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CITY OF DARWIN

SIXTH ORDINARY MEETING OF THE TWENTY-FIRST COUNCIL

TUESDAY, 26 JUNE 2012

MEMBERS: The Right Worshipful, Lord Mayor, Ms Katrina Fong Lim, (Chairman); Member J M Anictomatis; Member R K Elix; Member H I Galton; Member G J Haslett; Member R M Knox; Member G A Lambert; Member G Lambrinidis; Member R Lesley; Member A R Mitchell; Member S J Niblock; Member R Want de Rowe; Member K J Worden.

OFFICERS: Chief Executive Officer, Mr B P Dowd; General Manager Corporate Services, Mr F Crawley; General Manager Infrastructure, Mr L Cercarelli; General Manager Community & Cultural Services, Mr J Banks; Executive Manager, Mr M Blackburn; Committee Administrator, Ms L Elmer.

GUESTS: Ms Luci David from Coffey Environment accompanied by Group Captain Chris Wheaton from the Department of Defence will be in attendance from 5.15 p.m. to brief the Council on the F-35A Lightning II EIS Project.

Mr Darren Rudd will be in attendance from 5.45 p.m. to brief the Council on the National Broadband Network.

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4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4.1 Apologies

4.2 Leave of Absence Granted

4.3 Leave of Absence Requested

- A. THAT a Leave of Absence be granted for The Right Worshipful, Lord Mayor, Ms Katrina Fong Lim for the period 23 – 27 July 2012.
- B. THAT a Leave of Absence be granted for Member G Lambrinidis for the period 28 June 2012 to 13 July 2012.

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5 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE

6 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS AND STAFF

7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

7.1 Confirmation of the Previous Ordinary Council Meeting

Common No. 1955119

THAT the tabled minutes of the previous Ordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 12 June 2012, be received and confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

DECISION NO.21\() (26/06/12)

8 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

8.1 Business Arising

9 MATTERS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

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10 DEPUTATIONS AND BRIEFINGS

10.1 F-35A Lightning II EIS Project

Common No. 2229865

Ms Luci David from Coffey Environment accompanied by Group Captain Chris Wheaton from the Department of Defence will be in attendance from 5.15 p.m. to brief the Council on the F-35A Lightning II EIS Project.

THAT the presentation from the Coffey Environment and the Department of Defence, in relation to the F-35A Lightning II EIS Project, be received and noted.

DECISION NO.21\() (26/06/12)

10.2 National Broadband Network

Common No. 1602059

Mr Darren Rudd will be in attendance from 5.45 p.m. to brief the Council on the National Broadband Network.

THAT the presentation from the Mr Darren Rudd, in relation to the National Broadband Network, be received and noted.

DECISION NO.21\() (26/06/12)

11 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

12 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

12.1 Closure to the Public for Confidential Items

Common No. 1944604

THAT pursuant to Section 65 (2) of the Local Government Act and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations the meeting be closed to the public to consider the Confidential matters referred from Committees including Confidential Committee Items, and the following Items:-

<u>Item</u>	<u>Regulation</u>	<u>Reason</u>
C24.1	8(c)(ii)	Information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the maintenance or administration of the law.
C28.1.1	8(b)	Information about the personal circumstances of a resident or ratepayer.
C28.1.2	8(b)	Information about the personal circumstances of a resident or ratepayer.
C28.2.1	8(c)(iv)	Information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the interests of the council or some other person.
C29.1	8(c)(iv)	Information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the interests of the council or some other person.

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12.2 Moving Open Items Into Confidential

12.3 Moving Confidential Items Into Open

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13 PETITIONS

Nil

14 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

15 COMMITTEE REPORTS

15.1 COMMUNITY & CULTURAL SERVICES (18/06/12)

The Community and Cultural Services Committee Meeting scheduled for Monday, 18 June 2012, was cancelled, the following reports are to be considered at the 2nd Ordinary Council meeting on Tuesday, 26 June 2012.

15.1.1 Community & Cultural Services Team Report – May 2012

Report No. 12C0036 KH:es (18/06/12) Common No. 1733166

15.1.2 Libraries Information Update - May 2012

Report No. 12P0005 KC:md (18/06/12) Common No. 1943023

15.1.3 Livability Update - May 2012

Report No. 12C0042 FR:kl (18/06/12) Common No. 2258931

15.1.4 Regulatory Services Update – May

Report No. 12C0034 TW:mrg (18/06/12) Common No. 1330602

15.1.5 Meeting Notes Disability Advisory Committee 9 February 2012 and Minutes 10 May 2012

Report No. 12C0037 NM:es (18/06/12) Common No. 2253976

15.1.6 Minutes Youth Advisory Group 2 May 2012, Membership Appointments and Resignations

Report No. 12C0035 SP:es (18/06/12) Common No. 2253644

15.1.7 Arts Sponsorship Proposals: Art on Wheels & Darwin Fridge Festival

Report No. 12C0041 AR:kl (18/06/12) Common No. 2240979

15.1.8 Mindil Beach Lifeguard Service Grant Application

Report No. 12C0038 KH:es (18/06/12) Common No. 2243659

15.1.9 Minutes Haikou Sister City Community Committee 16 April 2012

Report No. 12C0032 HB:es (16/06/12) Common No. 2232207

15.1.10 Minutes Dili Sister City Community Committee Meeting 1 May 2012 – Basketball Facilities And Library

Report No. 12C0033 HB:es (18/06/12) Common No. 2231171

15 COMMITTEE REPORTS

15.2 CORPORATE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (20/06/12)

The Corporate & Economic Development Committee Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, 20 June 2012, was cancelled, the following reports are to be considered at the 2nd Ordinary Council meeting on Tuesday, 26 June 2012.

15.2.1 Corporate Services Monthly Report – May 2012

Report No. 12A0091 (08/06/12) Common No. 339108

15.2.2 Listing of Cheques / EFT Payments – May 2012

Report No. 12A0093 (08/06/12) Common No. 339125

15.2.3 Financial Report to Council – May 2012

Report No. 12A0092 (07/06/12) Common No. 339122

15.2.4 Review of Policy No. 29 – Fraud & Corruption Control Policy

Report No. 12A0096 (08/06/12) Common No. 2259972

15.2.5 Monthly On-Street and Off-Street Parking Statistics – May 2012

Report No. 12A0094 (08/06/12) Common No. 376351

15.2.6 May Quarter Budget Review 2011/12

Report No. 12A0088 (08/06/12) Common No. 978289

15.2.7 Review of Policy No. 21 – Revenue Policy

Report No. 12A0095 (08/06/12) Common No. 2259967

15.2.8 Minutes of Risk Management & Audit Committee Held on 8 June 2012

Report No. 12A0098 (08/06/12) Common No. 353196

15.2.9 Invitations Accepted or Declined by the Lord Mayor or Representative During April – May 2012 for 21ST Council

Report No. 12TC0042 MB:sv (12/06/12) Common No. 381402

15.2.10 Register of Elected Members Professional Development for Final Quarter of the Term of the 20th Council

Report No. 12TC0015 MB:sv (12/06/12) Common No. 315321

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15.3 ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE (19/06/12)

Presentation of Report by Chairman – Alderman R K Elix

Recommendations from the Environment & Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 19 June 2012

1. **Cavenagh Street Upgrade Searcy Street to Daly Street Project – June 2012 Progress Report**

Report No. 12TS0090 DL:LM (19/06/12) Common No. 223527

THAT Report Number 12TS0090 DL:lm entitled, Cavenagh Street Upgrade Searcy Street To Daly Street Project – June 2012 Progress Report, be received and noted.

DECISION NO.21\() (26/06/12)

2. **Pre-Cyclone Clean Up 2012**

Report No. 12TS0091JW:rc (19/06/12) Common No. 956492

THAT Report Number 12TS0091JW:RC entitled, Pre-Cyclone Clean Up 2012, be received and noted.

DECISION NO.21\() (26/06/12)

3. **Cash for Containers Update – June 2012**

Report No. 12TS0092JW:RC (19/06/12) Common No. 1824430

THAT Report Number 12TS0092JW:RC entitled, Cash For Containers Update – June 2012, be received and noted.

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15.3 ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE (19/06/12)

Presentation of Report by Chairman – Alderman R K Elix

Recommendations from the Environment & Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 19 June 2012

4. **Water Efficiency Brief Update – May 2011**

Report No. 12TS0073KS (19/06/12) Common No. 1649021

THAT Report Number 12TS0073KS entitled, Water Efficiency Brief Update – May 2012, be received and noted.

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16.1 City of Darwin 2012/13 Draft Municipal Plan Submission

Report No. 12A0103 (19/06/12) Common No. 2191683

Report Number 12A0103 attached.

The public notice period for the Draft Municipal Plan Submissions ended on 22 June 2012. The submissions will be circulated under a separate cover.

2ND ORDINARY COUNCIL / OPEN**AGENDA ITEM: 16.1****CITY OF DARWIN 2012/13 DRAFT MUNICIPAL PLAN SUBMISSION****REPORT No. 12A0103****COMMON No. 2191683****Date: 19/06/2012****Presenter: Manager Finance, Kelly Stidworthy****Approved: General Manager Corporate Services, Frank Crawley****PURPOSE**

This report presents a submission to the City of Darwin 2012/13 Draft Municipal Plan for consideration by Council.

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN

The issues addressed in this Report are in accordance with the following Goals/Strategies of the Darwin City Council 2008 – 2012 as outlined in the ‘Evolving Darwin Strategic Directions: Towards 2020 and Beyond’:-

Goal

7 Demonstrate Effective, Open and Responsible Governance

Outcome

7.1 Effective governance

Key Strategies

7.1.3 Manage Council’s affairs based on a sustainable financial strategy

KEY ISSUES

The submission from Mr Wayne Wood to the City of Darwin 2012/13 Draft Municipal Plan is contained at Attachment A. Also at Attachment A is the response provided by the Chief Executive Officer on behalf of the Lord Mayor.

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT it be a recommendation to Council:-

- A. THAT Report Number 12A0103 entitled City of Darwin 2012/13 Draft Municipal Plan Submission, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council acknowledge the submission to the City of Darwin 2012/13 Draft Municipal Plan contained in Attachment A to Report Number 12A0103.
- C. THAT Council advise Mr Wood that his submission to the City of Darwin 2012/13 Draft Municipal Plan was considered but Council will not amend the City of Darwin 2012/13 Draft Municipal Plan.

