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From: Rosalba Velletri [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 9 March 2018 5:22 PM
To: Legislation
Subject: City of Swan UV Rates Review

RE: SUBMISSION TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1995

Hello,

I am writing in relation to the City of Swan's review of Unimproved Value rated properties.

We own a rural property in Gidgegannup and we strongly oppose to the change of rating system from UV to GRV based on the definition of "rural land".

The City of Swan is defining "rural land" as property where the owners derive their livelihood from.

Choosing to live on "rural land" means accepting the lack of amenities that are provided instead in residential areas, it also includes a love for nature and preserving the environment, forests are also rural, having the choice to grow your own food and reducing carbon footprints.

Following a strong opposition from the residents of rural areas in the City of Swan, their review has been deferred until the review of the Local Government Act 1995 is approved.

With this submission we ask that the Local Government take into consideration the definition of rural, that according to the Oxford Dictionary means: 'In, relating to, or characteristic of the countryside rather than the town'. This definition does not mention any agricultural activity from which to derive the main livelihood, for an area to be considered rural.

We, the ratepayers, request to investigate a policy that is simpler and more transparent, and request that it be considered as part of the Local Government Act review.

Yours faithfully,

Rosalba and Vincenzo Velletri