

▶ APPLICATION FOR FARM RATE

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Town: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Property Number/s: \_\_\_\_\_

For rural property to be classified as 'Farmland' for shire rating purposes it must meet the requirements of the following Valuation of Land Act Definition:

"Farmland" means any rateable land –

- a) That is not less than 2 hectares in area; and
- b) That is **used primarily** for grazing (including agistment), dairying, pig-farming, poultry-farming, fish-farming, tree-farming, bee-keeping, viticulture, horticulture, fruit-growing or the growing of crops of any kind or for any combination of those activities; and
- c) That is used by a **business** –
  - I. That has significant and substantial commercial purpose or character; and
  - II. That seeks to make a profit on a continuous or repetitive basis from its activities on the land; and
  - III. That is making a profit from its activities on the land, or that has a reasonable prospect of making a profit from its activities on the land if it continues to operate in the way that it is operating.

I/we have read and understand the definition of farmland.

I/we declare that the land described in this application is used:

- For farming purposes described
- By the business described
  
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I/we further declare that the business:

- Is substantially commercial in purpose or character
- Seeks to be by its activities on the land continuously profitable
- Has made recent profit or has a reasonable prospect of soon doing so from its activities on the land

In support of this declaration the following information is supplied:

▶ MEMORANDUM

1. The township/locality of the farm is: \_\_\_\_\_
2. The total area (hectares or acres) of the farm is: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Must be more than 2ha as per (a) on definition, include all farmland whether adjoining or not).
3. Describe in general terms the type of farming the land sustains: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(See part (b) of the definition)
4. How many animals are grazed/milked/agisted: \_\_\_\_\_  
How many poultry are kept (if poultry farm): \_\_\_\_\_  
Describe the type of crops grown and area under crop: \_\_\_\_\_  
Details of/number of trees (if tree-farming, viticulture, horticulture): \_\_\_\_\_  
Other: \_\_\_\_\_
5. (i) The name of the business is: \_\_\_\_\_  
(ii) Is this business registered: \_\_\_\_\_  
(iii) If yes please give registered number: \_\_\_\_\_
6. Australian Tax Office – income tax assessment notice – please supply a copy of most recent notice of assessment that provides evidence that your property is used for a business that has significant and substantial commercial purpose. i.e. the question that requests the “description of main business activity” which confirms that you are a “primary producer”.

OR

A letter from your accountant to certify that your taxation return includes this property for primary production purposes.

7. Advise if farming activities on the land recorded a net profit in any of the past 5 years.  
Year 1 Yes/No Year 2 Yes/No Year 3 Yes/No Year 4 Yes/No Year 5 Yes/No  
(Required by part (c) of definition and as disclosed on your tax return)
8. Is there a house on the land? Yes/No
9. If yes to question 8 – is this house your principal place of residence? Yes/No

I/we acknowledge and declare the above information to be true and correct and request that the land be classified as farmland for rating purposes.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signed

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signed

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date