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 REPORT NUMBER: 12A0103
 SUBJECT: CITY OF DARWIN 2012/13 MUNICIPAL PLAN SUBMISSION

BACKGROUND

Council endorsed the City of Darwin 2012/13 Draft Municipal Plan and Budget on 31 May 2012. The Plan was released on 1 June 2012 for the 21 day public consultation period, which closed on 22 June 2012.

DISCUSSION

Mr Wood's submission recommends that Council consider reducing expenditure in order to not increase rates and use its reserves to pay for the Carbon Pricing Mechanism rather than increase waste management fees along with a number of other points. The submission and a response sent to Mr Wood clarifying a number of points made in the submission are contained at Attachment A.

It is proposed that Council acknowledge receipt of Mr Wood's submission but advise that Council will not amend the City of Darwin 2012/13 Draft Municipal Plan.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

N/A

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

N/A

BUDGET AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

N/A

RISK/LEGAL/LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

N/A

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

N/A

COUNCIL OFFICER CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

We the Author and Approving Officers declare that we do not have a Conflict of Interest in relation to this matter.

KELLY STIDWORTHY
FINANCE MANAGER

FRANK CRAWLEY
GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

Any queries on this report may be directed to Kelly Stidworthy on 8930 0523 or email k.stidworthy@darwin.nt.gov.au

Attachment A Submission to the City of Darwin 2012/13 Draft Municipal Plan

Submission

From: Wayne WOOD [mailto:wwood13@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, 5 June 2012 1:20 PM
To: Lord Mayor
Cc: Alderman Garry Lambert DCC; george.lambrinidis@bigpond.com;
 rebecca4richardson@gmail.com
Subject: Draft Budget

Lord Mayor,

I worked with your father on the Board of the Territory Building Society and found him to be a wise and compassionate man, so I understand that you wish to carry on traditions established when he was Lord Mayor. Unfortunately times were different then. The UCV of my house block in Wanguri back then was \$35,000, it's \$305,000 now. And as you know, because the rate is based upon the UCV, a tiny increase in rates causes a very large increase in cost.

Thirty years ago many of the workers in Darwin were public servants who received incentives to work in the tropics or, if employed in private business, got subsidised housing. In both cases the cost of living was reasonable. Retirees, with few exceptions, all went south. Not so now! Middle income earners, many of them teachers, nurses and policemen are really suffering because the cost of living is being pushed up by, amongst other things, the FIFO miners. Ask your parents generation what it's like to live in retirement on a fixed income generated by constantly decreasing interest rates. Consequently any small increase in rates causes disproportionate financial distress amongst those who have chosen to make Darwin their home in retirement.

Being Lord Mayor is now a different proposition. You are responsible for the operation of a multi- billion dollar enterprise and, in my opinion, have the same responsibilities as the directors of a large public company governed by the Corporations Act, something that your father didn't have to worry about. The position was severely tarnished by Adams and not improved by the clowngate affair presided over by the previous incumbent. You have a big job to repair the reputation of the position to something near that enjoyed by your father. The NT News is not going to give you any free kicks. Clearly our elected representatives have a long way to go in achieving Mission Goal 7.

You can start by sometimes disregarding the advice of consultants and the paid officials employed by the DCC and employing the common sense for which your family is renowned. Recent examples include spending \$50,000 to promote brand Darwin, the disastrous decision regarding the sister cities scheme and using the excuse of the CPM to increase waste management fees. Council officials will act in

such a way to ensure the empire will continue to expand; more functions, more employees, bigger salaries all feeding into inevitable increases in revenue – rate increases every year! They don't seem to care if their decisions cause anxiety amongst the ratepayers. They hide behind nefarious accounting protocols to justify the most outrageous maladministration and profit seeking. The example of disguising more than \$15 million depreciation and artificially inflating operational expense thus driving operating revenue up by 11.7% is scandalous.

Consultants will usually tell you what you want to hear. It seems that the majority of aldermen either don't understand the ramifications of their decisions or simply don't care. You and your colleagues cannot use the excuse of ignorance. Elected representatives who don't understand what they are doing should take steps to equip themselves with the skills to be able to better analyse the recommendations of their advisors or not stand for council. In the draft budget it states; *"The price is payable by Australia's 500 most carbon-intensive entities across the stationary energy, waste, transport and industrial sectors for each tonne of Co2-e they produce."* Firstly the number of entities involved is about 250 and no one yet knows exactly who they are. And, recognising that, in some years, as much as 60% of the NT's 17 million tpa emissions are generated by bushfires, it would seem a much better idea for DCC to find a way of mitigating burn offs in the Greater Darwin Area. Secondly, the aim of the ETS is to encourage polluters to decrease their emissions. If DCC were to spend \$3 million on capturing the methane and using it to produce clean(er) energy the need for the increased charge to be applied every year ad infinitum would be negated.

You will have to work very hard to regain the respect that influenced my vote for you. A first step could be recanting on the waste management fees. The DCC has more than \$40 million in reserves, if you really have to, use some of that to pay the ETS cost over the next 20 years. If Shoal Bay is to generate 138,000 tpa of methane, shouldn't the DCC simply add another LDS unit and produce more clean energy? The budget process needs review root and branch. It is not acceptable to simply add 5% every year without thinking about what services are REALLY necessary; what provisions are ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL; what processes are best value for money. Without seeking to reduce spending DCC will continue to be "on the nose" by the ratepayers. Imagine how proud Alec would have been to see his daughter preside over the first actual reduction in spending by DCC. I would be delighted to hear your comments on the above.

Wayne WOOD.

Response

From: "Brendan Dowd" <B.Dowd@darwin.nt.gov.au>
Date: 17 June 2012 8:11:24 PM ACST
To: <wwood13@gmail.com>
Cc: "Jeanette Thompson" <J.Thompson@darwin.nt.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Draft Budget

Dear Mr Wood

Thank you for your submission of 5 June 2012 to the Lord Mayor on the City of Darwin 2012-13 Draft Municipal Plan and Budget. The Lord Mayor has considered your email asked me to provide the attached response. That said, please be assured that your submission will be submitted to the Council for consideration at the ordinary Council meeting scheduled for 26 June 2012.

In relation to some of the points made in your submission I can clarify the following:

Increase in Unimproved Capital Value (UCV)

Rates are based on UCV, however, an increase in UCV does not necessarily translate into an increase in rates if all land increases in value at the same rate. This is because when determining the budget, Council sets rates to generate the same amount of dollars as the previous year plus the general rate increase. If all land increases in value at the same rate, then the same amount of dollars as the previous year plus the general rate increase is applied across the new values and theoretically rates would only increase by the general rate increase. Of course, there is some variation where some land goes up in value much higher than other areas. A good example is the Darwin CBD, which has seen some significant increases in land value over time relative to Darwin overall. However, rates are a tax based on land value so UCV's work to distribute rates on that basis.

In reviewing the records for your property I can see that the UCV has significantly increased in value over the last 20 years or so but so has all of the Darwin municipality so this hasn't resulted in a direct increase in the rates levied on your property. In fact, a review of the rates and garbage charges levied since 1989 have shown that, on average, the rates and garbage charges levied on your property have increased by 4.98% or \$39.49 per annum.

Responsibilities as Directors

You are correct in assuming that elected members have similar responsibilities as directors of a company governed by the Corporations Act but incorrect in assuming that this has not always been the case. Elected members have always had to be accountable for their actions under the Local Government Act and Regulations in force in the Northern Territory not to mention the numerous Acts, Regulations, By-Laws and Guidelines that form the legislative basis that underpins almost everything Council does.

Depreciation & Accounting Protocols

In the same way as a public company governed by the Corporations Act would, Council must prepare its financial statements under the Accounting Standards that apply to all entities these days. Compliance to the Accounting Standards is ensured by external audit. Council's auditors, KPMG, have reviewed every aspect of the method that Council uses to calculate depreciation and have found it to be reasonable and in line with what occurs in similar entities interstate. The value of assets excluding land is \$826 million and the forecast depreciation in 2012-13 of \$15 million is only 1.8% of this value. Council's assets, such as roads, footpaths and stormwater, are being used every day and are thus slowly breaking down over time and will need replacement. The depreciation is representative of this and is a fairly important benchmark by which Council evaluates how well it is managing its assets over the long term. As such, it is a figure that Council, through its staff, has spent a lot of time and effort in establishing its reasonableness.

Entities Liable under the Carbon Pricing Mechanism (CPM)

The entities liable under the CPM are published on the website below.

<http://www.cleanenergyregulator.gov.au/Carbon-Pricing-Mechanism/Liable-Entities-Public-Information-Database/LEPID-for-2012-13-Financial-year/Pages/default.aspx>

There are 294 entities currently on the list and 33 of those are local government entities. The list is updated as entities register and, as the deadline for registration does not occur until later this year, it is unlikely an accurate number will be known until that time.

Reserves

The total reserve balance forecast at the end of 2012-13 is \$26 million with \$4.8 million of the waste management reserve to be used for construction of the new waste cell in 2012-13 so that the Shoal Bay Waste Facility can continue to accept waste from Darwin municipality as well as the region. The balance of reserves mostly relate to parking and the use of those reserves must be in accordance with the rules around the use of those funds as well as in accordance with what is planned for the future. Council prepares a ten year forecast and the reserves play an important role in the funding of major projects in future years. Council is also mindful that it is responsible for non current assets with a total value of \$1.1 billion and reserves assist in being able to manage the replacement and renewal of those assets. In addition to this, Darwin's location mean it is subject to extreme weather events such as cyclones and Council has used funds from reserves in the past in order to be able to pay for the clean up of parks and streets and the repair of roads due to these weather events.

Financial Sustainability

While not a point made in your submission, it is important that you are aware that Council's ultimate aim is to ensure it remains financially viable in the long term. Yes, Council must consider the impact that an increase in rates has on its community but it is not the only thing it must consider. As trustees for public assets, it must also ensure that these are maintained to an acceptable and safe standard as well as respond to the continual increased expectations of the community. Council evaluates how well it is delivering services through an annual community satisfaction survey

and it regularly consults the public on projects planned for the community. While you may not be satisfied with the fact that Council is increasing rates in 2012-13, you can rest assured that the decision was made after every aspect of the budget was thoroughly reviewed by Council including the operating budget, capital expenditure budget and reserves. Unfortunately, in a climate of rising costs that is outside of Council's control an increase in rates is necessary in order to continue to deliver the services that our community expects.

