



DISTRICT COUNCIL OF GRANT

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RATING REVIEW

District Council of Grant is reviewing its rating structure to make it fairer and more equitable for our rate payers.

A Consultation Paper has been prepared to provide a detailed overview of the review and the changes that are being proposed to Council's rating structure, this will be available for public comment from Tuesday 6 May until Monday 31 May 2021.

Mayor Richard Sage said that the rating review has been very thorough and Council considered a number of different options for the proposed new rating structure.

"Council has implemented a similar rating structure for a number of years, Council wanted to ensure that our rates are appropriate and relevant for our community in the present day. The proposed changes will make it fairer across rate payers and bring our rating structure up to date while making sure Council meets the unique needs of our community".

A number of changes have been proposed to update the current rating structure including:

- Transition from a General Rate to a Differential Rate by land use structure
- Align minimum rate to inflation
- Altering the rate cap to increase equity in distribution of rates
- Implementing a rate cap on application process.

"I encourage the community to learn more about the rating review and have their say on the proposed rating structure. There are lots of ways the community can give their feedback either online at our Your Say DCG page, in person at the public meeting or by filling out a hard copy feedback form" said Mayor Sage.

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The Rating Review Consultation paper along with a spreadsheet for rate payers to review the proposed changes to their rate amounts, is available for download on Your Say DCG and the community is encouraged to provide written feedback on the site yoursaydcg.com.au. Hard copies of the report and feedback form can also be accessed from the Council Office or the Port MacDonnell Community Complex.

A public meeting will be held 5:30pm Monday 31 May at the District Council of Grant Offices, further detail are available on the Your Say DCG site or by contacting council.

The community feedback received will be incorporated into a report for consideration by Council in June 2021.

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