

Farm Rate Application

Property Information

I, _____ (full name) of _____ (postal address) hereby request that the lower differential rate (Farm Rate) declared by Council be levied on the properties listed below which are farmland as defined by Section 2(1) of the Valuation of Land Act 1960.

Assess No	Property Address	Area Ha
TOTAL AREA Ha		

Additional Details

Please tick your answer to each of the following criteria

All the properties described above are used for farm purposes	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
All the properties described above are each more than 2 hectares in size	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
For each property above do you carry on a business of primary production in accordance with the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

If 'Yes' please provide correspondence from a third party (accountant or private ruling from the Tax Office) to confirm the primary production business status.

Declaration

I certify that the foregoing is true, correct and accurate in every respect. I accept that Council may require further information in order to determine whether this application complies with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1989. (The Local Government Act 1989 provides penalties for persons supplying false or misleading information to Councils' with respect to an application for an exemption)

Signature	Date

YOUR RATES ARE DUE AND PAYABLE AS THEY HAVE BEEN ASSESSED UNTIL AN AMENDED NOTICE IS ISSUED PLEASE READ THE NOTES BELOW BEFORE COMPLETING THIS APPLICATION.

Notes

- Completed applications are to be lodged with Council by the 1st instalment due date indicated on your rate notice.
- Section 2(1) of the Valuation of Land Act 1960 defines 'farm land' to mean any rateable land –
 - That is not less than 2 hectares in area; and
 - That is used primarily for grazing (including agistment), dairying, pig-farming, poultry farming, fish-farming, tree-farming, bee-keeping, viticulture, horticulture, fruit-growing or the growing of crops of any kind or for any combination of those activities; and
 - That is used by a business –
 - that has a significant and substantial commercial purpose of character; and
 - that seeks to make a profit on a continuous or repetitive basis from its activities on the land; and
 - that is making a profit from its activities on the land, or that has a reasonable prospect of making a profit from its activities on the land if it continues to operate in the way that it is operating.
- The application form should only be returned for Council's consideration if you can answer yes to each of the criteria specified on the front of the form.

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