Yours sincerely

BRENDAN DOWD
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



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16.2 City of Darwin 2012/13 Draft Municipal Plan Submission

Report No. 12A0104 (22/06/12) Common No. 2191683

Report Number 12A0104 attached.

2ND ORDINARY COUNCIL / OPEN**AGENDA ITEM: 16.2****CITY OF DARWIN 2012/13 DRAFT MUNICIPAL PLAN SUBMISSION****REPORT No. 12A0104****COMMON No. 2191683****Date: 22/06/2012****Presenter: Manager Finance, Kelly Stidworthy****Approved: General Manager Corporate Services, Frank Crawley****PURPOSE**

This report presents a submission to the City of Darwin 2012/13 Draft Municipal Plan for consideration by Council.

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN

The issues addressed in this Report are in accordance with the following Goals/Strategies of the Darwin City Council 2008 – 2012 as outlined in the ‘Evolving Darwin Strategic Directions: Towards 2020 and Beyond’:-

Goal

7 Demonstrate Effective, Open and Responsible Governance

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7.1.3 Manage Council’s affairs based on a sustainable financial strategy

KEY ISSUES

The submission from Vincent M Close on behalf of the Body Corporate Manager Sterling MS Pty Ltd and Norvest Projects Pty Ltd to the City of Darwin 2012/13 Draft Municipal Plan is contained at **Attachment A**. Also at **Attachment A** is a draft response.

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT it be a recommendation to Council:-

- A. THAT Report Number 12A0104 entitled City of Darwin 2012/13 Draft Municipal Plan Submission, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council acknowledge the submission to the City of Darwin 2012/13 Draft Municipal Plan contained in **Attachment A** to Report Number 12A0104.
- C. THAT Council advise Mr Close that the submission to the City of Darwin 2012/13 Draft Municipal Plan was considered but Council will not amend the City of Darwin 2012/13 Draft Municipal Plan for the reasons outlined in the draft response.

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REPORT NUMBER: 12A0104
SUBJECT: CITY OF DARWIN 2012/13 MUNICIPAL PLAN SUBMISSION

BACKGROUND

Council endorsed the City of Darwin 2012/13 Draft Municipal Plan and Budget on 31 May 2012. The Plan was released on 1 June 2012 for the 21 day public consultation period, which closed on 22 June 2012.

DISCUSSION

Mr Close's submission requests that Council apply a concessional minimum rate to the motel units at 52 Gregory Street, Parap.

The submission states that the properties have an average size of 17 square metres and do not have kitchen facilities and that, due to their size, have a low impact and usage of Council's services.

The reason that the motel units attract a minimum rate is because they are strata titled. If the property was not strata titled it would be subject to rates calculated based on the rate in the dollar. A similar issue exists with units of accommodation in the CBD that have been strata titled for investment purposes but are not considered self-contained apartments.

A concessional minimum rate applies to self-storage units and marina berths due to the fact that they are not units of accommodation and there is specific provision under Section 148(3)(b) of the Local Government Act to allow this to occur.

The submission also states that the method Council uses for rating has no relevance to the principles of equity, effectiveness, simplicity or sustainability. The method of rating properties according to their town planning zone is a well-established and understood practice and is both simple and effective because the town planning zone information is readily available. In terms of equity, defined as broad based and reasonable stakeholder acceptance of each rate or charge structure, the outstanding rates indicator remains consistently low and investor owned properties have a higher deemed capacity to pay than owner occupied properties due to the income producing nature of investment property.

The submission and a draft response is contained at **Attachment A**.

It is proposed that Council acknowledge receipt of Mr Close's submission but advise that Council will not amend the City of Darwin 2012/13 Draft Municipal Plan for the reasons outlined in the draft response.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

N/A

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

N/A

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BUDGET AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

N/A

RISK/LEGAL/LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

N/A

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

N/A

COUNCIL OFFICER CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

We the Author and Approving Officers declare that we do not have a Conflict of Interest in relation to this matter.

KELLY STIDWORTHY
FINANCE MANAGER

FRANK CRAWLEY
GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

Any queries on this report may be directed to Kelly Stidworthy on 8930 0523 or email k.stidworthy@darwin.nt.gov.au

Attachment A Submission to the City of Darwin 2012/13 Draft Municipal Plan

SUBMISSION

VINCENT M. CLOSE

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21 June 2012

By email DCC@darwin.nt.gov.auAttention: Frank Crawley

The General Manager Corporate Services
 Darwin City Council
 GPO Box 84,
 Darwin, NT 0801

**RE: Rate Assessments for Units at 52 GREGORY STREET
 UNITS PLAN NO. 97/40**

On instructions from the Body Corporate Manager Sterling MS Pty Ltd and Norvest Projects Pty Ltd ("the Owners") I act for the Owners of the motel units at 52 Gregory Street, Parap NT.

The Owners believe that the current minimum rates of \$928.00 for each of their properties is inequitable and conflicts with Councils Rating Strategies as set out on page 16 of the Draft Municipal Plan for the following reasons:-

- (a) The properties have an average size of 17 square metres and do not have kitchen facilities.
- (b) The UCV for each property is only \$32,500.00 and the rates amount to approximately 3% of the UCV. The Owners believe this is the highest percentage UCV rating within the Municipality and that most other rate payers are only charged an average of 0.34% of the UCV of their properties.
- (c) Council levies minimum rates according to zoning without regard to usage of size of properties. This has no relevance to the principles of equity, effectiveness, simplicity, or sustainability referred to in the Draft Municipal Plan.
- (d) The small Units have a low impact and usage of Council's services. Other small properties such as Storage Units and Marina Berths pay minimum rates struck at a much lower rate.
- (e) After separate Titles to the property at 52 Gregory Street, Parap were issued Council received \$6,000.00 for car parking purposes payable after the first sale of each Unit.
- (f) The Variance in Councils Minimum Rates are minimal for each zoning area save for Organized Recreation Areas (\$380.00) and Central Business Areas (\$1,168.00). In all other zones the Minimum Rates are \$922.00 - \$970.00. There appears to be no rational for the low minimum rate for Organized Recreational areas other than to accommodate Owners of Marina Berths. My clients doubt that there are other small properties in the OR zone other than Marina Berths.
- (g) Storage Units are usually found in General Industry Zones and they attract rates of \$230.00 rather than the minimum for other properties in that Zone of \$920.00. This is

contrary to the Team Leader of Revenues email to Steve McNamee of 19 September 2011 wherein he stated that Council Rates all properties according to zoning.

- (h) The existence of separate titles for the small Motel Units at 52 Gregory Street, Parap is unique for properties at least outside the Central Business Zone and is unlikely to be repeated. The minimum rates are a significant burden to the owners of these small properties. The income from the Units is mainly generated during the dry season.

In the circumstances, The Owners are asking that Council apply a concessional Minimal Rate to the small properties to accord with its stated Rating Strategy of applying Principles of Equity. The inequity arises from the fact that the minimum rates are based on a largely irrelevant matter namely Zoning.

Sincerely,

VINCENT M. CLOSE

*SURVEYORS CERTIFICATE

- (1) every wall, the inner surface or any part of which corresponds substantially with a line showing the floor relating to the proposed subdivision of a boundary of a proposed unit exists;
- (2) every floor and ceiling, the upper or under surface or any part which forms a boundary of a proposed unit exists;
- (3)(a) every wall, floor, ceiling or structural cubic space, by reference to which any boundary of a proposed unit is to be ascertained, exists;
- ~~(3)(b) the wall, floor, ceiling or structural cubic space has been demolished or constructed (as the case may be); and~~
- (4)(a) every unit illustrated by the floor plan and location plan is wholly within the perimeter of a parcel;
- ~~(4)(b) every wall, floor or ceiling referred to in paragraph (3)(b) is wholly within the perimeter of the parcel;~~
- (5) the survey information recorded in the accompanying location plan is accurate and;
- (6) for any unit limited in its vertical dimensions as referred to in section 12(1)(d) of the Unit Titles Act the unit is limited as described on the diagram.

Signature E. Abdel

Date 14-3-97.

This Unit Plan N° 97/40
was registered on 21ST April 97

at 10:23 am

Deputy Registrar-General

*Approved under the Unit Titles Act as the units plan for the subdivision of the above-mentioned parcel.

Dated this 17th day of April, 1997.

D. Buntle
~~Minister or Delegate~~

UNIT PLAN No. 97/40 SHEET 1 of 4

Plan of Units 1 to 50

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Consolidation	
Building Alteration	

*~~Lot/Portion/Section~~ No 6646

* Town/Hundred of Darwin

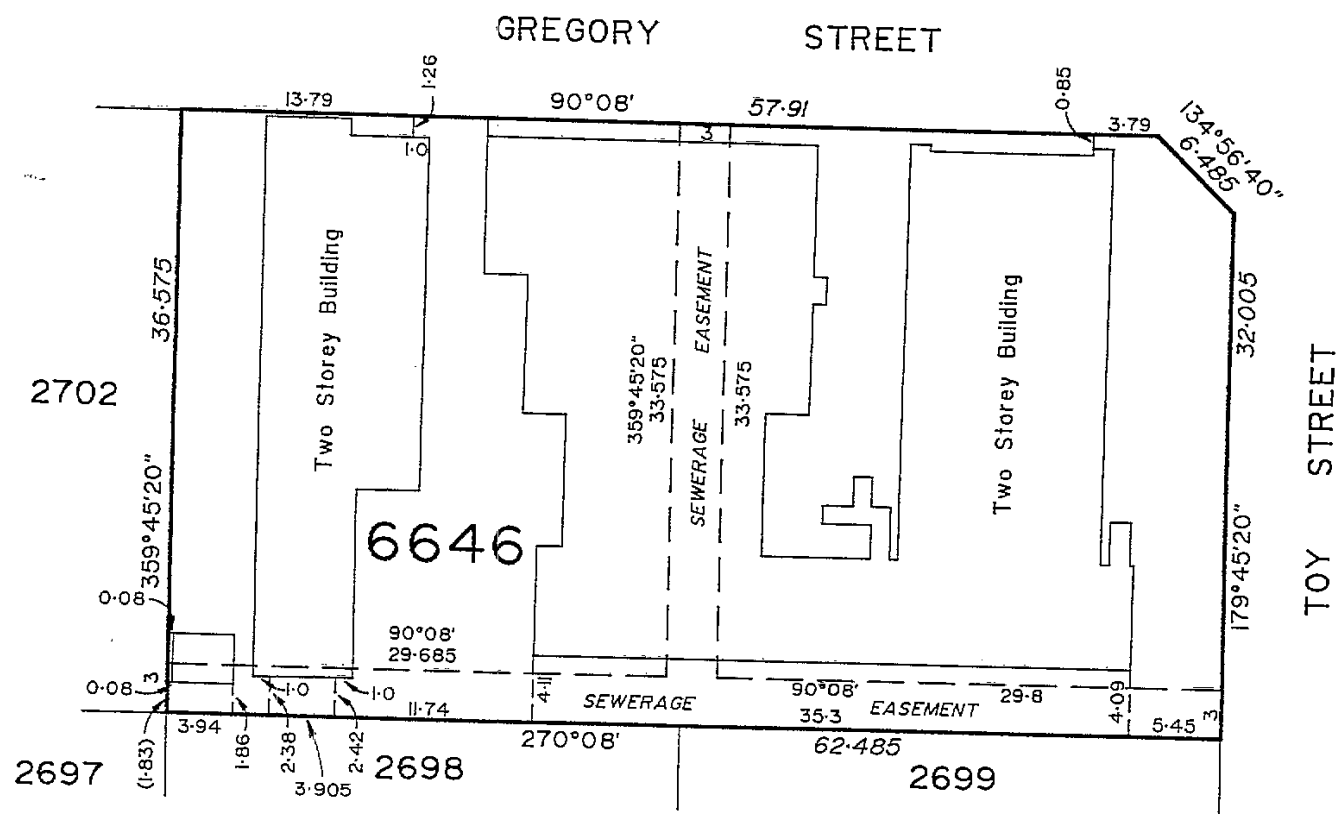
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LOCATION PLAN

