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Sophie Cooke

From: redeyegl@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, 27 March 2014 5:45 PM
To: council
Subject: Service Request Form Submission - From: gary larter

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This is a response sent by gary larter using the service request form:

Date: 27.3.14

Ratepayer Name: gary larter

Street Address: 489 Olde aerodrome rd

Suburb: low head

Post Code: 7253

Email Address (if applicable): redeyegl@gmail.com

Telephone No.: 0439821430

Service Request Subject: opt1

Description of Request: the three large gravel areas on our road are deteriorating at an alarming rate,,one of these has turned into brown slush coating our cars with every crossing ,,time to get them sorted...i read with interest that our rates are to be the same as low head,,we currently have a sub standard road,,no curbing or guttering,,no water,no sewerage,no street lighting,,we are basically living in the bush,,YET ,i will gladly pay the same rates ,if we are brought up to low heads standard,,,i dont like to bitch,,but a fair go is about due,,i look forward to your response.

You can use this link to reply: redeyegl@gmail.com

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Emma Stewart

From: denise [dvanemme@bigpond.net.au]
Sent: Tuesday, 1 April 2014 1:50 PM
To: council
Subject: Re: Averaged Area Rates for Weymouth
Importance: High

Peter Nye & Denise van Emmerik
37 William Street
MERMAID BEACH, Qld. 4218

Re: 47 Ralph Street Weymouth

Dear Councillors,

Thank you for your recent correspondence, dated 27th February 2014, pertaining to the proposed 'Averaged Area Rate' for the Weymouth locality. We are very supportive of this proposal as it provides an equitable outcome for all Weymouth ratepayers in that each land owner pays the same amount for the services provided by the George Town council.

In our eyes, the alternate proposal for an 'Averaged Area Rate' based on Capital Value would be an unfair outcome as the value of an individual's property does not entitle them to any more or fewer services from council. In our opinion, the alternate proposal could be viewed as a 'wealth tax' and should therefore not be considered.

Whilst we are unable to attend the meeting on Wednesday the 2nd of April, we look forward to you informing us of the council's decision. Once again, we fully support the council's proposition that the 'Averaged Area Rate' for the Weymouth locality be applied.

Kind regards,

Denise van Emmerik & Peter Nye

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10 Line Avenue,
Lanternston. 7250
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The General Manager,
George Town Council,
16-18 Anne Street,
George Town. 7253.

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Dear Sir,

Averaged Area Rate -
289 Low Head Road.

I apologise for the lateness
of my letter, and appreciate that
my views will be of little consequence.

It is unlikely that I will be
present at 2nd April meeting.

I wish to state that as the
owner of an extremely modest
collage, I face an increase in
rates of \$336.

..... as I am elderly I make only infrequent use of my collage - (Much as I love it)

I do not make use of the waste management, waste collection systems.

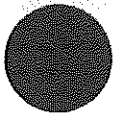
I daresay the rate increase is inevitable, though rather unfair, just wanted to express my concern and disappointment

Yours faithfully.

Josephine Brennan.
(MRS. J. BRENNAN)

Emma Stewart

From: Dennis Lewis [frsptyltd@bigpond.com]
Sent: Tuesday, 1 April 2014 12:00 PM
To: council
Subject: To: The Acting General Manager - Mr Dino De Paoli - Weymouth AAR



Dear Sir ,

Thank you for your letter regarding the council proposal to apply for new certificates for the Averaged Area Rating system . I have been unable to respond by the due date because of recent hospitalisation and recovery .

Our property at 44 Ralph Street is on the lower end of capital values in Weymouth and is used in the sense of a traditional holiday shack . Occupancy is mainly during the peak holiday periods and a number of weekends during the year . Consequently we do not "receive the same services " as the permanent residents because there is no one in residence to avail themselves of services most of the time . For example the garbage disposal component of our current rate is \$200 , we put bins out approx. 8 times per year at \$25 per collection , I have no complaints regarding that under the current system. If I improve the property I would expect the increase in AAV to result in higher rates .

If the Averaged Area Rating system is adopted our rates will be +/- 23% higher than if the AAR does not proceed , based on the figures in your letter , for no change in services . I believe this to be inequitable and therefore wish to express my opposition to the proposal .

Thankyou ,
Dennis Lewis .

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Erin D'Arcy

From: nancydonnelly@bigpond.com
Sent: Thursday, 3 April 2014 1:53 PM
To: Cr Jacqui Burt; Bridget Archer; Mayor Roger Broomhall; Dino De Paoli; Erin D'Arcy; Cr Heather Barwick
Cc: Wheeler, Robyn G; Wheeler, Robyn
Subject: Averaged Area Rates
Importance: High

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TO Mayor Roger, G/M Dino, Accountant Kim and Councillors

My alarm bells are ringing. In the paperwork handed out at last night's meeting, it is stated that there is a proposed increase in the total pool of rate revenue of 3.5%. In Hillwood the increase is from \$840 last year to a proposed \$956 (an increase of \$116) - nearly 14%. A massive difference. George Town from \$940 last year to \$960 this year - less than 2%. The proposed increase for a property our family own in Low Head is 58%! Not only that but last year Hillwood's General Rate rose from \$690 to \$840 - an increase of \$150 - almost 22%. (I am using my head, not a calculator, so not exact!) So what is going on? What is the explanation for these colossal increases? And what does this say about the future?

We need some explanation as to how future increases will be applied. Will there be a similar inequity then as well? At last night's meeting I expressed concern about inequities in the future with regard to possible growth in one area against less or none in another BUT thinking about it further I am now EXTREMELY concerned. For example, if ten new houses were built in each of Hillwood, Lulworth and George Town, there would still be a HUGE difference in the increase of rates simply because of the number of ratepayers to share the increase. So there is a lot more to think about than we at first thought.

With regard to our property at Hillwood, we were prepared to accept the increase of \$116 (\$232 in our case - with two houses on our property) to put us on a level playing field with other Ratepayers in Hillwood in spite of the fact that if Council reverted to the AAV system we could save a potential \$632 BUT when you consider the foregoing, it appears there could be huge inequities in the future with the potential for the former Village areas to pay more than the former Low Residential and heaps more than the former Closed Residential.

While we accept that things change such as the difference between now and the old differential rating which meant that Village and Low Residential ratepayers paid less than Closed Residential for various reasons, it looks as if in the future the boot could be on the other foot.

I think the time has come for a fairer system than the AAV BUT it looks as if the Averaged Area Rating could turn out to be not just unfair but catastrophic. I would therefore suggest that an Averaged Rate (or flat rate) for Residential Ratepayers in the whole Municipality would present a much fairer option and suggest that this matter be referred back to the Director of Local Government as a matter of urgency.

The other issue of concern that was obvious at last night's meeting is the hardship for Low Income Earners and I would suggest one option to address this important concern is that the Pension Discount be extended to include Low Income Earners and come from the same source as the Pension Discount. I would hope that this would also assist needy Ratepayers who were previously paying the Minimum Rate.

Nancy Donnelly, 244 Hillwood Jetty Road, Hillwood. 7252 63 948140 0431613484 email: nancydonnelly@bigpond.com

p.s. To Erin D'Arcy - as I have do not have email addresses for all Councillors, could you please either forward to Councillors or place copies of this email in Councillors Pigeonholes and also forward to Accountant Kim. Thank you.



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