



Ms Virginia Miltrup
Chief Executive Officer
City of Karratha
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Dear Ms Miltrup

CITY OF KARRATHA – DIFFERENTIAL RATES 2023/24

I refer to the City of Karratha (the City's) application dated 5 March 2025 requesting approval to impose a differential general rate that is more than twice the lowest rate in the gross rental value (GRV) category.

The Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC) have considered the proposed rate structure which the City intends to adopt in replacement for those previously quashed by the State Administrative Tribunal (SAT).

My conclusion is that:

- (a) Approval is granted for "GRV Transient Workforce Accommodation" rate category, as the City intends to proceed with the same rate in the dollar (RID) that was approved in 2023 however;
- (b) The City's "GRV Airport/Strategic Industry" category does not require approval, as the City is intending to proceed with a RID which is not more than twice the lowest RID category for the City's GRV differential rates.

Accordingly, the City may proceed with the proposed rate structure and ensure that valid rates are imposed for the 2024/25 financial year.

Please note that ministerial approval may be required if the City wishes to make any further changes to the proposed rate structure. If the City becomes aware that the Council intends any further changes to the proposed RIDs of any rate categories, it should contact the DLGSC immediately to determine whether this raises any new legal or procedural issues.

I understand that the City intends to refund ratepayers in the “Airport/Strategic Industry” category for excess rates paid and presume these refunds will happen as soon as practicable, if they have not been issued already.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Kimberley Craik, Senior Legislation Officer at the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries, on (08) 6552 1530 or by email to legislation@dlgsc.wa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hunter', with a stylized flourish.

Laura Hunter

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT – SUPPORT AND COMPLIANCE

8 April 2025