



KEMPSEY
Shire Council

NOTICE OF MOTION

16th January 2007

NOM4	AGENDA ITEM FOR 'A' DIVISION MEETING
	FILE: 345 CLR TLH {Folio No. *} }

I hereby give notice that I intend to move the following motion at the Ordinary meeting of Kempsey Shire Council to be held on Tuesday, 16 January 2007.

"That Council request 'A' Division of the LGSA to place on the agenda of the AGM of the LGSA to be held in 2007 the matter of partially funded rebates of rates for pensioners."

NOTE:

In the 1960's the State Government introduced the concept of rebates of Local Government rates for pensioners, with the State Government refunding to councils 100% of the imposed cost.

Over the years there have been amendments to the regulations which progressively decreased the refund to local government. The current refund is in the order of 55%.

The cost to Kempsey Shire Council over the past five years is as follows:

	\$
2001/02	518,951
2002/03	542,106
2003/04	553,445
2004/05	556,746
2005/06	<u>559,146</u>
Total	2,730,394

As this was a State Government initiative, which I applaud, but the refund % rate has been decreased, this is another example of State Government largesse being funded by Local Government.

It will be difficult for an immediate return to 100% refunds so I believe that the LGSA should be seeking a graduated escalation of the refund % rate.

MOTION IMPLICATIONS:

- ***Environmental***

Nil

- ***Social***

Nil

- *Economic (Financial)*

If successful in changing refund % rate, then a welcome source of funding to finance our ever increasing costs.

- *Policy or Statutory*

Nil

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COUNCILLOR T L HUNT