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SUBMISSION TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT RATING SYSTEM
REVIEW 2019.

DEAR SIRS,

WHEN WILL LOCAL GOVERNMENTS WITH VARIABLE RATING BE REQUIRED TO USE THE SAME BASE RATE THAT APPLIES TO AN AREA. PRIOR TO SETTING RATE CLASSIFICATIONS IN THAT AREA. THE COLAC OTWAY SHIRE COUNCIL DOES NOT ALLOW THIS TO HAPPEN.

FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL-INDUSTRIAL WE HAVE COLAC-ELLIMINT RATING AREA.

RESIDENTIAL 100% RATE

COMMERCIAL-INDUSTRIAL 100% PLUS 65% SURCHARGE
= 165% OF RESIDENTIAL RATE.

IN BALANCE OF SHIRE A 15% DISCOUNT ON RESIDENTIAL RATE ALLOWED

IN BALANCE OF SHIRE THE COMMERCIAL-INDUSTRIAL RATE SET AT 25% DISCOUNT ON COLAC-ELLIMINT CHARGE AT ONLY 140% ON BASE FULL RATE.

EVEN TAKING THE 15% DISCOUNT INTO ACCOUNT FOR BALANCE OF SHIRE. THIS SHOULD STILL BE 160%. SO WHO IS PAYING TO GRANT THIS EXTRA DISCOUNT TO SOME.

PLUS THE FARM RATE SET FOR THE ENTIRE SHIRE ON A DISCOUNT ONLY ON FULL RESIDENTIAL RATE IN COLAC-ELLIMINT AREA. WHEN MOST FARMS IN THE BALANCE OF SHIRE REGION.

PLUS HOLIDAY RENTAL IN BALANCE OF SHIRE 100% OF COLAC-ELLIMINT RESIDENTIAL RATE.

SO A 25% DISCOUNT ON FULL RATE FOR FARMS ONLY EQUALS UNDER 12% ON BALANCE OF SHIRE RESIDENTIAL RATE TO ALL FARMS IN THE BALANCE OF SHIRE AREA. NOT THE BIG DISCOUNT IT CLAIMS IT ALLOWS.

THE SURCHARGE ON HOLIDAY RENTAL IN BALANCE OF SHIRE
OVER 17.6% ABOVE RESIDENTIAL RATE IN BALANCE OF SHIRE.
NOT 15% AS CLAIMED BY COUNCIL.

WHEN WILL COUNCILS BE REQUIRED TO TABLE FOR
ACCEPTANCE MINUTES FOR ALL SPECIAL COUNCIL AND SPECIAL
COMMITTEE MEETINGS. PRIOR TO MATTERS THE REASON FOR
HOLDING THESE MEETINGS BEING VOTED ON BY A COUNCIL.
NOT PUT OFF TABELING MINUTES UNTIL ANOTHER MEETING
WITH THE SAME TITLE HELD THAT CAN BE ALMOST ONE
YEAR AFTER A MATTER ACTED ON. RE RATES AND
BUDGETS.

THIS LAYS OPEN IN AN ELECTION PERIOD NO MEMBER
WHO VOTED ON A MATTER NEED STILL BE IN OFFICE
WHEN MINUTES PRESENTED TO COUNCIL FOR AUTHORIZATION.
ALSO IF MINUTES NOT PASSED HOW COULD COUNCIL STILL
BE ABLE TO RETAIN ANY FUNDS RECEIVED THAT WERE
THE REASON TO HOLD A SPECIAL MEETING OF ANY KIND.

YOURS FAITHFULLY