Note

Offsets are at 90° to the boundaries unless otherwise shown



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 COMMON SEAL
 Sydney Fingleton (dr)
 Red Tower City
 Proprietor * Date

14-3-97

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UNIT PLAN No. 97/40 SHEET 2 of 4

THIS SHEET REPLACES
 *LOT/PORTION/SECTION No. 6646
 *TOWN/HUNDRED OF Darwin

Geoffrey Kingston (dx)

Sydney Flower Pty Ltd
Red Flower Pty Ltd

PROPRIETOR *DATE*

LICENSED SURVEYOR

Kevin Dodd

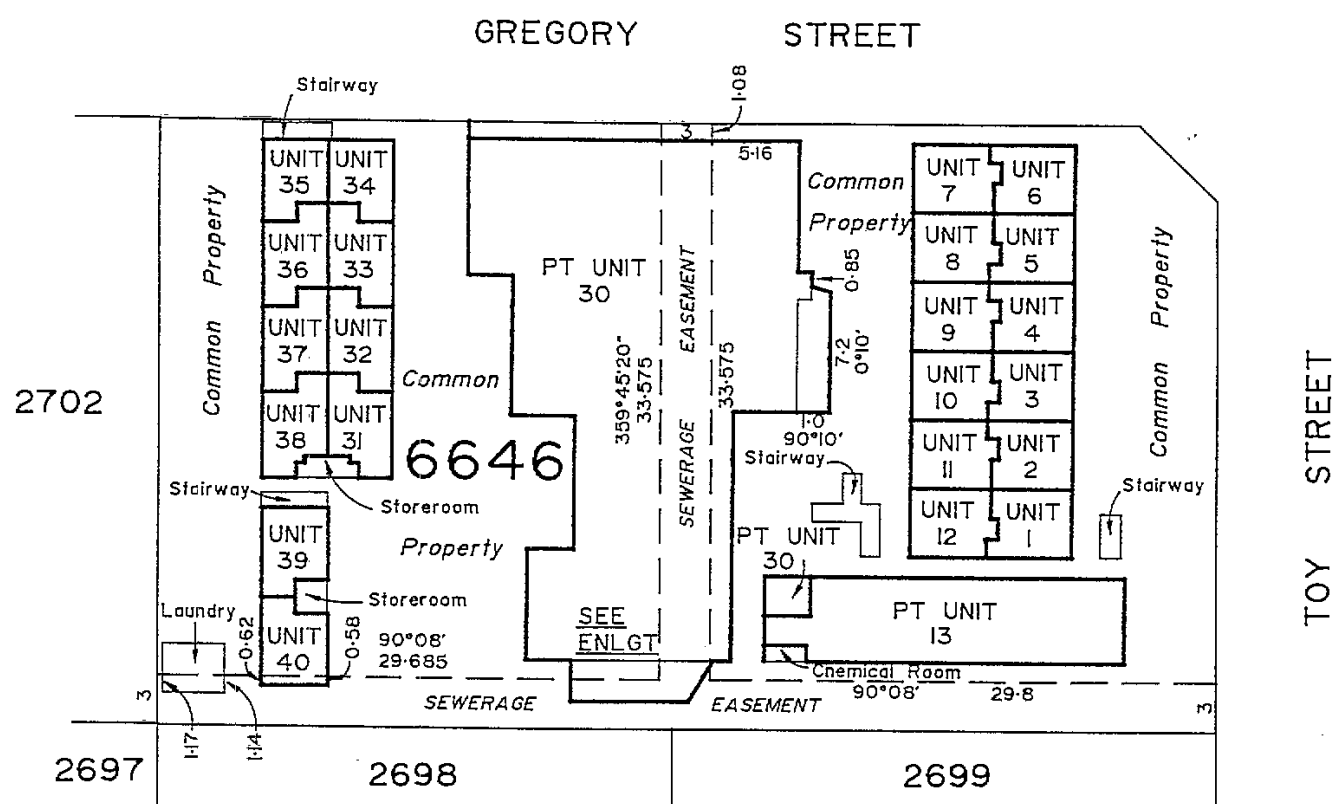
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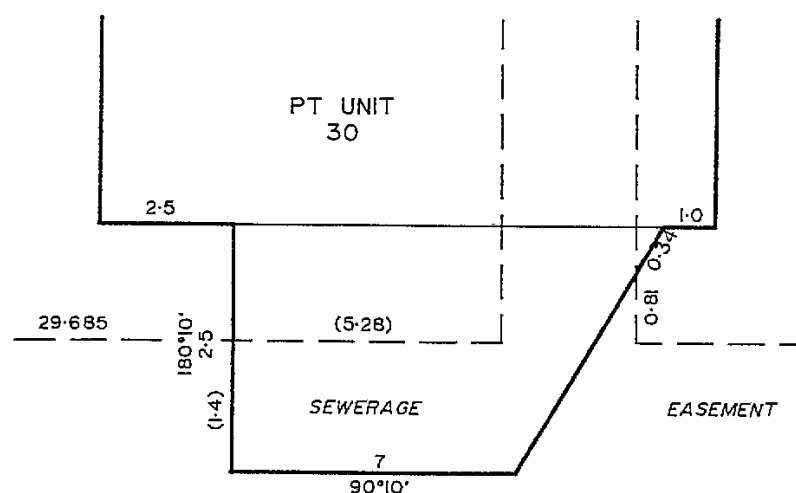
GROUND FLOOR PLAN

Note

Chemical Room, Laundry, Stairways and Storerooms are Common Property
Sewerage Easement affects Units 30, 40 and the Common Property



TOTAL UNIT AREAS			
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2	$18m^2$	31	$16m^2$
3	$18m^2$	32	$16m^2$
4	$18m^2$	33	$16m^2$
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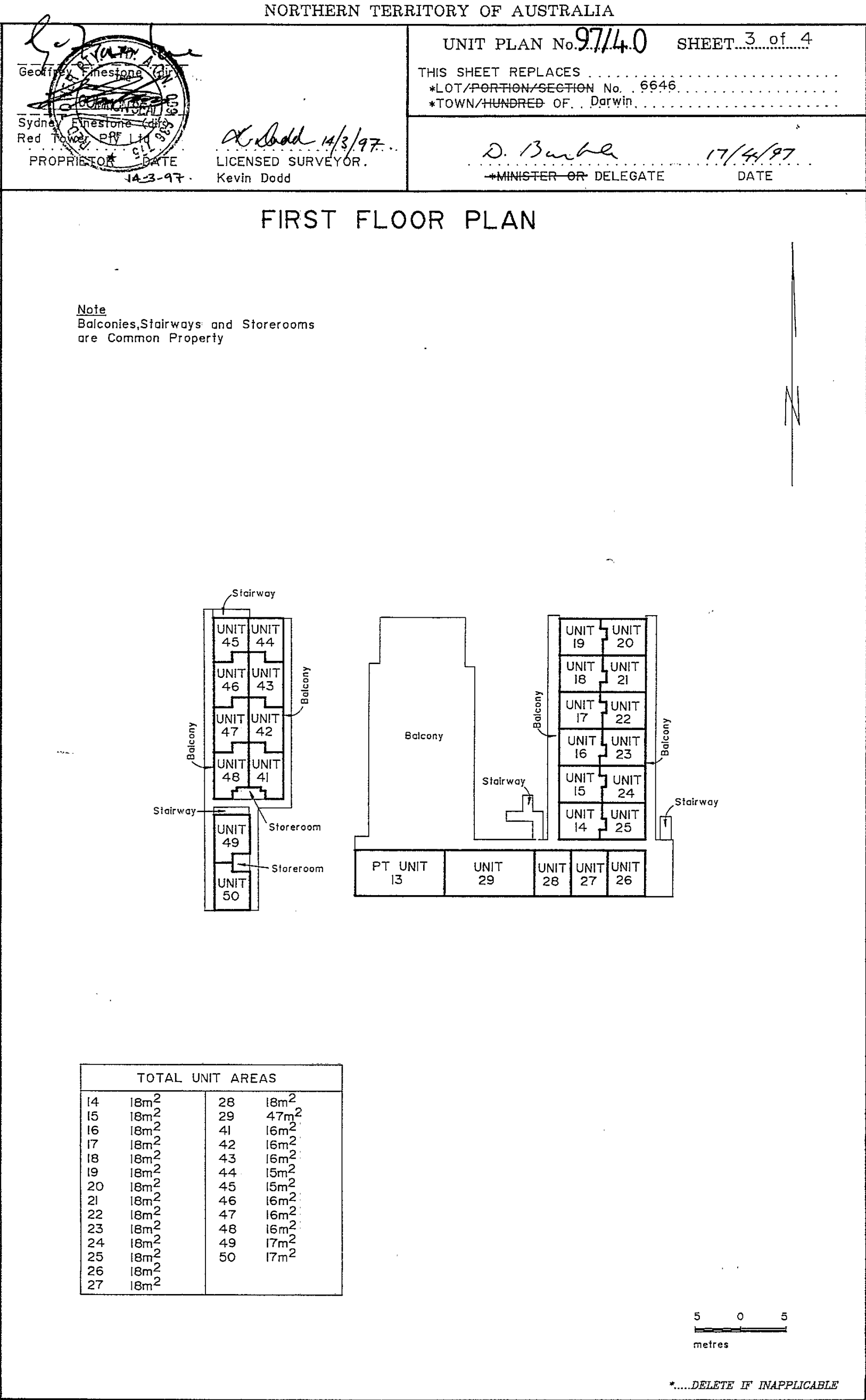
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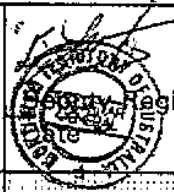
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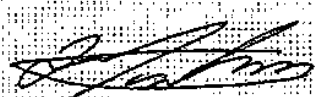
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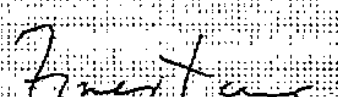
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NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

