

POLICY
RATES REMISSION FOR LAND AFFECTED BY
NATURAL CALAMITY



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Introduction The purpose of the policy is to give the Council discretion to remit rates where a rating unit has been detrimentally affected by a natural calamity.

Policy The Council may remit rates either wholly or in part where land has been detrimentally affected by erosion, subsidence, submersion or other natural calamity to an extent the Council considers that it would be unfair or unreasonable to require that the rates be paid as assessed.

1. Applications must be made in writing and signed by the owner(s) of the rating unit.

2. Full details must be provided of the nature of the event that caused the damage and the degree of damage to the land. If the damage is temporary and the land is expected to return to its former use in the future, an estimate of the time it will take the land to recover to a useable state and the steps that the owner will take to achieve this should be provided. The Council may ask for a report from a Registered Engineer or other similarly qualified expert.

3. The amount of remission given in any case will be set by the Council having regard to the severity of the event, the degree of damage to the subject land and other land in the district and other financial assistance available. Consideration will also be given to the effect of remissions on the remaining rating base.

END OF POLICY