STATEMENT OF RATING OBJECTS AND REASONS

DIFFERENTIAL RATES FOR 2026/27

KEY FOCUS AREA

The Town of Claremont applies a differential rating approach to ensure a fair and balance distribution to levying rates.

Under Section 6.36 of the *Local Government Act 1995* requires Council to give notices of its intention to levy differential rates and minimal payments for the 2026/27 financial year.

The following information details the objectives and reasons for levying differential rates and minimum payments:

1. To recognise different land zoning and land use creates different demands on services.
2. To ensure a more equitable distribution of the cost of services based on the demands of each property category
3. Each of the differential rates is proposed at an amount which recognizes the characteristics and particular demand for the Town's infrastructure and services:
   a. **The General (Residential) Rate –** imposes a differential rate on land primarily used for residential purposes. This rating category reflects the level of rating required to raise the necessary revenue for Council to operate efficient and provide the diverse range of services. Residential property represents 94.94% of all properties and therefore they make a reasonable contribution to the cost of the Town's services and facilities.
   b. **The Commercial Rate -** imposes a differential rate on land primarily used for commercial or industrial purposes. Commercial properties represent 5.06% of all properties.
   c. **The Specified Area Rate –** imposed on commercial properties located in the Claremont Town Centre. This rating reflected the additional costs associated with promotion and marketing for the Claremont Town Centre.
   d. **Minimum payment –** is imposed on both the General Rate and Commercial Rate categories. The purpose of the imposition of a minimum payment is to ensure that every ratepayer makes a reasonable contribution to recognise that every property receives a minimum level of benefit from works and services provided throughout the Town.

The Town proposed differential rating and minimum payments for the 2026/27 financial year is as per below:

Rating Category	Proposed 2026/27
General Rate in Dollar (residential)	$0.0529787 (decreased by 17.07%)
Commercial Rate in Dollar	$0.0774276 (decreased by 1.54%)
Minimum Payment (Commercial and residential)	$1,643.30 (increased by 5.50%)
Specified Area Rate	$0.0023138 (decreased by 5.23%)

Town of Claremont electors and ratepayer are invited to submit their comments on the proposed differential rates and minimum payment in writing to be received no later than **4.30pm on Friday, 26 June 2026.** Submission can be made:

- Email: toc@claremont.wa.gov.au
- Mail: PO BOX 54, Claremont WA 6910
- In person: 308 Stirling Highway, Claremont