SCHEDULE OF UNIT ENTITLEMENT				UNITS PLAN No: 97/40 SHEET 4 of 4			
* SEE BELOW				Lot/Portion/Section : 6646			
Registered Proprietor		Seal of Body Corporate		Town/Hundred :		Darwin	
Date:		Date:		This sheet replaces :		Sheet of	
				<i>D Bunt</i> 17/4/97 Minister or Delegate Date		 21/4/97 Registrar-General	
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Sydney Finestone
Red Tower Pty Ltd
(ACN 009 636 775)
Date: 14/3/97




Geoffrey Finestone (dir)

The aggregate unit entitlement is 1,000

The Certificate of Title for the Common Property is Volume 522 Folio 136

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DRAFT REPONSE

Thank you for your correspondence of 21 June, on behalf of the owners of the motel units located at 52 Gregory Street Parap.

In respect of the equities between the different rating classifications, Council provides an impartial rating structure that applies to all ratepayers located within the same planning zone.

As you have noted, Council does provide concessional minimum rates in respect of small strata titled properties such as marina berths and self-storage units. However Council examined the use of these types of units and determined that there was minimal impact or reliance upon Council maintained infrastructure and are of such specialised nature that they are unlikely to be replicated in any great number throughout the municipality.

To put it in context, a marina berth and self-storage are quite similar in that they have no human occupation and are basically used for the storage of goods.

However should such developments become more widespread in the future then the rating structure would be reviewed accordingly.

As noted in the email from the Revenue Team Leader to Steve McNamee of 19 September 2011, the very nature of hostel/hotel/motel accommodation generates a reliance, usage and expectation factor by the occupants upon Council maintained infrastructure such as footpaths, parks, street lighting, litter control etc.

The development of these small types of accommodation units has spread throughout the municipality. The current rating regimen provides certainty for property developers with their rating liability easily forecast. The decision whether to individually strata title the units or not is purely a commercial one for the developers.

By way of comparison, the councils of Cairns, Gold Coast and Noosa Heads for example, rate hostels/hotels/motels on essentially the same basis as the City of Darwin does in respect of minimum rates.

In respect to your point regarding rated properties within the Organized Recreation Planning Zone, your client is correct that Council has declared a reduced minimum rate in this zone to cater for the marina berth developments, in line with our above comment regarding recognizing the minimal impact of these types of development on Council infrastructure.

The self-storage units located in the General Industry Zone are indeed rated at a reduced minimum rate to other units located within the zone. This is permitted pursuant to Section 148(3)(b) of the Local Government Act, where Council considers an inequity would arise if the standard minimum rate otherwise applicable to the Zone were applied. This concession only applies to specific self-storage developments as identified within the Annual Declaration of Rates and Charges and is consistent with the above stated comment regarding the impact of these type of developments on Council infrastructure.

As previously stated, the decision for investors to strata title a development is purely their own commercial choice. This extends to all types of properties including office, retail, commercial or industrial tenancies. Councils' current rating structure is impartial in respect of minimum rates and therein lies the equity as all similarly zoned properties are rated on an equal basis.

Should Council apply a reduced minimum rating structure for a hostel/hotel/motel development based solely on site location, then this would give rise to a justifiable claim of inequity on behalf of other such developments located elsewhere within the municipality. Put simply, Council would need to apply a reduced minimum rate for all such developments throughout the municipality, a proposal that has been previously considered at length by Council and ultimately rejected.

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16 OFFICERS REPORTS

16.3 Adoption of the City of Darwin 2012/13 Municipal Plan Report No. 12A0097 (09/06/12) Common No. 2191683

Report Number 12A0097 attached.

Attachment A *has been distributed separately.*

2ND ORDINARY COUNCIL (OPEN)**AGENDA ITEM:****ADOPTION OF THE CITY OF DARWIN 2012-13 MUNICIPAL PLAN****REPORT No. 12A0097****COMMON No. 2265177****Date: 09/06/2012****Presenter: Manager Finance, Kelly Stidworthy****Approved: General Manager Corporate Services, Frank Crawley****PURPOSE**

This report presents the City of Darwin 2012-13 Municipal Plan, which includes the Budget, for adoption by Council.

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN

The issues addressed in this Report are in accordance with the following Goals/Strategies of the Darwin City Council 2008 – 2012 as outlined in the ‘Evolving Darwin Strategic Directions: Towards 2020 and Beyond’:-

Goal

7 Demonstrate Effective, Open and Responsible Governance

Outcome

7.1 Effective governance

Key Strategies

7.1.3 Manage Council’s affairs based on a sustainable financial strategy

KEY ISSUES

Given that only minor formatting changes from the draft version have been made to the City of Darwin 2012-13 Municipal Plan and in the interests of conserving financial and environmental resources, the Attachment to this report is distributed in electronic format only. As a result, the Attachment is referenced with [Electronic version] in this report.

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT it be a recommendation to Council:-

- A. THAT Report Number 12A0097 entitled Adoption of the City of Darwin 2012-13 Municipal Plan, be received and noted.
- B. THAT having prepared a Municipal Plan for the 2012-13 financial year in accordance with Section 24 of the Local Government Act, entitled “City of Darwin 2012-13 Municipal Plan”, that Council adopt the Municipal Plan contained in Attachment A [Electronic version] to Report Number 12A0097 without amendment.
- C. THAT in accordance with Section 128 of the *Local Government Act*, Council adopt the Budget contained within the City of Darwin 2012-13 Municipal Plan contained in Attachment A [Electronic version] to Report Number 12A0097.

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 SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF THE CITY OF DARWIN 2012-13 MUNICIPAL PLAN

BACKGROUND

Council endorsed the City of Darwin 2012-13 Draft Municipal Plan and Budget on 31 May 2012. The Plan was released on 1 June 2012 for the 21 day public consultation period, which closed on 22 June 2012.

DISCUSSION

Council has prepared a budget for the 2012-13 financial year which seeks to balance the demand for services and infrastructure with the community's capacity to pay. Key budget information is provided in the City of Darwin 2012-13 Municipal Plan about the rate increase, operating result, service levels, cash and investments, capital works, financial position, financial sustainability and key strategic activities of the Council.

The budget was developed through a rigorous process of consultation and review and Council endorses it as financially responsible.

Municipal Plan Requirements

The Local Government Act requires the Municipal Plan to contain the following items:

- A service delivery plan for the period of the plan; and
- Indicators for judging the standard of the Council's performance.
- Council's Budget.

The Municipal Plan must also contain or incorporate by reference:

- Any long term community or strategic plans relevant to the period of the plan;
- The Council's Long Term Financial Plan;
- The Council's most recent assessments of:
 - Constitutional arrangements their adequacy for representation for the Council's area;
 - Opportunities and challenges for local government service delivery in the Council's area;
 - Possible changes to the regulatory and administrative framework for delivering services in the Council's area; and
 - Whether possibilities exist for improving local government service delivery by co-operation with other councils, government agencies or other organisations.

The City of Darwin 2012-13 Municipal Plan which is at **Attachment A** [Electronic version] complies with the above requirements.

Submissions to the Draft Municipal Plan and Budget

There were two submissions received during the public consultation period being:

1. Submission received from Wayne Woods
2. Submission received from Vincent M Close on behalf of the Body Corporate Manager Sterling MS Pty Ltd and Norvest Projects Pty Ltd.

These submissions will be the subject of separate reports to Council and it is proposed not to amend the City of Darwin 2012-13 Draft Municipal Plan and Budget.

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CONSULTATION PROCESS

Officers responsible for budgets
 Chief Officer's Group
 Elected Members

A 21 day public consultation period occurred from 1 June 2012 to 22 June 2012.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

N/A

BUDGET AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The 2012-13 draft budget is based on a balanced funding position.

Not printing the attachment to this report saved printing costs of approximately \$769.

RISK/LEGAL/LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Council is not permitted to budget for a deficit under Part 10.5, Section 127(3) of the Local Government Act. In preparing the budget the relevant sections of the Local Government Act and Regulations have been followed.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

Not printing the attachment to this report conserved approximately 1,548 sheets of A4 paper.

COUNCIL OFFICER CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

We the Author and Approving Officers declare that we do not have a Conflict of Interest in relation to this matter.

KELLY STIDWORTHY
FINANCE MANAGER

FRANK CRAWLEY
GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

Any queries on this report may be directed to Kelly Stidworthy on 8930 0523 or email k.stidworthy@darwin.nt.gov.au

Attachments: A – City of Darwin 2012-13 Municipal Plan [Electronic version]

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16.4 2012/13 Declaration of Rates and Charges

Report No. 12A0099 (12/06/12) Common No. 2214658

Report Number 12A0099 attached.

2ND ORDINARY COUNCIL / OPEN**AGENDA ITEM: 16.4****2012-13 DECLARATION OF RATES AND CHARGES****REPORT No. 12A0099****COMMON No. 2214658****Date: 12/06/2012****Presenter: Manager Finance, Kelly Stidworthy****Approved: General Manager Corporate Services, Frank Crawley****PURPOSE**

This report provides for the adoption of 2012-13 Rates and Charges that support the Budget contained in the City of Darwin 2012-13 Municipal Plan.

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN

The issues addressed in this Report are in accordance with the following Goals/Strategies of the Darwin City Council 2008 – 2012 as outlined in the ‘Evolving Darwin Strategic Directions: Towards 2020 and Beyond’:-

Goal

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Outcome

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Key Strategies

7.1.3 Manage Council’s affairs based on a sustainable financial strategy

KEY ISSUES

The Declaration of Rates is scheduled to be published on 1 July 2012 in accordance with the budget timetable.

