



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.

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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:

We believe some tangible concession for rates should be given to residents in retirement villages because:

1. Of the inappropriate use of the price of a unit (which includes lifestyle aspects) as a simple basis for rateable value;
2. The increased density leading to a disproportionately higher rate yield;
3. We pay for the immediate and long term maintenance of the roads, paths and lighting in our village, as well as easing the pressures on the Council in the provision of support services to the elderly.

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