

Review of the Local Government Act 1989



Submission to Discussion Paper

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On the following pages are questions on each chapter of the discussion paper to assist you in the preparation of your submission. In addition, there is space at the end of the document to add your own views/comments on any matters relating to the Local Government Act review.

Chapter 6 – Council rates and charges

1. Is the current method of declaring rates and charges based on “land” still appropriate?
2. What powers do councils require in relation to levying rates and charges?
3. What obligations or restrictions should be imposed on councils in relation to these powers?
4. What rights should rate-payers have in relation to the exercise of councils powers in relation to levying rates and charges?
5. Should there be detailed legislative provisions regarding processes associated with levying rates and charges? If so, are the current processes for levying rates and charges in the Act appropriate? If not, what changes should be made?
6. What sanctions should be imposed on councils failing to comply with the requirements relating to levying rates and charges?
7. Do you have any other questions/comments about the content in this chapter?

Response:

1. We the residents of Springthorpe Retirement Village Macleod endorse the submission made by the Residents of Retirement Villages Victoria to the Chairman, Advisory Committee, Local Governments Act 1989 Review.

Our residents firmly believe that the inconsistent differential rating provisions for retirement villages by local councils must be resolved and an indexed standard discount be agreed to.

The RRVV submission points out the variations that presently exist across Victorian councils, it presents very valid reasons as to why there needs to be consistency across all councils in striking rates for retirement villages.

We therefore urge the advisory committee to look favourably on the RRVV submission and approve a consistent indexed standard discount for all retirement villages in Victoria.