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT it be a recommendation to Council:-

- A. THAT Report Number 12A0099 entitled 2012-13 Declaration of Rates and Charges, be received and noted.
- B. THAT pursuant to Section 149 of the *Local Government Act* (“the Act”), Council adopt the Unimproved Capital Value method as the basis of the assessed value of allotments within the Darwin Municipality.
- C. THAT pursuant to Sections 155-157 of the Act, Council declares that it intends to raise, for general purposes by way of rates, the amount of \$48,057,072 which will be raised by the application of differential valuation-based charges (“differential rates”) with differential minimum charges (“minimum amounts”) being payable in application of each of those differential rates. Council hereby declares the following differential rates and minimum amounts in the application of those differential rates for the financial year ending 30 June 2013;

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For the purposes of this paragraph C, residential parts or units means a dwelling house, flat or other substantially self contained residential unit or building:

<u>RATES</u>	<u>ALLOTMENTS OF LAND TO WHICH RATES APPLY AND MINIMUM AMOUNTS</u>
i) 0.380417%	<p>With respect to all rateable land within the municipality zoned SD, RR, R or RL under the <i>NT Planning Scheme</i>, the minimum amount being \$922.00 multiplied by :-</p> <p>(a) The number of separate residential parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment of land; or</p> <p>(b) The number 1; whichever is the greater.</p>
ii) 0.380417%	<p>With respect to all rateable land within the municipality zoned MD, MR or HR under the <i>NT Planning Scheme</i>, the minimum amount being \$970.00 multiplied by :-</p> <p>(c) The number of separate residential parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment of land; or</p> <p>(d) The number 1; whichever is the greater.</p>
iii) 0.371883%	<p>With respect to all rateable land within the municipality zoned CV under the <i>NT Planning Scheme</i>, the minimum amount being \$922.00 multiplied by :-</p> <p>(a) The number of separate residential parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment of land; or</p> <p>(b) The number 1; whichever is the greater.</p>
iv) 0.495058%	<p>With respect to all rateable land within the municipality zoned CB under the <i>NT Planning Scheme</i>, the minimum amount being \$1,168.00 multiplied by :-</p> <p>(a) The number of separate residential parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment of land; or</p> <p>(b) The number 1; whichever is the greater.</p>

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- v) 0.342934% With respect to all rateable land within the municipality zoned PS or CN under the *NT Planning Scheme*, the minimum amount being \$961.00 multiplied by :-
- (a) The number of separate residential parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment of land; or
 - (b) The number 1;
- whichever is the greater.
- vi) 0.314830% With respect to all rateable land within the municipality zoned OR under the *NT Planning Scheme*, the minimum amount being \$380.00 multiplied by :-
- (a) The number of separate residential parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment of land; or
 - (b) The number 1;
- whichever is the greater.
- vii) 0.380417% With respect to all rateable land within the municipality zoned FD, SU, CP, CL, RD or U under the *NT Planning Scheme*, the minimum amount being \$970.00 multiplied by :-
- (a) The number of separate residential parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment of land; or
 - (b) The number 1;
- whichever is the greater.
- viii) 0.497032% With respect to all rateable land within the municipality zoned C, or SC under the *NT Planning Scheme* other than those classes of allotments described below, a minimum amount being \$961.00 multiplied by :-
- (a) The number of separate residential parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment of land; or
 - (b) The number 1;
- whichever is the greater.

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- ix) 0.911921% With respect to those classes of allotments within the municipality zoned C or SC under the *NT Planning Scheme* with a parcel area equal to or greater than 40,000m² and being allotments on which is situated a major shopping centre, a minimum amount being \$961.00 multiplied by :-
- (a) The number of separate residential parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment of land; or
 - (b) The number 1;
- whichever is the greater.
- x) 0.497032% With respect to those classes of allotments within the municipality zoned C or SC under the *NT Planning Scheme* with a parcel area less than 40,000m² and being allotments on which is situated a major shopping centre, a minimum amount being \$961.00 multiplied by :-
- (a) The number of separate residential parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment of land; or
 - (b) The number 1;
- whichever is the greater.
- xi) 0.523302% With respect to all rateable land within the municipality zoned TC or HT under the *NT Planning Scheme*, the minimum amount being \$961.00 multiplied by :-
- (a) The number of separate residential parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment of land; or
 - (b) The number 1;
- whichever is the greater.
- xii) 0.316623% With respect to all rateable land within the municipality zoned LI under the *NT Planning Scheme*, the minimum amount being \$961.00 multiplied by :-
- (a) The number of separate residential parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment of land; or
 - (b) The number 1;
- whichever is the greater.

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- xiii) 0.267500% With respect to all rateable land (other than the small allotments identified below) within the municipality zoned GI or DV under the *NT Planning Scheme*, the minimum amount being \$961.00 multiplied by :-
- (a) The number of separate residential parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment of land; or
 - (b) The number 1;
- whichever is the greater.

Council considers the following classes of allotments within the municipality zoned GI to be small allotments for the purposes of section 148(3)(b) of the Act:

- Units 1 to 3 and Units 5 to 98 comprised in Unit Plan No. 95/95;
- Units 101 to 216 in Unit Plan 97/112;
- Units 17 to 32 comprised in Unit Plan 98/32;
- Lots 6244 to 6285 Hundred of Bagot; and
- Lots 6330 to 6336 Hundred of Bagot.

Council considers that an inequity would result if the minimum amount declared in respect of rateable land within Zone GI were applied to these small allotments, and accordingly, Council declares a lesser minimum amount, being \$240.00, to be payable in respect of each of these small allotments.

- xiv) 0.380417% With respect to every allotment of rateable land within the municipality not otherwise described above, the minimum amount being \$922.00 multiplied by :-
- (a) The number of separate residential parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment of land; or
 - (b) The number 1;
- whichever is the greater.

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- D. THAT pursuant to Section 156 of the Act Council declares the following special rate ("the Parking Local Rate"):
- i). The purpose for which the Parking Local Rate is to be imposed is to defray the expense of and in relation to on-street and off-street parking within the central business district ("the Central Business District") as defined in Schedule 1 of the *Local Government (Darwin Parking Local Rates) Regulations* ("the Regulations"), it being the opinion of the Council that such on-street and off-street parking is and will be of special benefit to the ratepayers of the Central Business District.
 - ii). The amount to be raised by the Parking Local Rate is \$997,284;
 - iii). The Parking Local Rate is to be an amount of \$220.37 per car parking space which will be assessed and levied in accordance with the Regulations. Notification of the parking usage schedule 2012-13 has been duly prepared in accordance with Regulation 4 of the Regulations and notified in the Northern Territory Government Gazette and in the Northern Territory News on 6 June 2012.
 - iv). The Parking Local Rate will be levied on all rateable land in the Central Business District in accordance with the Regulations.
 - v). Appeals against the assessment of the Parking Local Rate may be made in accordance with regulation 7 of the Regulations. The period for appeals under regulation 7 of the Regulations expires on 5 July 2012.
 - vi). Proceeds of the Parking Local Rate shall be applied by the Council for the provision, operation and maintenance of land, facilities, services and improvements for and in connection with the parking of vehicles in the Central Business District, including both on-street and off-street parking facilities.
- E. THAT pursuant to Section 157 of the Act, Council hereby intends to raise \$6,391,281 and makes and declares the following charges for the financial year ending 30 June 2013 in respect of the garbage collection and recycling collection services it provides for the benefit of all residential land within the municipality (except such land as the Council from time to time determines to be exempt or excluded from the provisions of such services) and the occupiers of such land.

For the purposes of this paragraph E:

- "residential dwelling" means a dwelling house, flat or other substantially self contained residential unit or building on residential land and includes a unit within the meaning of the *Unit Titles Act*.
- "residential land" means land used or capable of being used for residential purposes (but does not include land on which there is no residential dwelling).

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- i). A charge of \$245.00 per annum per residential dwelling in respect of kerbside garbage collection and recycling collection services provided to, or which Council is willing and able to provide to, each residential dwelling within the municipality other than a residential dwelling as described in paragraphs E ii – E iv.

The services are –

- a kerbside collection service of one garbage collection visit per week; and
- a kerbside recycling collection service of one visit per fortnight,

with a maximum of one 240 litre mobile bin per garbage collection or recycling collection visit.

- ii). A charge of \$214.00 per annum per residential dwelling in respect of non kerbside (communal) garbage collection and recycling collection services provided to, or which Council is willing and able to provide to, each residential dwelling within the municipality where the number of residential dwellings (as the case may be) exceeds three (3).

The services are as described in Part 1 of the Schedule below.

- iii). A charge of \$237.00 per annum per residential dwelling in respect of non-kerbside (communal) garbage collection and recycling collection services provided to, or which Council is willing and able to provide to, each residential dwelling within the municipality where:

- (a) the number of residential dwellings exceeds twelve (12);
- (b) the dwellings and the facilities in and about the dwellings meet the requirements of the Council for the purposes of providing the services;
and
- (c) the owners of the dwellings have notified the Council in writing of their wish to be provided with these services.

The services are as described in Part 2 of the Schedule below.

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- iv). A charge of \$179.00 per annum per residential dwelling in respect of non-kerbside (communal) garbage collection and recycling collection services provided to, or which Council is willing and able to provide to, each residential dwelling within the municipality where:

- (a) the number of residential dwellings exceeds forty (40);
- (b) the dwellings and the facilities in and about the dwellings meet the requirements of the Council for the purposes of providing the services; and
- (c) the owners of the dwellings have notified the Council in writing of their wish to be provided with these services.

The services are as described in Part 3 of the Schedule below

- v). Where the person liable to pay the charge satisfies Council that a comparable alternative recycling service is being provided to a residential dwelling (other than a residential dwelling as described in paragraphs (ii) to (iv)), a charge of \$108.00 per annum per residential dwelling in respect of garbage collection provided to, or which Council is willing and able to provide to, all or any residential dwellings within the municipality.

The garbage collection shall be a kerbside collection service of one garbage collection visit per residential dwelling per week, with a maximum of one 240 litre mobile garbage bin per visit.

- vi). Where the person liable to pay the charge satisfies Council that a comparable alternative garbage service is being provided to a residential dwelling (other than a residential dwelling as described in paragraphs (ii) to (iv)), a charge of \$108.00 per annum per residential dwelling in respect of recycling collection service provided to, or which Council is willing and able to provide to, all or any residential dwellings within the municipality.

