



13 June 2019

Mr James Trail
Chief Executive Officer
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by email to: mail@coolgardie.wa.gov.au

Dear Sir

SUBMISSION - DIFFERENTIAL RATING 2019/20

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission regarding the proposed rates for 2019-20.

We note that valuations provided by the Valuer General are used in calculating mining tenement rates, and these valuations are based on the rent imposed by the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety. Any increases in the rent therefore result in an increase in valuations and in turn an automatic increase in rates.

Effective from 1 July 2018, the Department increased the rent rate by 1.5% for exploration licences and 6% for all other mining tenements. From 1 July 2019, the Department will increase exploration licence rents by a further 1.5% and the rent of all other mining tenements by a further 6%.

The resource sector is already one of the most significant contributors to the State's economy, with the WA Government receiving royalty revenue totalling \$5.8 billion in 2017-18 – a major proportion of the State's annual revenue. It is also one of the most significant employers in the State, with the WA minerals sector directly employing over 120,000 people in 2018.

To encourage the continued contributions made by the resources sector to the State economy it is critical that all government fees are set so as to reduce the cost of doing business in the State in the face of significant international competition wherever possible, and increase and incentivise investment in local exploration to discover vital new resources for the whole of the State.

We note that the Shire has proposed an increase in the rate in dollar and the minimum for UV Mining for 2019-20. We write to ensure the automatic increase in rates due to the increase in rents is taken into account in your budget modelling, and ask that you consider maintaining or reducing the rates for mining tenements for the 2019-20 year.

I would be happy to discuss this matter further on (08) 6467 7997.

Yours sincerely

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THE CEO
SHIRE OF GOOLGARDIE
MR. JAMES TRAIL

Re: Proposed
Differential Rates

Dear James,

Although the mining UV and rural UV have increased by 1.95%, the minimum for mining has increased by 2.06% while the rural minimum has increased by 1.90%.

To keep closer to the proposed 1.95% ↑ the proposed minimum for mining should be \$445.

However, I am AGAINST any increase in any of the above rates due to the SIGNIFICANT increase in haulage charges which occurred last August.

capital contribution went from 4^c → 7^c / tonne / km

which is a 75% INCREASE and

maintenance contribution went from 3^c → 4^c / tonne / km

which is a 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ % INCREASE

In order to encourage mining and exploration, mining rates and minimums should either be kept the same or have a minimal increase. The same applies to Rural UV as mining and exploration leases cover rural land and so the Shire is the rates for the same piece of land.

Yours faithfully,

J. McLeod

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