



RATING POLICY

Policy 10/2021-2024

DATE

- Ordinary Meeting of Council 22.05.2018 and 12.07.2022

POLICY NO:	10/2021-2024
LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS	Local Government Act 1993
RESPONSIBILITY:	CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
OBJECTIVE:	To demonstrate transparency in managing Councils Income and rebates
REVIEW	Within the first 12 months of each term of Council or as required.

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1. Guidelines

The Local Government Act 1993, sections 514 - 529 allows for four rating categories of rateable land under Residential, Farmland, Mining and Business.

Council will levy ordinary rates on farmland properties up to a maximum of 1% of the total permissible ordinary rate income.

Council will levy ordinary rates on business properties up to a minimum of 10% of the total permissible ordinary rate income.

Council will levy the balance of the permissible income from residential properties.

Base Amount

Ordinary rates are made up of a base amount and an ad valorem amount. The residential base amount is no less than 45%.

2. Pensioner Rebates

The Hills Shire Council will provide eligible pensioners with a rebate on combined rates and domestic waste charges up to a maximum of \$250.00 in accordance with The Local Government Act, 1993 Section 575. Rebate will vary dependant on the jointly liable eligible pensioners occupying the property.

The Hills Shire Council will contribute 45% of this rebate. Remaining 55% is reimbursed by the NSW Government.

A pensioner rebate will be granted to eligible pensioners in proportion to the number of full quarters remaining in the financial year after application. Pensioner rebates will cease on the last day of a quarter after the date the pensioner rebate no longer applies e.g. sale of property or change of circumstances.

Council will grant a pensioner rebate for the current financial year and previous financial year only. No further concession will be available.

3. War Widows Rebate (Voluntary Rebate)

The Hills Shire Council will grant up to a maximum of \$125.00 per applicant even though they are not eligible for a rebate under The Local Government Act.

The Hills Shire Council will contribute 100% of this rebate.

4. Associated Documents

Nil.

5. Appendices

Nil.