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I would like to submit in writing my disgust at the cost of rates on our property at **Unit 80, 26 Sharpe Avenue, Karratha WA 6714**. We purchased this property from plans through our superannuation fund expecting it to rise in value. I understand that we were all taken by surprise at the turn of the economy in Karratha as well as elsewhere in WA, but as you can imagine we didn't expect our property to lose more than ½ its value. This has impacted severely on our retirement plans.

We do not agree with your valuation as we were recently told it would only fetch \$270,000 at the moment, which is less than ½ its original cost. I wonder also how many of your property valuations will "fall" under the magic figure of 42.30%. We have had these rate rises every year while our property lost value every year and I was told we had to wait for the 3 year valuation to make things a little bit fairer (as in our rates would be lowered!) Surely as The Shire you have used your windfall in Karratha wisely over the last couple of decades and can afford to give us a break. I expect this will land on deaf ears as Bureaucracy vs the common man never falls on our side but I wanted to complain in writing so at least our voices are heard.

Regards

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