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## Declaration of Rates and Charges 2024-25

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 241 of the *Local Government Act 2019* that the following rates and charges were declared by Roper Gulf Regional Council (the “Council”) at the Ordinary Council Meeting held 26th June 2024 and pursuant to Sections 237-240 of the *Local Government Act 2019* (the “Act”) in respect of the financial year ending 30 June 2025.

### Rates:

The Roper Gulf Regional Council makes the following declaration of rates pursuant to sections 237-240 of the *Local Government Act 2019*.

1. Council, pursuant to Section 227 of the Act and section 6.1 of the Roper Gulf Regional Council Rating Policy (COR003 – Rating Policy), adopts the Unimproved Capital Value method as the basis for determining the assessed value of allotments within the Roper Gulf Region boundaries.
2. Council intends to raise, for general purposes by way of rates the amount of \$1,778,417.86 which will be raised by application of:
  - a. Differential valuation-based charges (“differential rates”) with a differential minimum charge (“minimum amounts”) being payable in each application of those differential rates.
  - b. A fixed charge (“Flat Rate”).
  - c. Flat rate for different classes of allotments within the Region boundary.
3. Council declared the following differential rates with minimum amounts being payable in application of each of those differential rates subject to paragraphs 1,2,3, and 4 of this rates declaration.
  - a. RESIDENTIAL RATE 1: With respect to every allotment of rateable land within the Region area that is used for residential purposes in the council assessment record and for which the rural classification is not applicable, and which conditional rating is not applicable in areas excluding Borrooloola, Mataranka, Larrimah and Daly Waters townships, a flat rate of \$1,450.00 for each allotment.
  - b. RESIDENTIAL RATE 2: With respect to every allotment of rateable land within the localities of Borrooloola, Mataranka, Larrimah and Daly Waters that is used for residential purposes in the council assessment record, and for which the rural classification is not applicable, and which conditional rating is not applicable, a flat rate of \$1,350.00 each allotment.

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- c. **RESIDENTIAL RATE 3:** With respect to every allotment within the Region boundaries that is vacant land and is not exempt land in the council assessment record, and is not conditionally rateable, and for which the rural classification is not applicable, a flat rate of \$1,350.00 for each allotment will be applied.
- d. **COMMERCIAL RATE 1:** With respect to every allotment of rateable land within the Region area that is used for commercial purposes in the council assessment record in areas excluding Borroloola Mataranka, Larrimah, and Daly Waters townships, a flat rate of \$1,685.00 for each allotment.
- e. **COMMERCIAL RATE 2:** With respect to every allotment of rateable land within the localities of Borroloola, Mataranka, Larrimah, and Daly Waters that is used for commercial purposes in the council assessment record, a flat rate of \$1,620.00 for each allotment.
- f. **RURAL RATE 1:** With respect to every allotment of rateable land **under 50 hectares** within the Region boundaries that is used for rural living purposes, horticultural, farming, or agricultural purposes in the council assessment record that is not conditionally rateable, and is not an allotment for which a pastoral lease is applicable, and is not exempt land, a flat rate of \$1,375.00 for each allotment.
- g. **RURAL RATE 2:** With respect to every allotment of rateable land **over 50 hectares** in size within the Region boundaries and is used for rural living purposes, horticultural, farming, or agricultural purposes in the council assessment record and is not conditionally rateable and is not an allotment for which a pastoral lease is applicable, and is not exempt land, a flat rate of \$1,450.00 for each allotment.
- h. **CONDITIONAL RATE 1 – PASTORAL LEASES:** With respect to every allotment of conditionally rateable land within the Region boundaries held under a Pastoral Lease, as defined in section 3 of the Pastoral Land Act, the applicable rate to be charged per allotment **is the greater of:**
- i. a differential rate of 0.000770% of the Unimproved Capital Value of the property;
  - ii. The minimum rate amount of \$946.94 for each allotment.

