

Abolish Council Rates – Replace With State Government Grants

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The best way to reform a tax is to abolish it.

No-one should pay council rates.

Replace council rates with State Government Grants.

Cheaper.

Simpler.

More efficient.

Saving time and money spent on council bureaucracies collecting rates.

1: Abolish council rates.

2: Replace council rates by State Government Grants.

3: State Government Grants paid for by an increase in some State Government Taxes.

4: Saving money overall.

By, abolishing council bureaucracies collecting rates.

With, no increase in State bureaucracies collecting the money.

Just an increase in some current State Government taxes.

5: Distribution of State Government Grants based on individual council's demographics.

To prevent State Governments favouring, or discriminating against, some councils.

6: Do not allow councils to replace rates with fines.

All money from council fines, to go to State Government, not to the councils.

7: Do not allow councils to raise rates by stealth.

Do not allow councils to replace rates with fines, specific service rates, or charges, or anything else, for any reason, such as for waste collection.

8: Do not allow councils to borrow money except from the State Government.

So, State Government can stop councils borrowing and wasting borrowed money.

9: Do not allow councils to invest money except to buy State Government Bonds.

10: Councils cannot be trusted with speculative "investments".

