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Re Golden Plains Municipal Rating Strategy – Engagement Conclusion

Thank you again for the opportunity to support Golden Plains Council in exploring an appropriate strategy for setting municipal rates and charges moving forward. We trust Council has found our approach informative and our advice supportive of its immediate and longer term priorities.

The current rating strategy has obviously served Council well in recent years. It is our view, based on the modelling and feedback from Councillors, that Golden Plains Council should retain its existing strategy during FY17-18, whilst it considers longer term funding arrangements for community infrastructure and services to meet population growth.

As part of our engagement, MacroPlan Dimasi prepared a Stage 1 Background Report which was distilled into an Executive Report for Council containing a series of rating options for consideration by Councillors. At Council's request, MacroPlan undertook further desktop analysis and provided written advice via an Addendum in relation to the merit of a number of specific options. Findings from this analysis were presented to Councillors at the workshop on 14 March 2017.

MacroPlan Dimasi has now finalised its assessment in relation to Golden Plains municipal rating strategy and the Executive Report, together with the Addendum and Councillor Briefing materials.

We trust these materials and verbal briefings to Councillors and staff provide the appropriate evidence required for Council to finalise its municipal rating strategy.

Please feel free to contact me or Glenn Lamont should you wish to discuss any of the analysis and advice presented.

We wish Council well in implementing its strategy and look forward to working with you again in the future.

Kind regards,

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