

City of Busselton  
2 Southern Drive, Busselton WA 6280  
Locked Bag 1, Busselton WA 6280

Monday, May 3, 2021

To whom it may concern

Please accept this formal request for a rate exemption at the property located at 2A, 9 Harris Road Busselton WA 6280.

Senses Australia is a leading not for profit organisation, providing disability services to the Western Australian community for nearly 125 years. Every day, we help over 1200 children and adults with a wide range of disabilities reach their full potential.

We provide a comprehensive range of support services to help people achieve their goals in life, whether it's gaining greater independence, forming closer community connections, furthering their education, finding employment or improving their health and wellbeing.

To address the criteria required for this application please see below:

### **Use and occupancy of the property**

The permitted use of the property is classified as "Offices and consulting rooms and other incidental uses associated with the Lessee's business". Ther therapy services and administrative tasks undertaken within the property fall under this classification.

### **Type of service provided (e.g. food, accommodation etc)**

Therapy services including speech pathology, occupational therapy, psychology services and group therapy sessions including the development of social skills.

### **Frequency of service provision (e.g. full-time, daily, weekly etc)**

The property will be occupied from Monday – Friday generally within the hours of 8.00am – 5.00pm. Therapy services will be offered at intervals throughout each weekday.

### **Whether any payment is received for the services provided by the organisation;**

Senses Australia is a Not for Profit organisation. It is paid for it's services predominantly through the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS). The NDIS provides reasonable and necessary supports for eligible people under 65 years of age with a permanent and significant disability. However any person with a disability may wish to pay for their services. This may include those people with compensation, those who cannot access funding, those who are on a waitlist for government funded services or those who wish to have more service than that which is funded by government. People in this category enter into a Fee for Service package. There are a small amount of clients on other Government funded programs and we occasionally receive payments for services through these programs.

To support this application please find enclosed the following documents:

- Copy of the organisation's constitution;
- Copy of the organisation's current certificate of incorporation;
- A statutory declaration from the organisation confirming the exact purpose for which the whole of the property is being used for;
- Floor plan of the leased property area if only part of the property is the subject of this application.
- A copy of the organisations current years audited financial statements and details of its financial and funding support;
- Copies of any other relevant documentation that the organisation considers will support this application;

Thank you and I look forward to a response when this application has been considered by Council.

Kind regards



Bronte Pyett  
Manager Business Services