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Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal  
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Dear Sir/Madam

**Submission to the Review of Prices for Valuation Services Provided by the Office of the Valuer General**

It is suggested that residential land values in larger metropolitan and coastal centres are more contentious than land values in rural areas. Consequently there would be proportionately more objections in larger metropolitan and coastal areas than in rural areas. Objections are costly to deal with.

Therefore, it is recommended that the residential category of valuations be split into two sub-categories of residential – metropolitan and coastal, and residential – rural.

It is also suggested that councils not be charged for the valuations for non-rateable properties. These valuations are not used for rating purposes. These valuations, which are supplied about every 4 years, are also not suitable for asset valuation purposes as those valuations are required to be less than 2 years old. Quite often there are buildings located on the non-rateable properties, such as toilet blocks or grandstands which make a land value of very limited use to councils.

Should you have any further enquiries in regard to this matter please contact Council's Revenue Manager Ken van de Werken on 6540 1117.

Yours faithfully

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