The recycling collection service shall be a kerbside collection service of one recycling collection visit per residential dwelling per fortnight, with a maximum of one 240 litre mobile recycling bin per visit.

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SCHEDULE
DARWIN CITY COUNCIL
GARBAGE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION SERVICES

PART 1 –

Communal Services for more than 3 residential dwellings (refer paragraph E (ii) of declaration)

The services are –

- (a) two (2) non-kerbside garbage collections per week; and
- (b) one (1) non-kerbside recycling collection per week,

with the number of bins for garbage and recycling collections being as set out in the table below.

NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS	GARBAGE BINS 240 LITRE	RECYCLING BINS 240 LITRE	TOTAL NUMBER 240 LTR BINS
4	1	1	2
5-6	2	1	3
7-8	2	2	4
9-12	3	2	5
13-16	4	3	7
17-18	5	3	8
19-20	5	4	9
21-24	6	4	10
25-28	7	5	12
29-30	8	5	13
31-32	8	6	14
33-36	9	7	16
37-40	10	7	17
41-44	11	8	19
45-48	12	8	20

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PART 2 –

Communal Services for more than 12 residential dwellings that meet the requirements of Council (refer paragraph E(iii) of declaration)

The services are –

- (a) two (2) non-kerbside garbage collections per week; and
- (b) one (1) non-kerbside recycling collection per week,

with the number of bins for garbage and recycling collections being as set out in the table below.

NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS	GARBAGE BINS 1,100 LITRE	RECYCLING BINS 240 LITRE	TOTAL NUMBER MIXED BINS
13-16	1	3	4
17-18	2	3	5
NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS	GARBAGE BINS 1,100 LITRE	RECYCLING BINS 1,100 LITRE	TOTAL NUMBER 1,100 LTR BINS
19-24	2	1	3
25-32	2	2	4
33-48	3	2	5
49-64	4	3	7
65-71	5	3	8
72-80	5	4	9
81-96	6	4	10
97-112	7	5	12

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PART 3 –

Communal Services for more than 40 residential dwellings that meet the requirements of Council (refer paragraph E (iv) of declaration)

The services are –

- (a) two (2) non-kerbside garbage collections per week; and
- (b) one (1) non-kerbside recycling collection per week,

with the number of bins for garbage and recycling collections being as set out in the table below.

NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS	3 CUBIC METRE GARBAGE BIN	RECYCLING BINS 1,100 LITRE	TOTAL NUMBER MIXED BINS
41-48	1	2	3
49-50	1	3	4
51-71	2	3	5

F. THAT the relevant interest rate for the late payment of rates and charges is fixed in accordance with Section 162 of the Act at the rate of 18.0% per annum and is to be calculated on a daily basis.

G. THAT rates and charges declared under this declaration may be paid by four (4) approximately equal instalments on the following dates, namely:-

- First Instalment: 30 September 2012
- Second Instalment: 30 November 2012
- Third Instalment: 31 January 2013
- Fourth Instalment: 31 March 2013

Instalments falling due on a weekend or public holiday may be paid by the following business day, without incurring any penalty.

Details of due dates and specified amounts will be listed on the relevant Rates Notice.

Variations to those options for payment will be administered according to the conditions outlined on the front and reverse of the Rates Notice.

A ratepayer who fails to abide by such conditions may be sued for recovery of the principal amount of the rates and charges, late payment penalties, and costs reasonably incurred by Council in recovering or attempting to recover the rates and charges.

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BACKGROUND

Council has now adopted the City of Darwin 2012-13 Municipal Plan and Budget pursuant to Section 128 of the *Local Government Act*.

DISCUSSION

The City of Darwin 2012-13 Municipal Plan contains Council's key rating proposals for the 2012-13 financial year.

The General Rate for rateable properties within the Municipality has been increased by 4.5%

The rate for the domestic Garbage and Recycling collection service has increased by CPI (2.9%) plus \$29.67 per service for the implementation of the carbon pricing scheme, rounded to the nearest dollar.

The rate applied for Car Parking Shortfall has increased by 2.4% to \$220.37 in line with the GST adjusted Consumer Price Index applicable to Darwin for the period December 2010 to December 2011 and the decision of Council 17/4383 which stated as follows:-

"That Council retain the current annual CBD parking rate levy at \$151.50 for 1999/2000 varying annually in accordance with CPI."

Council has previously recognised that strata titled Self-Storage Units should attract a lesser Minimum General Rate than other strata titled units situated within the GI Town Planning Zone. A General Rate of \$230.00 was levied for 2011-12, this has been increased for the 2012-13 rating year to \$240.00, being one quarter of the standard non-residential minimum rate of \$961.00 (rounded to the nearest dollar). A lesser Minimum General Rate may be declared for these types of properties in accordance with Section 148 (3)(b) of the *Local Government Act*.

The penalty interest rate imposed pursuant to Section 162 of the *Local Government Act* has been retained at 18%. Relief from part or all of penalty interest accruals is available to ratepayers that are experiencing severe financial hardship and meet payment arrangement criteria, upon application.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

The budget estimates have been discussed in depth with Council and the Chief Officers Group. The estimates were published in the City of Darwin 2012-13 Draft Municipal Plan and Budget and made available for public inspection and comment for a period of 21 days following publication on Council's website on Friday, 1 June 2012 and advertisement in the NT News on Saturday, 2 June 2012.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

N/A

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BUDGET AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

General Rate	\$48,057,072	Zone	Rate (%UCV)	Minimum
		SD, RR, R, RL	0.380417%	\$922.00
		MD, MR, HR	0.380417%	\$970.00
		CV	0.371883%	\$922.00
		CB	0.495058%	\$1,168.00
		PS, CN	0.342934%	\$961.00
		OR	0.314830%	\$380.00
		FD, SU, CP, CL, RD, U.	0.380417%	\$970.00
		Major Shopping Centres over 40,000m ² in parcel area	0.911921%	\$961.00
		Major Shopping Centres less than 40,000m ² in parcel area	0.497032%	\$961.00
		C, SC	0.497032%	\$961.00
		TC, HT	0.523302%	\$961.00
		LI	0.316623%	\$961.00
		GI, DV	0.267500%	\$961.00
Garbage/Recycling Charges:	\$6,391,281	\$245.00	Detached Dwellings and Flats/Units Receiving a Kerbside Service	
		\$214.00	Flats/Units Receiving a Communal Service	
		\$237.00	Flats/Unit Development Exceeding Twelve (12) Residential Units or Dwellings That Have Requested The Provision of a 1,100 Litre Bin	
		\$179.00	Flats/Unit Development Exceeding Forty (40) Residential Units or Dwellings That Have Requested The Provision of a 3 Metre Bin	
		\$ 108.00	Weekly Waste Collection Service Only	
		\$ 108.00	Fortnightly Recycling Collection Service Only	
Parking Local Rate:	\$997,284	\$220.37	Per shortfall space	

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RISK/LEGAL/LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Section 155 of the *Local Government Act* states that Council shall declare its rates “on or before 31 July in each year”.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

N/A

COUNCIL OFFICER CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

We the Author and Approving Officers declare that we do not have a Conflict of Interest in relation to this matter.

KELLY STIDWORTHY
FINANCE MANAGER

FRANK CRAWLEY
GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

Any queries on this report may be directed to Kelly Stidworthy on 8930 0523 or email k.stidworthy@darwin.nt.gov.au

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16.5 Acquittal of Special Purpose Grants

Report No. 2TC0040 (26/06/12) Common No. 1811580

Report Number 2TC0040 attached.

2ND ORDINARY COUNCIL (OPEN)**AGENDA ITEM: 16.5****ACQUITTAL OF SPECIAL PURPOSE GRANTS****REPORT No. 12TC0040****COMMON No. 1811580****Date: 26/06/2012****Presenter: Manager Strategy & Outcomes, Anne Hammond****Approved: Executive Manager, Mark Blackburn****PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to provide Elected Members of financial information in relation to two Special Purpose grants that the City of Darwin has previously received from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Regional Services.

This information has been prepared in order to acquit the grant funding.

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN

The issues addressed in this Report are in accordance with the following Goals/Strategies of the Darwin City Council 2008 – 2012 as outlined in the 'Evolving Darwin Strategic Directions: Towards 2020 and Beyond':-

Please identify the one goal and outcome related to this Agenda Item**Goal**

7 Demonstrate Effective, Open and Responsible Governance

Outcome

7.1 Effective governance

KEY ISSUES

The City of Darwin over the past two years has been successful in securing three Special Purpose Grants from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Regional Services (DHLGRS).

Two of these grants are due to be acquitted. It is a requirement of DHLGRS that the Acquittal and supporting financial information is laid before the Council prior to being submitted to the Department.

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT Report Number 12TC0040 entitled, Acquittal of Special Purpose Grants, including **Attachments A and B**, be received and noted.

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BACKGROUND

The City of Darwin is required to financially acquit two Special Purpose Grants provided by the Department Housing, Local Government and Regional Services (DHLGRS).

In order to acquit these grants, the DHLGRS requires all financial information to be laid before Council and a copy of the minutes (decision number) to be provided to the Department.

DISCUSSION

For varying reasons, both grants incurred expenditure slightly less than anticipated. The DHLGRS have confirmed that variances within 10% of total grant funding provided is acceptable. Both grants are within this range. The actual expenditure in relation to these two grants is detailed below:-

Governance Training for Elected Members

Grant funding totalling \$24,000 was secured in June 2010 for the delivery of governance courses by the Australian Institute of Company Directors, tailored to the needs of Council's Elected Members.

A total of four workshops were held during the period 18 April 2011 – 4 May 2011 and included:-

- The Role of the Council and Councillor;
- The Councillors Role;
- Introduction to Financial Information for Councillors; and
- Introduction to the Strategic Role of the Director.

There were some savings experienced, therefore not all of the grant funding was spent.

As part of the 21st Council Induction / Governance Training, part of the funding also then utilised to pay for Cridlands MB Pty Ltd and Iain Summers who both presented to Council in April 2012. The total of these two invoices was \$4,783 (inc GST).

Therefore, the total spent on Governance Training for Elected Members was \$22,583 (inc GST). Copies of invoices are provided in **Attachment A**.

Amalgamation Consultancy

Grant funding totalling \$99,950 was secured in November 2010 for the City of Darwin to engaged external expertise to undertake an independent review on the potential amalgamation of Belyuen, Wagait and Darwin Councils.

