

<b>SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING</b>	<b>24</b>
1 JULY 2020	

## **ADOPTION OF RATES PENSIONER CONCESSIONS FOR THE 2020/21 FINANCIAL YEAR**

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### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council resolve, 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 2020/21 financial year.

The upper limit of total remission will not to exceed 5% of Council's total net general rates at which point the 40% remission is to be reduced on a pro rata basis.

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### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report seeks to formally adopt the definition, eligibility and entitlements of pensioner concessions for the upcoming 2020/21 financial year. There have been no changes proposed from the previous financial year.

### **COMMENT:**

Council Pensioner Remission provisions are included in the Revenue Statement which is separately adopted by Council as part of the budget process. The relevant provisions have been amended to allow the remission on a pro-rata basis for late applications to eligible ratepayers.

### **OPTIONS:**

#### **Option 1 (Recommended):**

That Council resolve, 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 2020/21 financial year.

The upper limit of total remission will not to exceed 5% of Council's total net general rates at which point the 40% remission is to be reduced on a pro rata basis.

Or


Option 2:

That Council does not adopt the Rates Concessions for the 2020/21 financial year and proposes amendments to the Revenue statement

**CONSIDERATIONS:**

Statutory:

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



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