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**REPORT BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE  
STRATEGY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**PART A - MATTERS REQUIRING A COUNCIL DECISION**

**1. RATING VALUE RULES – SUBMISSION ON THE DRAFT RULES VERSION 3**

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The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval for the submission on the draft Valuer General Rules Version 3.

**BACKGROUND**

Under Section 5 of the Rating Valuations Act 1998, the Valuer General may issue rules (amongst other purposes) to prescribe standards, specifications, and methodologies for the rating valuation process.

The Rules have the status of Regulations under the Rating Valuations Act.

The current rules are Version 2 published July 2000. The passage of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 changes some of the basic principles and as such new rules are required to give effect to the Act for the rating year 2003/04 and the preparation work required in advance.

The closing date of the submission is 28 June 2002.

**SUBMISSION CONTENT**

The draft rules appear to implement the new Act and are simpler in structure. The Council should support the rules in a general sense.

The only change suggested is to remove the anomaly forcing Councils to disclose sales data in the District Valuation Roll and to the market when the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 does not allow for its complete collection. The Council and our valuation service provider would be obliged to do the impossible. A solution suggested is to allow the valuation service provider to make a professional judgement where the owner does not provide the information.

This issue was advised to the Government in a submission when the Local Government (Rating) Bill was considered.

The submission is attached.

**NATURAL + PEOPLE + ECONOMIC STEP ASSESSMENT**

#	CONDITION:	Meets condition ✓✓0*	HOW IT HELPS MEET CONDITION:
<b>The Natural Step</b>			
N1	Reduce non-renewable resource use	✓✓0*	N/A
N2	Eliminate emission of harmful substances	✓✓0*	N/a
N3	Protect and restore biodiversity and ecosystems	✓✓0*	N/A
N4	People needs met fairly and efficiently	NA	NA - See People Step + Economic Step

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#	CONDITION:	Meets condition ✓✓0*	HOW IT HELPS MEET CONDITION:
<b>The People Step</b>			
P1	Basic needs met	✓✓0*	Local staff will be employed
P2	Full potential developed	✓✓0*	Competitive market is enhanced
P3	Social capital enhanced	✓✓0*	
P4	Culture and identity protected	✓✓0*	Efficiency is sought, benefits will be passed to ratepayers
P5	Governance and participatory democracy strengthened	✓✓0*	
<b>The Economic Step</b>			
E1	Effective and efficient use of all resources	✓✓0*	The rules encourage a competitive market
E2	Job rich local economy	✓✓0*	
E3	Financial sustainability	✓✓0*	The rules support efficient rating practices

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**Recommendation:** That the submission on the draft Rules be approved and submitted to the Valuer General for his consideration.

CONSIDERED THIS 27TH DAY OF JUNE 2002

MAYOR