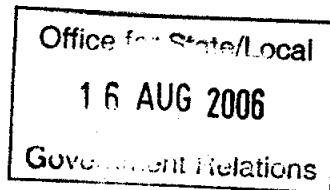


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Dear Mr Sody,

I refer to your letter to the Lord Mayor requesting feedback on the Recommendations on Differential Rates prepared by the Office for State/Local Government Relations. This matter has been referred to me as acting CEO for response.

In the context of Adelaide City Council's Rating Policy and rating structure, the Council administration has prepared feedback in relation to each of the recommendations as follows:

**Recommendation 4.6**

The first part of this recommendation states that councils should not be permitted to declare zones specifically for rating purposes. Adelaide City Council agrees with this recommendation.

The second part of this recommendation states that the option to rate differentially according to Development Plan Zones should be removed. Adelaide City Council disagrees with this recommendation. This council uses differential rating by land use and it is unlikely that it would contemplate rating by locality in whatever form may be regulated. It is noted and acknowledged that 15 out of 68 councils do seem to prefer a combination of rating methods including locality.

**Recommendation 5.5**

This recommendation states that councils should not be permitted to differentiate rates based on secondary land uses by a single occupier. Adelaide City Council strongly agrees with this recommendation.

**Recommendation 6.5**

This recommendation states that there should be no change to the land use categories in Local Government Regs. Adelaide City Council agrees with this recommendation.

**Recommendation 7.0**

The final recommendation states that the LGA shall consider the development of guidelines and training to assist with the determination of predominant use and objections to land use. Adelaide City Council strongly agrees with this recommendation.

Adelaide City Council acknowledges that each council must establish its own rating structure and policy in consultation with its community.

The current differential rating categories provided by the Local Government Act and Regulations (based on definitions from the Development Act and Regulations) provide a sufficient range of flexibility for the effective operation of Adelaide City Council's rating policy.

Yours sincerely,



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