

Others go out to sea for **free** while you at PG pay a fee.

A message from the Port Geographe Landowners Association

Because you live in Port Geographe you pay an extra annual fee for the maintenance of the waterways.

If you look at your recent rate notice you will see a Specified Area Rate – Port Geographe (SAR) which is about 23% of your total Rate Notice.

This tax is to pay for dredging the entrance channel so that everybody from anywhere can boat out to sea via the PG waterways free of charge.

**You and your neighbours are the only ratepayers in the City to pay this fee.**

Over the next ten years Port Geographe ratepayers will pay in excess of \$2million in SAR to the City, while the City itself will make no contribution.

There is no other public facility in the entire City of Busselton where one section of the community pays on behalf of all others.

Since 2014 the **PGLOA** has been trying to negotiate a fairer outcome with the Mayor and the City of Busselton, but without success.

The City thinks we are a small minority group. But we have an email distribution list of 170, and we advocate for over 650 landowners.

We are now mounting a more active and visual campaign to bring about change. It started recently with a half page advertisement in the local paper.

We can be more effective with more on board. If you are not already a member, please join us for just a \$25. See the reverse of this notice. Or simply get onto our mailing list by responding to the PGLOA email below.

**Our objectives are threefold:** reinstatement of a community contribution by Council to waterways management; a cap on the amount that can be drawn annually from our SAR contributions; a formal review by Council in consultation with stakeholders of the long-term strategy and objectives of the SAR.

We can rectify the current iniquities if we pull together.

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