

General Rate Objection Form

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Information for Applicants

Please have a copy of your Rate Notice with you so that you can complete this form. Failure to complete the form correctly or provide relevant documentation may result in your application being declined.

Section 89 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* states, that the making of an objection, or the starting of an appeal, does not stop the levying and recovery of rates on the land. Therefore, rates should still be paid by the due date pending the outcome of the objection.

Your rate notice shows the differential general rate category to which your property belongs. Section 90 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* provides that an owner may object to the categorisation of their property on the sole ground that the land should have been included in another rating category.

Prior to making this objection, owners should refer to the Bundaberg Regional Council differential general rates table which can be found within the Revenue Statement of the current [Budget document](#) on Council's website. This includes both the general and specific criteria by which land is categorised.

The notice of objection must:

- Be given within 30 days after the date of issue of the rate notice, and
- Be in the form approved by the local government (this application form), and
- Nominate the rating category in which the owner believes the land should be included, and
- Specify the facts to support the ratepayer's claim (copy of current Australian Driver's Licence or Proof of Age card may be required to support claim).

Decision of an objection is required to be provided by Council within 60 days after the objection was made. The decision will be made by a delegated officer as per Council's delegation register - Chief Executive Officer to Employees which can be accessed via the following link - [Publication scheme | Bundaberg Regional Council](#).

If the rating category of the land is changed due to the objection, the rating category is taken to have been changed from the start of the period of the rate notice, in accordance with Section 91 (5) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

To appeal the decision, the appeal process is outlined in Section 92 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

Please note that a review of all Rates & Charges will be conducted as part of this process which may result in other adjustments being made.

If you consider that your property should or should not be included in the Agricultural Land Category, you will need to contact Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Manufacturing, and Regional and Rural Development (NRMMRD) to discuss the "Exclusive Use of Farming" criteria under the *Land Valuation Act 2010*.

NRMMRD, will determine if the primary land use of your property is for agricultural purposes or not and will then advise Council of any changes. Therefore, General Rate Objections for agricultural land are not required to be submitted to Council.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

☐ Tick the box to confirm that you have read and understand the General Rate Objection information above.

Applicant Details

Name	
Email Address	
Contact Number	
Current Postal Address	
Current Residential Address	

Rate Assessment/Property Details	
Rate Assessment Number	
Address of Property	
All Name/s that appear on Rate Notice (including Company Names)	

Objection Request

Differential General Rating Category shown on Rate Notice:

Differential General Rating Category Requested:

Please provide an explanation as to why the property should be included in the category requested above:

If you are requesting to be changed to Category 1, 2, 5, or 7, you are required to provide a copy of the back & front of a current Australian Drivers Licence or Proof of Age card to support your request for a Principal Place of Residence category.

DECLARATION

- ☐ I declare that the information provided is correct in all respects at the time of lodgment of this application. Should any of the details given in relation to this application change, I shall advise the Bundaberg Regional Council immediately.

Signature/s

Date