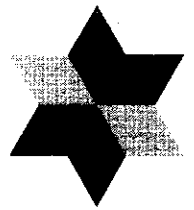
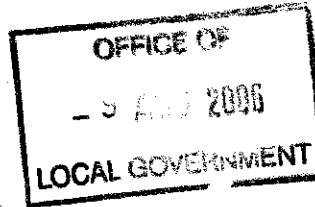


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Dear Shane

RECOMMENDATIONS ON DIFFERENTIAL RATES

The Council at its meeting on 7 August 2006, considered the content of the Recommendations Paper on Differential Rates forwarded with John Comrie's letter dated 31 May 2006 and is supportive of the following recommendations:

- 5.5 The Recommendations Paper does not recommend pursuing any amendment to permit rates to be based on secondary land uses by a single occupier.
- 7.0 This Recommendations Paper recommends the LGA consider development of:
- a package of guidelines and/or
 - an extra component in its annual 'Rate Administration – Advanced' training course to assist rating officers to advise councils of general principles in setting rates, and to determine objections to land use decisions.

The Council was not supportive of the following recommendations:

- 4.6 This Recommendations Paper does not recommend that councils should be permitted to declare zones specifically for rating purposes.

The Council is of the view that the recommendation will reduce the range of options and flexibility of Councils to deal with local rating issues.

- 6.5 This Recommendations Paper recommends no change to the land use factors in Regulation 10 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 1999.

The Council is of the view that the recommendation will not assist those Councils who have expressed a need for an expanded range to meet their local rating needs.

I hope the above comments will assist in the finalisation of the Differential Rates review.

Yours sincerely

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