

SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING

19 JUNE 2023

16**ADOPTION OF RATES PENSIONER CONCESSIONS FOR THE 2023/24 FINANCIAL YEAR**

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RECOMMENDATION:

1. That Council resolve, for new approved applications, pursuant to sections 120, 121 and 122 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, a rebate of the general rate of a set amount of \$300.00 per annum be applied to all eligible ratepayers who are pensioners and who are eligible for the State Government Pensioner Subsidy for the 2023/24 financial year.
2. That Council resolve, for existing recipients, approved applications prior to 1 July 2022, pursuant to sections 120, 121 and 122 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, a rebate of the general rate of up to 40% be applied to all eligible ratepayers who are pensioners and who are eligible for the State Government pensioner remission to a maximum of \$1,350 per annum for the 2023/24 financial year.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report seeks to formally adopt the definition, eligibility, and entitlements of pensioner concessions for the upcoming 2023/24 financial year.

Council Pensioner Concession provisions are included in the Revenue Statement which is separately adopted by Council as part of the budget process.

There are no changes proposed to eligibility criteria or concession amounts for 2023/24.

1. All new approved applications to receive a concession of \$300
2. Pre-existing Council Pensioner Concessions- For all existing approved recipients, prior to 1 July 2022, the concession will be up to 40% of the General Rate to a maximum of \$1,350.00 per annum.

Option 1 (Recommended):

That Council resolve, for new approved applications, pursuant to sections 120, 121 and 122 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, a rebate of the general rate of a set amount of \$300.00 per annum be applied to all eligible ratepayers who are pensioners and who are eligible for the State Government pensioner remission for the 2023/24 financial year.

That Council resolve, for existing recipients, approved applications prior to 1 July 2022, pursuant to sections 120, 121 and 122 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, a rebate of the general rate of up to 40% be applied to all eligible ratepayers who are pensioners and who are eligible for the State Government pensioner subsidy to a maximum of \$1,350 per annum for the 2023/24 financial year.

Or

Option 2: That Council does not adopt the Rates Pensioner Concessions for the 2023/24 financial year and proposes amendments to the Revenue statement

CONSIDERATIONS:

Statutory:

Adoption of the Rates Pensioner Concession is in accordance with section 120, 121 and 122 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.



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