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21A, Black Rock,  
Tamarin

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20th August 2006

The President,  
Black River District Council,  
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Dear Sir,

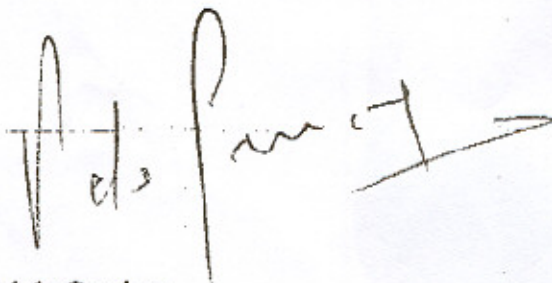
In view of the latest Government budget, I have been requested by a number of residents of lotissement Black Rock (of which I am President of the Conseil Syndical), to find out what the new National Residential Property Tax will bring to us (land owners in Tamarin) in terms of public services.

As members of a private estate (Black Rock) we have had, until now, to maintain our private roads, install our own street lamps and clean our common roads and common grounds. This represents significant sums of money and we require all our members to participate in this effort.

I would therefore appreciate if you could give us an idea as to whether, in the near future, the Black River District Council will be responsible for maintaining our roads (private and not private) and all our infrastructures; or whether private estates will remain responsible for maintaining their private infrastructures in spite of having to pay the new National Residential Property Tax.

I am looking forward to your reply and thank you respectfully in advance.

Yours faithfully



Dr Paul de Gersigny,  
President,  
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## THE BLACK RIVER DISTRICT COUNCIL

**Our Ref:** BRDC 4151/2006/F35/89

**Date:** 30 August 06

Dr. Paul de Gersigny  
President  
Conseil Syndical de Black Roc  
21A, Black Rock  
Tamarin

Dear Sir

### National Residential Property Tax

Your letter dated 20 August 2006 regarding the above subject refers.

I am directed to inform you that the National Residential Property Tax will be raised by Central Government as a form of tax simply. It is not a tax for the services being provided by Local Authorities.

As such, this Council provides scavenging services (domestic), street lighting, maintenance of public roads, drains and public infrastructures, etc., free of charge and does not raise revenue therefrom as compared to the Municipal Councils where the inhabitants have to pay rates.

Private estates will remain responsible for maintaining their private infrastructures despite paying the National Residential Property Tax, unless these morcellements are declared public and be made accessible to the public at any time.

With my thanks and best regards.

Yours faithfully

**S KARUPUDAYYAN**  
Chief Executive