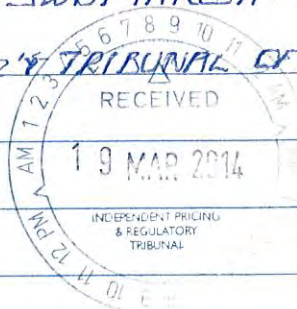


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THE CHAIRMAN,

I AM WRITING THIS LETTER IN PROTEST AGAINST KEMPSEY SHIRE COUNCIL ABOUT WANTING TO INCREASE LAND AND GENERAL RATES OVER AND ABOVE STATE PEGGING INCREASES BY 7 PERCENT PER YEAR FOR 3 YEARS AND 2 PERCENT FOR 4TH YEAR.

MY WIFE MARGARET AND I LIVE IN OUR OWN HOME FULLY PAID FOR HOME. WE ARE BOTH SELF FUNDED RETIREES QUALIFYING FOR PENSIONER REBATES.

THE GENERAL MANAGER INSISTS TO MEET RATEPAYER AND ENVIRONMENTAL TARGETS HE NEEDS TO INCREASE RATES HEAVILY TO MEET THESE TARGETS.

TO GIVE YOU A GUIDE APPLICABLE TO MY WIFE AND I WITH OUR PENSIONER REBATE INCLUDED:-
FINANCIAL YEAR 2009-2010 OUR COMBINED RATES INCLUDING WATER AND SEWERAGE WAS \$ 1270-96.

FOR YEAR 2008-2009 THE TOTAL RATES WERE \$ 1104-09.

IN LATE 2011 KEMPSEY PASSED A MOTION TO SPLIT WATER & SEWERAGE RATES FROM LAND AND GARBAGE RATES.

FINANCIAL YEAR 2012-2013 LAND AND GARBAGE RATES \$ 844-01

FINANCIAL YEAR 2012-2013 WATER AND SEWERAGE \$ 980-63.

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TOTAL RATES FOR 2012-2013 WERE \$1825-24.

THE TREND FOR THE PRESENT YEAR APPEARS TO BE WELL IN EXCESS OF \$1900-00.

NOT SATISFIED WITH PAST RATE INCREASES. COUNCILLORS OF KEMPSEY SHIRE COUNCIL AT THEIR 15th OCTOBER, 2013 TO INCREASE LAND RATES BY 7 PERCENT FOR THE NEXT 3 YEARS AND 2 PERCENT FOR THE 4th YEAR. THE VOTING WENT 8 FOR WITH ONE AGAINST.

WITH ALL THESE INCREASES ON RATES, I CANNOT SEE HOW MY WIFE AND I CAN AFFORD TO STAY IN OUR OWN HOME AS WE CANNOT AFFORD IT.

THE MAJORITY OF KEMPSEY SHIRE COUNCILLORS ARE BUSINESS PEOPLE AND DO NOT KNOW HOW WORKING CLASS AND RETIRED PEOPLE LIKE US ARE FARING ECONOMICALLY. I ALSO FEEL THAT I SHOULD NOT HAVE TO GO BACK TO WORK FOR RATES AT AGE 79 YEARS OLD.

WE CANNOT SEE THE PROMISES THAT ARE BEING MADE COMING TO FRUITION.

YOURS FAITHFULLY

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