	3.4%
\$129.50 (current)	\$1,295.00	\$3,237.50	0.1411	\$456.81	4.7%

As any reduction in rates could greatly assist the exploration sector, we would be grateful for any consideration given to this matter. I would be happy to discuss this matter further on (08) 6467 7997.

Yours sincerely

Shannon McMahon
Principal

Vernon Lawrence

From: Mail
Sent: Monday, 29 May 2017 9:12 AM
To: Felicity Heading
Subject: I-43778 - FM.11.101 - FW: Residential rating submission of objection

-----Original Message-----

From: Mark Northover [<mailto:mark.northover@icloud.com>]
Sent: Friday, 26 May 2017 12:02 PM
To: Mail <mail@swek.wa.gov.au>
Subject: Residential rating submission of objection

To the CEO.
Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley

Mr Carl Askew,

The base rate is unreasonably high knowing that houses are not selling, properties for sale and rental properties dominate the market. The base rate is currently set on SWEK management needs and not reflective of a isolated, rapidly changing community. Management costs and transparency appear to fail community expectations as reflected in the community's score card of 2017 Rates form a very important part the consideration in property values, and the pressures being placed on sales and rentals. The base rate is the causal factor.

Respectively,
Mark Northover.

Vernon Lawrence

From: Mail
Sent: Monday, 29 May 2017 9:13 AM
To: Felicity Heading
Subject: I-43779 - FM.11.101 - FW: Mulligans lagoon rates objection. 2017

-----Original Message-----

From: Mark Northover [<mailto:mark.northover@icloud.com>]
Sent: Friday, 26 May 2017 12:05 PM
To: Mail <mail@swek.wa.gov.au>
Subject: Mulligans lagoon rates objection. 2017

To the CEO.
Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley

Mr Carl Askew,

As of 2015, we had not seen a grader, grading the road past our property whilst the exported productivity by road was in excess of 1300,000kg (13,000 tonne). This year (2017) road maintenance is a total failure. Numerous official complaints and concern's have been expressed on the road condition during a period of 5 year's. In my opinion, none were effectively addressed. These complaints were most likely dismissed as service requests and placarded with propaganda and empty promises.

The rates have increased by approximately 50% over a 5 year period, resulting in businesses moving away from Kununurra. Access to these rated properties is by 4wd only. Sand washouts make it impassible by car and truck. (Note; This was one of the less significant flooding years, thanks to Ord irrigation and their ongoing drain maintenance.)

Whilst this rated property contribute's significantly towards the overall rate burden, others on ungazetted roads, some 403 km from Kununurra are all open to all traffic, courtesy of SWEK infrastructure team. The fairness and equity to local industry must be concerning, considering the escalating base rates being proposed and enjoyed.

In summary, it is now nearing June 2017 and we have not had access for cattle or small crop farming since November 2016. Productivity is related to farm access and this property being one of 8 properties effected here, surely the base rate need's a drastic change to reflect the projected council and administration infrastructure actions. The community's scorecard perfectly summarises my ongoing concerns, concerns that are being dismissed by what appears to be a contrarian administration management team.

Respectively,
Mark Northover.

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From: Mail
Sent: Monday, 29 May 2017 9:13 AM
To: Felicity Heading
Subject: I-43780 - FM.11.101 - FW: Formal Rates Objection ML 80/474

From: Mark Northover [mailto:mark.northover@icloud.com]
Sent: Friday, 26 May 2017 12:06 PM
To: Mail <mail@swek.wa.gov.au>
Subject: Formal Rates Objection ML 80/474

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To the Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley

Re: Mining Lease 80/474

Mr Carl Askew,

It is my belief and understanding that *Differential rates* on the mining lease, introduced in 2010/11, has seen the rate the dollar (RID) increase from 11.47 to today's proposal of 28.21(cents). The minimum rate has risen from \$830 to \$1112, over 4 years. (That minimum rate exceeds the CPI, nearing 9% per year).

Further more, in 2010, there was no additional service charges added to the mining rates, but today we have additional charges. (Emergency service levy and a waste charge). These contribute significantly to the cost of ownership of a mining lease, especially a vacant ML, which interestingly was a new rating charge introduced on all vacant ML from 2014/15.

These base rate increases (an average exceeding 22% per year for six years) is closing down mines. These facts appear indisputable. It is placing undue duress and hardship on operators, including ours. As local operators supplying local materials to the EK community, agricultural and pastoral sectors, these sectors are absorbing the increases. The result has seen product demand diminish to an unprofitable operation. (Please note; Service charges have not been calculated in the overall rate increase of 22%)

To summarise, may I suggest you take into account the hardship being exerted on the EK community and reduce the R.I.D for this ridiculous exorbitant taxing burden on the business end of town. The *strategic*

rating policy, the corporate business plan and community engagement has been very poor for the majority of stakeholders. Perhaps one could take heed of the unsuccessful proposal to increase tax on mines in the Pilbara.

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From: Mail
Sent: Monday, 29 May 2017 9:13 AM
To: Felicity Heading
Subject: I-43781 - FM.11.101 - FW: Formal Rates Objection ML 80/494

From: Mark Northover [mailto:mark.northover@icloud.com]
Sent: Friday, 26 May 2017 12:06 PM
To: Mail <mail@swek.wa.gov.au>
Subject: Formal Rates Objection ML 80/494

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To the Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley

Re: Mining Lease 80/494

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From: Mail
Sent: Monday, 29 May 2017 9:13 AM
To: Felicity Heading
Subject: I-43782 - FM.11.101 - FW: Formal Rates Objection ML 80/520 and M80/527

From: Mark Northover [mailto:mark.northover@icloud.com]
Sent: Friday, 26 May 2017 12:07 PM
To: Mail <mail@swek.wa.gov.au>
Subject: Formal Rates Objection ML 80/520 and M80/527

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To the Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley

Re: Mining Lease 80/520 and 527. Please note; Holder Martinjinni Pty Ltd for Peak Environmental Pty Ltd

Mr Carl Askew,

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From: Mail
Sent: Monday, 29 May 2017 9:13 AM
To: Felicity Heading
Subject: I-43783 - FM.11.101 - FW: Formal Rates Objection ML 80/528

From: Mark Northover [mailto:mark.northover@icloud.com]
Sent: Friday, 26 May 2017 12:07 PM
To: Mail <mail@swek.wa.gov.au>
Subject: Formal Rates Objection ML 80/528

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To the Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley

Re: Mining Lease 80/528

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From: Mail
Sent: Monday, 29 May 2017 9:13 AM
To: Felicity Heading
Subject: I-43784 - FM.11.101 - FW: Rural Residential 2017.

From: Mark Northover [mailto:mark.northover@icloud.com]
Sent: Friday, 26 May 2017 12:07 PM
To: Mail <mail@swek.wa.gov.au>
Subject: Rural Residential 2017.

To the CEO.
Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley

Mr Carl Askew,

It is my belief and understanding that the exceptionally high "Base rate" for *Rural Residential* rates are placing unnecessary burden at a time of economic slowdown. The base rate far exceeds the the CPI, supporting the rapid gross rate increase's applied for this sector. The audit and OCM minutes from 2010/11 through to 2016/17 show this unrealistic and opportunistic money grab trend. In summary, in my opinion, the base rate is not being fair equitable for all ratepayers, it is targeting selected groups of ratepayers to support less affluent sectors. Contrary to the ideals of good governance policy statements, goals, objectives and expectations of ratepayers.

Respectively,
Mark Northover.