

To the General Manager, Coffs Harbour City Council

# CHANGE of RATING CATEGORY - FARMLAND

Local Government Act, 1993 – Sections 515 through to 529

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To assist with completing this application, please refer to the "Important Information on Farmland Rating Category"

## 1. Details of the applicant

It is important that Council is able to contact you if more information is required. Please give as much detail as possible.

Mr  Ms  Mrs  Dr  Other:

Given name/s

Surname

Company/organisation

ABN

Postal address

Suburb or town

State

Postcode

Daytime telephone

Mobile

Email address

*The questions below are optional and the information will only be used for the purposes of assessing the application.*

## 2. Property Details:

Property No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Property Area: \_\_\_\_\_ (Ha)

Property Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Legal Description: \_\_\_\_\_

Is farming the dominant use of your property?  Yes  No

## 3. Activity Information:

Is the activity / activities carried out as:

Hobby / Interest

Farm Business / Main Income Earner

Is the land used in conjunction with any other farmland?  Yes  No

If the property is used in conjunction with other land for the purpose of a farmland business, give details of other land and provide property description (Lot and DP and Property No.)

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Is the land (or part of) under a lease agreement?  Yes  No

If yes, please provide details and a copy of the lease: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

How long has the activity / activities been conducted on the land? \_\_\_\_\_

Is there a dwelling situated on the property?  Yes  No

If yes, is the dwelling your residence or leased?  Residence  Leased

**4. Land Use Activity**

In accordance with the definition of Farmland you are required to substantiate that the dominant use of the property is for farming which has (a) significant commercial purpose or character, and (b) is engaged in for the purpose of a profit on a continuous or repetitive basis – where or not a profit is actually made.

The dominant use of the property is for the farming business or industry of:

Grazing – state number and type of livestock \_\_\_\_\_

Dairy – state number and type of livestock \_\_\_\_\_

Orcharding – state the number, type and age of trees \_\_\_\_\_

Cropping – state the crop type area irrigated, area under planting and estimated yield over last 12 month period \_\_\_\_\_

Private Vegetation Plan with EPA – when last harvested trees and cubic meters harvested \_\_\_\_\_

Beekeeping – state number of hives and quantity of honey extracted \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate area of land used for the above activity / activities?  
\_\_\_\_\_

How long has the activity / activities been conducted on the land?  
\_\_\_\_\_

**5. The following improvement have been made to the property during the past two years:**

Pasture Improvement  Area improved \_\_\_\_\_

Fencing  Length of fencing \_\_\_\_\_

Clearing  Area Cleared \_\_\_\_\_

Yards  Number of yards \_\_\_\_\_

Dams  Number of dams \_\_\_\_\_

Sheds  Number of Sheds \_\_\_\_\_

Other  Other \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

On a percentage (%), to what extent do you rely on the income earned from this activity / activities?

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Do you keep business records or financial statement for the activity / activities?

Yes  No

Do you have an:  
ABN

Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Producer number

Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you:

Yes

No

Have tax returns assessed on the basis of being a primary producer?  Yes  No

Complete returns to the Department of Primary Industries?  Yes  No

Complete returns to the Local Land Services?  Yes  No

Complete returns to a statutory marketing authority?  Yes  No

Make any other returns, please list:  Yes  No

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## 7. Privacy and personal information protection notice

- this information is voluntarily required to process your request and will not be used for any other purpose without seeking your consent, or as required by law;
- your information may comprise part of a public register related to this purpose;
- your application will be retained in Council's Records Management System and disposed of in accordance with the Local Government Disposal Authority;
- your personal information can be accessed and corrected at any time by contacting this Council.

## 8. Applicant's Signature/s

I declare that to the best of my knowledge all particulars supplied by me are correct and completed. I understand that inaccurate or false statements may cause my application to be delayed or rescinded.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Owner / Applicant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Owner / Applicant Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## 9. Site Visit Declaration

I hereby consent to Council, or any person(s) authorised by Council, to enter onto the above property for the purpose of carrying out an inspection in connection with this application. I require / do not require to be present during the inspection.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Owner / Applicant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Owner / Applicant Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## 10. Supporting Documentation

Copies of documentation must be provided with application for relevant industries

All Types	Copy of Local Land Services Rate Notice
	Copy of most recent Local Land Services Annual return of Stock and Land as at 30 June
Dairying	Copy of licence for Dairy Farming with NSW food Authority
Agistment / Lease	Copy of lease agreement / contract
Horticulture	Copy of agreement between grower & trader or statutory declaration indicating agreement exists
Forestry	Copy of private forestry approval from Department of Primary industries