FIN03 Rates Concessions

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Background

This document sets out the Belyuen Community Government Council (the Council) policy on the granting of concessions for rates.

Scope

This policy covers all ratepayers within the Council area.

Legislative References

Part 11.8 *Local Government Act 2019* (s247-250)

Policy Objectives

This policy is designed to cover the circumstances under which a rates concession may be granted, in line with the *Local Government Act* 2019.

Policy Statement

Below are the conditions and levels at which rates concessions may be granted. This policy does not guarantee that a concession will be granted; this will be determined by the Council on a case-by-case basis.

Anyone who wishes to apply for a rates concession under this policy will need to fill out the 'Application for Rates Concession' form and provide evidence to support their application.

Financial hardship

The council recognises that individuals may have trouble in meeting their responsibilities for the payment of rates and it may be appropriate where financial hardship has been demonstrated to grant a rates concession.

Relief from payments on the grounds of financial hardship shall only apply to persons who use the rated property as their principal place of residence.

Public benefit

Organisations that operate for the benefit of encouraging cultural activities, preserving places or buildings of historical interest, protecting the environment, and/or promoting community health or welfare may be eligible for a concession on rates.

Concessions under these circumstances will not be granted to the Northern Territory Government or Commonwealth Government departments.

Public benefit concessions are unlikely to be provided where the premises are used for a commercial purpose.

Levels of rates concessions

There are four levels of rates concession that may be granted by the Council. There will be no concession on charges, only rates.

- Payment of rates in instalments
- Deferment of rate payment
- Partial waiver of certain rates
- Full waiver of the requirement to pay rates

The level of concession will be decided case-by-case depending on the applicant's circumstances.

Period of Concession

Rates concessions will be considered annually. The Council will not grant a rate concession for a fiscal year that does not fall wholly or partly within the current term.

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