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- i. CONDITIONAL RATE 2 – MINING AND EXTRACTION LEASES: With respect to every allotment of conditionally rateable land within the regional boundaries held under a mining, extractive, or petroleum lease as defined in the Act, the applicable rate to be charged per allotment is the greater of:
- i. a differential rate of 0.008741% of the Unimproved Capital Value of the property.
  - ii. The minimum rate amount of \$2,241.18 for each allotment.
- j. OTHER RATE (Territory Housing community and Territory Housing Gov Employee Housing): With respect to every allotment of rateable land within the Region boundaries that is not otherwise described elsewhere in this declaration, and which is not exempt from paying rates in the council assessment record under *the Section 222 of the Act* a flat rate of \$ \$1,450.00 for each allotment will apply. In the event that the allotment contains separate residential parts or units, then the flat rate of \$1,450.00 multiplied by the number of residential parts or units.
- k. SPECIAL RATE – ANIMAL MANAGEMENT: With respect to every allotment of rateable land within the localities of Barunga, Beswick, Bulman, Jilkminggan, Eva Valley, Minyerri, Ngukurr, Numbulwar & Weemol that is used for residential use in the council assessment record, and for which the rural classification is not applicable, Council declared a Special rate “Animal Control” to assist with the implementation of Animal management in the area, a flat rate of \$136.48 for each allotment. The total of \$97,310.24 will be collected with special rates and will solely be used for Animal Management.

## Charges

### 4. Waste Management / Garbage Collection Charge

- a. Pursuant to Section 239 of the Act, Council declared the following charges in respect to the garbage collection services it provides for the benefit of eligible ratepayers within or near the following designated communities and townships within the Region area (except such land as the Council from time to time determines to be exempt or excluded from the provision of such services or for which the Council has determined impractical to provide such services) and the occupiers of such land.
- b. The designated communities, localities, and townships subject to the garbage collection service charge are Barunga, Beswick, Borroloola, Bulman, Jilkminggan, Manyallaluk, Mataranka, Ngukurr, Numbulwar, Urapunga, and Weemol.

- c. The Council intends to raise \$1,386,818.10 by way of garbage collection charges.
- d. A charge of \$461.35 per annum, regardless of whether the service is utilised or not, for each allotment used for residential, commercial, industrial, or government activity in the council assessment record.

This is charged, per standard bin assigned to a property as well as the pickup frequency. Pickup frequency alters by region and is listed like so as well as charges:

**Waste Management Charge = \$461.35 x #bins assigned x #assigned collection services**

The standard Collection Services are:

Location / Community / Township	# Weekly Service Collections	Standard #bins assigned	Calculation
Barunga	2	2	\$1,845.40
Beswick	2	2	\$1,845.40
Borrooloola	2	1	\$922.70
Bulman	2	2	\$1,845.40
Jilkminggan	2	2	\$1,845.40
Manyallaluk	2	1	\$922.70
Mataranka	1	1	\$461.35
Ngukurr	2	1	\$922.70
Numbulwar	3	1	\$1,384.05
Urapunga	2	2	\$1,845.40
Weemol	2	2	\$1,845.40

### Relevant Interest Rate

- 5. The relevant interest rate for late payment and charges is fixed in accordance with Section 245 of the Act at a rate of 18% per annum and is calculated daily.

## Payment

6. Rates and charges declared under this declaration may be paid by:
  - a. Instalments of two (2) payments approximately equal instalments on the following dates: -
    - i. First instalment **to be paid on or before 30 September 2024.**
    - ii. Second instalment **to be paid on or before 31 January 2025.**
7. Failure to pay either instalment or full payment by the due date will result in interest accruing.
8. Instalments falling due on a weekend or public holiday may be paid by the following business day, without incurring any penalty.
9. In accordance with section 253 of the Act, any money paid to a council in respect of rates or charges is, despite a direction by the person paying the money, to be applied towards payment of those rates and charges in the order in which the rates and charges became due.
10. Details of due date and specified amounts are listed on the relevant Rates Notice.
11. Variations to those options for payment will be administered according to the conditions outlined on the front and reverse of the Rates Notice.
12. A ratepayer who fails to pay the rates and charges notified under the relevant rates notice, under section 254 of the Act may be sued for recovery of the principal amount of the rates and charges, late payment penalties and costs reasonably incurred by Council in recovering or attempting to recover the rates and charges.
13. The Council under Section 258 of the Local Government Act 2019 may sell the land on which the Rates have been in arrears for at least 3 years. More information on this is available in Council's rating policy.