



BRRAG

Belmont Resident and Ratepayer Action Group Inc.

“To provide an effective voice for the people of Belmont”

28 November 2020

The Mayor and Councillors
City of Belmont
Belmont WA 6104

Dear Mayor Marks and Councillors

Please see attached response from Mayor Marks dated 27 November 2020, regarding the following request outlined to you in our letter of 14th November, 2020 (attached):

We are asking Council, on behalf of the residents, to request a review of the gratuity payments policy. In view of the information we have provided to you, any review would need to address the inconsistencies between the Local Government Act and the staff EBA's.

In our letter of 14 November 2020, we provided links to the Local Government Act in addition to the Regulations referred in the Act. Our letter also provided you, the different responses provided to us over the different OCM's when questions were asked. In our view and that of other residents who have seen our letter, which has been made publicly available, is that the responses provided by the City have been contradictory.

As Mayor Marks is the spokesperson for the Councillors, we are asking that any councillor that does not feel that this response by Mayor Marks is in accordance with their own opinion, to respond to this letter by COB on Wednesday 2 December 2020.

We intend to publish the response of Mayor Marks on Wednesday night. It would appear on the basis of his response that nothing further is going to be done and that there is no concern from the other councillors. As Councillors Davis, Sekulla, Powell, Ryan and Cayoun are coming up for re-election next year we think it is only fair they are given an opportunity to put their own views forward should they choose to. We will ensure the residents are aware of any councillor that is prepared to act

The residents of Belmont have an expectation that our councillors will act in the best interests of the residents. Is doing nothing in regards to the million dollar gratuity payments an acceptable response? We think we have provided you enough information to raise further questions.

As stated at the last OCM, it is not enough to door knock for votes, then not be pro-active in acting on behalf of the residents. At any time there is waste in local government, the end result is RATE INCREASES.

Please be advised this letter will be made available to the residents of Belmont on the BRRAG

website as will any response to this letter.

Kindest regards
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President BRRAG

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