



Tiwi Islands Regional Council

Rates Declaration for 2018/2019

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 158 of the Local Government Act, that the following rates and charges were declared by Tiwi Islands Regional Council at the Ordinary Meeting held on 25 July 2018, pursuant to Chapter 11 of the *Local Government Act* in respect of the financial year ending 30 June 2019.

Rates

Tiwi Islands Regional Council ('the Council') makes the following declaration of rates pursuant to Chapter 11 of the Local Government Act ('the Act').

1. Pursuant to Section 149 of the Act, the Council adopts the Unimproved Capital Value as the basis for determining the Assessed Value of allotments within the Council area.
2. The Council, pursuant to Section 155 of the Act, declares that it intends to raise, for general purposes by way of rates, the amount of \$1,691,824.87 which will be raised by the application of:
 - (a) differential fixed charges; and
 - (b) differential valuation-based charges with differential minimum charges being payable in the application of those differential valuation-based charges; and
3. The Council hereby declares the following rates:
 - (a) With respect to each allotment of rateable land within that part of the Council area that is used or occupied for **Residential Purposes**, a valuation-based charge being 6.47% of the assessed value of the allotment with a minimum amount being payable in the application of that charge being \$1,938.30 multiplied by the greater of:
 - (i) the number of separate parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment; and
 - (ii) the number 1.
 - (b) With respect to each allotment of rateable land within that part of the Council area that is used or occupied for a **Commercial Land Use**, (excluding pastoral leases and mining tenements), a valuation-based charge being 3.4% of the assessed value of the allotment with a minimum amount being payable in the application of that charge being \$1,874.25 multiplied by the greater of:
 - (i) the number of separate parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment; and
 - (ii) the number 1.
 - (c) With respect to each allotment of rateable land within that part of the Council area that is **Vacant Land**, a valuation-based charge being 6.47% of the assessed value of the allotment with a minimum amount being payable in the application of that charge being \$1,938.30 multiplied by the greater of:
 - (i) the number of separate parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment; and
 - (ii) the number 1.
 - (d) With respect to each allotment of rateable land within that part of the Council area that is used or occupied for **Residential Purposes**, where there is no Unimproved Capital Value assessed for the allotment, a fixed charge of \$1,938.30.
 - (e) With respect to each allotment of rateable land within that part of Council area that is used or occupied for **Commercial Land Use** (excluding pastoral leases and mining tenements), where there is no Unimproved Capital Value assessed for the allotment a fixed charge of \$1,874.25.
 - (f) With respect to each allotment of rateable land within that part of the Council that is **Vacant Land**, where there is no Unimproved Capital Value assessed for the allotment a fixed charge of \$1,938.30.
 - (g) With respect to each allotment of rateable which is a **Mining Tenement** as defined in the Act, a rate of 0.3434% of the assessed value of the allotment with the minimum amount payable in the application of that differential rate being \$880.40.

Charges

4. Pursuant to Section 157 of the Act, the Council declares the following charges in the Council area. Council intends to raise \$525,603.75 by these charges.
- (a) For the purposes of these charges:
- (i) 'Council area' means the area of Council as defined in the Act;
 - (ii) 'residential dwelling' means a dwelling house, flat or other substantially self contained residential unit or building on residential land and includes a unit within the meaning of the Unit Titles Act and the Unit Titles Schemes Act;
 - (iii) 'residential land' means land used or capable of being used for residential purposes (but does not include land on which there is no residential dwelling);
 - (iv) 'allotment of commercial land' means land whose occupation is primarily for non-residential purposes and may be commercial or industrial by nature;
 - (v) 'residential land of rates exempt organisations' means land belonging to rates exempt organisations under section 144 which is used for residential purposes by that organisation;
 - (vi) the 'garbage collection service' comprises a collection service of one garbage collection visit per week.
- (b) Residential Garbage Collection and Waste Management Charge:
- (i) The purpose for which this Charge is to be imposed is to defray the waste management and operational cost of the waste management facility and the residential garbage collection service provided to, or which Council is willing and able to provide to, each resident dwelling in the Council area;
 - (ii) It is the opinion of Council that such purpose is and will be of special benefit to those residential dwellings;
 - (iii) A charge of \$669.90 per annum per residential dwelling will apply;
 - (iv) An additional charge of \$171.15 per annum in relation to each additional refuse bin collected through the use by rateable properties of more than one (1) council specified refuse bin.
- (c) Commercial Waste Management Charge:
- (i) The purpose for which this Charge is to be imposed is to defray the waste management and operational cost of the waste management facility provided to, or which Council is willing and able to provide to an allotment of commercial land in the Council area;
 - (ii) It is the opinion of Council that such purpose is and will be of special benefit to those allotments;
 - (iii) A charge of \$1,063.65 per annum per allotment of commercial land will apply.
- (d) Commercial Garbage Collection Charge:
- (i) The purpose for which this Charge is to be imposed is to defray the management and operational cost of the garbage collection service provided to, or which Council is willing and able to provide to, an allotment of commercial land in the Council area;
 - (ii) It is the opinion of Council that such purpose is and will be of special benefit to those allotments;
 - (iii) A charge of \$669.30 per annum per allotment of commercial land will apply;
 - (iv) An additional charge of \$220.50 per annum in relation to each additional refuse bin collected through the use by the allotment of more than one (1) council specified refuse bin;
 - (v) The charges referred to in subparagraphs (i)-(iv) inclusive will not apply to allotments where the ratepayer requests in writing for the garbage collection service to not be provided by the Council.
- (e) Exempt Resident - Garbage Collection and Waste Management Charge:

- (i) The purpose for which this Charge is to be imposed is to defray the waste management and operational cost of the waste management and facility and garbage collection service provided to, or which Council is willing and able to provide to a residential dwelling on residential land of rates exempt organisations in the Council area;
- (ii) It is the opinion of Council that such purpose is and will be of special benefit to those allotments;
- (iii) A charge of \$669.30 per annum per residential dwelling will apply;
- (iv) An additional charge of \$171.15 per annum in relation to each additional bin collected through the use by rateable properties of more than one (1) council specified refuse bin.

Relevant interest rate

- 5. The relevant interest for the late payment of rates and charges is fixed in accordance with Section 162 of the Act at the rate of 18% per annum and is to be calculated on a daily basis.

Payment

- 6. The Council determines that the rates and charges declared under this declaration must be paid within 28 days of the issue of rate notice under Section 159 of the Act.

Payments falling due on a weekend or public holiday may be paid by the following business day without incurring late payment interest.

Alternatively, ratepayers may opt for monthly or quarterly payments. To do so they must seek the written agreement of the Council CEO. However, where such an option is exercised, if an instalment payment is not received by the agreed date it will constitute a default and the full unpaid balance of the annual amount will become payable and recoverable immediately.

A ratepayer who fails to pay their rates and charges notified under the relevant rates notice under Section 159 of the Act may be sued for recovery of the principal amount of the rates and charges, late payment penalties, and cost reasonably incurred by the Council in recovering or attempting to recover the rates and charges.

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