



Chief Executive Officer  
City of Busselton,  
Locked Bag 1,  
BUSSELTON WA 6280

Dear Sir

I am writing on behalf of South Metropolitan Youth Link Inc T/A SMYL Community Services to request your consideration of an application to grant a rate exemption under section 6.26 of the Local Government Act 1995.

SMYL has negotiated a temporary lease pending the outcome of this application for the property at 1A/9 Harris Road in Busselton from which it is intended to deliver a range of parenting programs and services. These are aimed at sole parents and low-income families with children (ParentNext) and language and literacy program (Skills for Education & Employment) that assists migrants and other people with below functional literacy and numeracy. Core components of these services are funded by the Commonwealth Department of Education, Skills and Employment. Other components of the service are self-funded by SMYL and include an onsite creche service, financial counselling, budgeting, healthy eating and resilience training. Additional services may include entry level skills development and employability skills, vouchers for fuel, clothing and essential resources and "Foodbank" parcels all facilitated by SMYL.

SMYL is the only face to face provider of these Commonwealth services in Busselton and across regional WA.

The availability of premises that meet disability access requirements, are accessible by our client groups and fit for purpose are very limited in Busselton and property leases have increased significantly in the past few months. The rate exemption will significantly reduce the outgoings and enable SMYL to continue to deliver services to local clients who are most vulnerable.

The viability of the lease is dependent on the outcome of this application. Consequently, SMYL has not yet submitted development or building

applications for this site until the outcome is advised and the owner has confirmation.

In support of this application please find attached a copy of SMYL's Constitution, most recent audited accounts, the lease and details of the property and proof of our charitable status from the ACNC.

Should you require any additional information, I can be contacted [Julie.mitchell@smyl.com.au](mailto:Julie.mitchell@smyl.com.au), 08 94304921 or mobile 0404823641.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Julie Mitchell', written in a cursive style.

Julie Mitchell  
22/02/2022