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Dear Councillors

RE: Appeal Against Rent Payable to the City of Karratha

I am writing to you on behalf of the Committee & Members of the Karratha Sporting and Recreation Club Inc.

The purpose of this letter is to present information which we believe to be relevant to supporting our appeal against the amount of rent calculated to be payable per month by the City of Karratha after applying the new matrix for Rent of Commercial Properties.

The Shire of Roebourne "Gifted" the building to the Members in 2005, since then the club has been on a peppercorn rent of \$10 + GST pa for the land only. The club has had its ups & downs but has continued to be an integral part of the community. The club has sponsored numerous sporting clubs over its 45+ year history and continues to be the home of the Karratha/Dampier Men's & Ladies Darts Associations, Karratha/Dampier Eight Ball Association & holds BINGO every Monday Night which attracts all ages and ethnic groups.

Although the club posted a small profit in the 23/24 FY, the figures don't truly reflect the financial position of the club. The two previous financial years showed significant losses. This is in part from the flow on effects of both the Covid-19 pandemic and TC Damian repairs. The insurance excess payable (\$25k) exhausted our Maintenance Fund. The club then took the decision to consolidate debt into a loan with the ANZ Bank at an amount of \$1500 pm, insurance costs are \$17500 pa but legally must be held for both the Lease & Liquor License.

The Club, it's Committee & Members have put in a huge effort to turn the clubs financial position around. The assistance of a Large Community Grant from the City enabled us to install a Solar Power System to reduce our electricity expenses & environmental footprint. The club has also been lucky enough to be the recipient of several smaller grants to enable us to complete the restoration of the rear garden area, the replacement of 2 old air conditioners with more energy efficient systems and new outdoor furniture. Without this assistance & support, the club would not have been able to have posted this trading profit.

The club is asking for the renewal of its Lease for 20years at the peppercorn rent of \$10+ GST pa to allow the club to continue to be an important part of the community well into the future and continue to upgrade the premises so it can remain an important part of the community.

Thanking you in anticipation & hoping you look favourably upon our request.

Yours sincerely

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