A consortium of consultants, comprising of GHD Pty Ltd as lead consultant, Darwin based Peter Anderson Consulting Pty Ltd and Perth based local government

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specialist Bob Smillie and Associates Pty Ltd was appointed to undertake this project.

The total fee for this consultancy was \$94,820 (inc GST) which was less than anticipated. Therefore, the cost to City of Darwin of printing the full report for Elected Members of all participating Councils has also been included as expenditure incurred. This inclusion has been confirmed as being an appropriate use of expenditure by DHLGRS.

Therefore the total spent was \$95,511 (inc GST). Copies of invoices are provided in **Attachment B**.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

Department of Local Government

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

BUDGET AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Total funding received from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Regional services for the Governance Training and Amalgamation Consultancy Grants totalled \$123,950.

The City of Darwin's only financial contribution in relation to these grants has been staff time (in-kind costs).

RISK/LEGAL/LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

It is a requirement of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Regional Services grant acquittals that all information is laid before Council prior to submission.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

COUNCIL OFFICER CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

We the Author and Approving Officers declare that we do not have a Conflict of Interest in relation to this matter.

ANNE HAMMOND
MANAGER STRATEGY AND OUTCOMES

MARK BLACKBURN
EXECUTIVE MANAGER

For enquiries, please contact Anne Hammond phone 8930 0531 or email: a.hammond@darwin.nt.gov.au.

Attachments: YES – A and B

CITY OF DARWIN

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2011/2012 ACQUITTAL OF SPECIAL PURPOSE GRANT

Department of Housing, Local Government & Regional Services

File number: 2012/00038

Purpose of Grant: to deliver governance courses developed by the Australian Institute of Company Directors tailored to the needs of Council's elected members and senior managers.

Date of Approval of Variation to Grant (if applicable) / /201__

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACQUITTAL FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 30 June 2010

Special Purpose Grant	\$ 24,000
Other income	\$ 0
Total income	\$ 24,000
Expenditure (Specify accounts and attach copies of invoices or ledger entries)	
	\$ 22,383
Total Expenditure	\$ 22,383
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 1,617

We Certify, in accordance with the conditions under which this grant was accepted, that the expenditure shown in this acquittal has been actually incurred and reports required to be submitted are in accordance with the stated purpose of this grant.

Acquittal prepared by ..Anne Hammond..... ..12./ 06./2012_

Laid before the Council at a meeting held on 26 / 06 / 2012.... **Copy of minutes attached.**

Authorised Person/...../201_

DEPARTMENTAL USE ONLY

Grant. amount correct?	YES/NO
Expenditure conforms with purpose	YES/NO
Minutes checked	YES/NO

Balance of funds to be acquitted \$

Date next acquittal due / /

ACQUITTAL ACCEPTED YES/NO

Prepared by

Comments

Peter Thornton – Manager Grants Program/Executive Officer, NT Grants Commission / /

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Tax Invoice

Invoice No.	Invoice Date	Order No.	Account No.	PO No.	Page
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	Description	Price	Extended Price
	Darwin City Council In-Boardroom - Governance Essentials for Local Government		
	18/04/2011 - 4/05/2011		
1	Tailored Workshop Fee – 50% Deposit	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00

Cancellation fees may apply.

Registration provisional pending full payment.

\$8,000.00

GST*	\$800.00
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Subtotal	\$8,800.00
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Amount	\$0.00
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Amount Due \$8,800.00

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*Certain AICD Education courses may be partially or wholly GST exempt. AICD events are wholly GST exempt.

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Amount payable: **\$8,800.00**

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Invoice No.	Invoice Date	Order No.	Account No.	PO No.	Page
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Quantity	Description	Price	Extended Price
	DCC - Governance Essentials for Local Government 18/04/2011 - 4/05/2011		
1	Tailored Workshop Fee	\$16,000.00	\$16,000.00



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Registration provisional pending full payment.

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	\$16,000.00
GST*	\$1,600.00
Subtotal	\$17,600.00
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Amount Due	\$8,800.00

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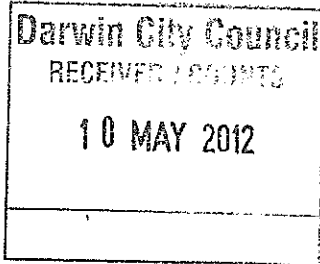
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 Your Ref: Brendan Dowd

Invoice No: 53759

30 April 2012


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TAX INVOICE
Elected Members Induction

Account period: 20 March 2012 to 04 April 2012.

Professional Fees	\$2,210.00
Subtotal	\$2,210.00
GST applied	\$221.00
Total Professional Fees and Disbursements	\$2,431.00

Detailed information supporting this tax invoice is attached.

Thank you for your instructions.

 With compliments
CRIDLANDS MB

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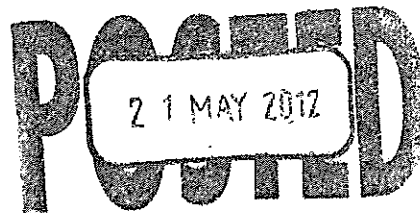
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Brendan Dowd 10/6/12

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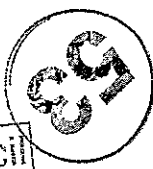


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Governance and management advice and assistance

TAX INVOICE

Invoice ref: CoD /0412

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23 April 2012

**Attention Brendan Dowd
Chef executive Officer**

Preparation for, and presentation of, the new Council induction training session on:

10 April 2012

Fee, inclusive of GST **\$2,352**

Your reference: purchase order 173575, dated 28 March 2012.

EFT details: Account name: Iain Macgregor Summers
National Australia Bank BSB 085-933
Account No. 03-849-9740

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30 APR 2012
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2011-12 ACQUITTAL OF SPECIAL PURPOSE GRANT

Department of Housing, Local Government & Regional Services

File number: 2012/00038

Purpose of Grant: To engage external expertise to undertake an independent review on the potential amalgamation of Belyuen, Wagait and Darwin Councils

Date of Approval of Variation to Grant (if applicable) / /201__

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACQUITTAL FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 30 June 2012

Special Purpose Grant	\$99,950
Other income	
Total income	\$99,950

Expenditure (Specify accounts and attach copies of invoices or ledger entries)

An 'administration fee' is not to be apportioned to the grant for acquittal purposes.

	\$94,820
Total Expenditure	\$95,511
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 4,439

We Certify, in accordance with the conditions under which this grant was accepted, that the expenditure shown in this acquittal has been actually incurred and reports required to be submitted are in accordance with the stated purpose of this grant.

Acquittal prepared byAnne Hammond..... ..12./ 06./2012_

Laid before the Council at a meeting held on 26 / 06 /2012.... **Copy of minutes attached.**

Authorised Person/...../201_

DEPARTMENTAL USE ONLY

Grant. amount correct?	YES/NO
Expenditure conforms with purpose	YES/NO
Minutes checked	YES/NO

Balance of funds to be acquitted	\$
Date next acquittal due	/ /
ACQUITTAL ACCEPTED	YES/NO

Prepared by

Comments

Peter Thornton – Manager Grants Program / /



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TAX INVOICE 4308079

ABN 39 008 488 373

DATE : 31/03/2011

Darwin City Council

GPO BOX 84

Darwin NT 0801

Your order : letter of 3/2/2011

Job Number : 4321798

Debtor Number : 4300131

Invoice To : 31/03/2011

Attn : Anne Hammond

Study - Possible Councils Amalgamation

Claim No. 1

Invoices To Date (Excluding GST)

Total Previous Invoices	\$0.00
This Invoice	\$30,000.00
Job Total To Date	\$30,000.00

This Invoice

Progress Fee Claim

TOTAL (EXCLUDING GST)	\$30,000.00
GST	\$3,000.00
THIS TAX INVOICE	\$33,000.00

Payments can be made to GHD at Westpac: BSB No: 032003 Account No: 484115

Please quote your 'Debtor Number' shown above as reference for the payments.

*"This is a payment claim made under the
Building and Construction Industry Payments Act 2008 (NT)"*

Payment of this invoice is due within 14 days of the invoice date or as stated per the contract agreement.



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TAX INVOICE 4308096

ABN 39 008 488 373

DATE : 27/04/2011

Darwin City Council

GPO BOX 84

Darwin NT 0801

Your order : letter of 3/2/2011

Job Number : 4321798

Debtor Number : 4300131

Invoice To : 27/04/2011

Attn : Anne Hammond

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Claim No. 2

Invoices To Date (Excluding GST)

Total Previous Invoices	\$30,000.00
This Invoice	\$40,000.00
Job Total To Date	\$70,000.00

This Invoice

Progress Fee Claim

TOTAL (EXCLUDING GST)	\$40,000.00
GST	\$4,000.00
THIS TAX INVOICE	\$44,000.00

Payments can be made to GHD at Westpac: BSB No: 032003 Account No: 484115

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TAX INVOICE 4308452

ABN 39 008 488 373

DATE : 31/08/2011

Darwin City Council

GPO BOX 84

Darwin NT 0801

Your order : letter of 3/2/2011

Job Number : 4321798

Debtor Number : 4300131

Invoice To : 31/08/2011

Attn : Anne Hammond

Study - Possible Councils Amalgamation

Final Claim

Invoices To Date (Excluding GST)

Total Previous Invoices	\$70,000.00
This Invoice	\$16,200.00
Job Total To Date	\$86,200.00

This Invoice

Progress Fee Claim

TOTAL (EXCLUDING GST)	\$16,200.00
GST	\$1,620.00
THIS TAX INVOICE	\$17,820.00

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- Incurred Expenditure

Amalgamation Consultancy				
	Total Number of Pages	Printing Cost per page	Number of copies printed	TOTAL COST
Final Consultant's Report (previously forwarded to the Minister)	288	0.06	40 <i>(2 separate Council meetings/workshops)</i>	\$691

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17 INFORMATION ITEMS AND CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Nil

18 REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

19 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

20 GENERAL BUSINESS

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21 DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

THAT the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, 17 July 2012, at 5.00 p.m. (Open Section followed by the Confidential Section), Council Chambers, 1st Floor, Civic Centre, Harry Chan Avenue, Darwin.

DECISION NO.21\() (26/06/12)

22 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

THAT pursuant to Section 65 (2) of the Local Government Act and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations the meeting be closed to the public to consider the Confidential Items of the Agenda.

DECISION NO.21\() (26/06/12)

23 ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING (MEDIA LIAISON)