

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE RATEPAYERS OF THE CITY OF GREATER GERALDTON

Report on the Financial Report

We have audited the accompanying financial report of the City of Greater Geraldton, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2012, and the statement of comprehensive income, statements of changes in equity, and statements of cash flows for the year ended 30 June 2012, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes, and the Chief Executive Officer's statement.

Council responsibility for the financial report

The Council of the City of Greater Geraldton is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the Local Government Act 1995 Part 6. This responsibility includes establishing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the

entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the Council, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

We performed the procedures to assess whether in all material respects the financial report presents fairly, in accordance with the Local Government Act 1995 Part 6 and Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations), a view which is consistent with our understanding of the City of Greater Geraldton's financial position and of their performance.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Independence

In conducting our audit, we followed applicable independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements.

Auditor's opinion on the financial report

In our opinion, the financial report of the City of Greater Geraldton:

- (i) gives a true and fair view of the City of Greater Geraldton's financial position as at 30 June 2012 and of its performance for the financial year ended 30 June 2012, and
- (ii) complies with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations),
- (iii) are prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1995 Part 6 (as amended) and Regulations under that Act.

Statutory Compliance

I did not, during the course of my audit, become aware of any instance where the Council did not comply with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1995 and Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 as they relate to financial statements.



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Perth, 7 December 2012