



# **SPECIAL MEETING**

## **BUDGET 24/25**

### **POLICIES**



# Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council

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## STATUTORY POLICY

**NUMBER:** STAT/004  
**POLICY TITLE:** Revenue Policy  
**ACT:** Local Government Regulation 2012  
Local Government Act 2009

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### 1. Purpose of the Policy

- 1.1 This Revenue Policy forms part of Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council's budget each year. *The Local Government Regulation 2012* identifies the matters that a local government must include in its Revenue Policy. In essence, a Revenue Policy is a statement outlining the strategic policy position of Council in relation to revenue measures to be adopted in the budget.
- 1.2 This policy clearly states Council's revenue principles for the 2024/25 financial year.

### 2. Policy Statement

- (a) **Making and levying rates and charges;**  
Council will not levy a general charge for rates as the land exists under a Deed of Grant in Trust (DOGIT), however, Council will levy a service charge in respect of water, sewerage and cleansing for those properties not covered under a 40-year lease with the State Government.
- (b) **Exercising its powers to grant rebates and concessions;**  
Council will provide a concession to a qualifying Aged or Veterans Pensioner in respect of service charges levied as per State requirements.
- (c) **Recovery of unpaid amounts of rates and charges;**  
Council will make recovery of unpaid service charges in accordance with its debt recovery policy.
- (d) **Extent to which physical and social infrastructure costs for a new development are to be funded by charges for the development**  
Council will fund the physical and social costs of any new development by levying charges upon that development noting that this may be subject to legislative constraint per the *Planning Act 2016*.  
  
Council may choose to subsidise from other sources, the charges payable for the development when Council believes that it is in the community interest to do so having regard for the capability to pay within the local community, and recognising that there may be broader economic issues, at times that may require the flexibility in the determination of infrastructure charges by Council.

### 3. Policy Review

The *Local Government Act 2009* and *Local Government Regulation 2012* require Council to prepare a new Revenue Policy for each financial year.

### 4. Associated Documents

- Local Government Regulation 2012
- Local Government Act 2009

### 5. Resolution

Adopted by Council on the 31<sup>st</sup> July 2025 by Council Resolution XXXX/XXX

# REVENUE STATEMENT

1<sup>st</sup> July 2024 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025

## 1.0 PURPOSE

Section 169 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* requires that a local governments budget for each financial year must include a Revenue Statement.

Section 172 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* outlines the matters that a local government must include in its Revenue Statement.

The Revenue Statement is an explanatory statement outlining and explaining the revenue measures adopted in the budget.

The purpose of the Revenue Statement is:

- To enunciate the methods used to achieve Council's objectives set out in the Revenue Policy;
- To explain material matters that guide the development and implementation of revenue practices within the Council; and
- To comply in all respects with legislative requirements.

## 2.0 SCOPE

This Revenue Statement applies to the financial period from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025. It is approved in conjunction with the Budget as presented to Council.

It is not intended that this Revenue Statement reproduce all related policies. Related adopted policies will be referred to within the Revenue Statement where appropriate.

## 3.0 RATES AND CHARGES

[\[s94 Local Government Act 2009\]](#)

For the financial year beginning 1 July 2024 Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council will make and levy rates and charges.

Rates and charges to be levied will include Utility Charges for Water, Sewerage and Waste Management

Council does not levy general rates as it is a Deed of Grant in Trust Land (DOGIT).

## 4.0 LIMITATION OF INCREASE IN RATES

[\[s116 Local Government Regulation 2012\]](#)

Council has determined that it will not be making a resolution to limit the increases in rates and charges for the current period.

Council has not resolved to exercise the powers conferred under Section 1036 of the Act to limit the increase of any rate or service charge.

## 5.0 UTILITY CHARGES

[\[s94 Local Government Act 2009\]](#)

Utility charges are for a service, facility or activity for water, sewerage and waste management.

Council has determined that, pursuant to section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, it will make and levy charges for the supply of water, sewerage and garbage services for the financial year beginning 1 July 2024.

### 5.1 Water Utility Charges

Water utility charges are to be levied on each parcel of land within the Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council area whether vacant or occupied that Council is prepared and able to supply water, together with any land connected to the Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council water supply system.

The Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council water supply system includes:

- the raw water pipeline from Baralaba Weir to the Woorabinda Water Treatment Plant; and
- the raw water pipeline from the Blackboy Road Header Tank.

All charges shall be used to defray the cost of constructing the water supply facilities including the payment of depreciation and the costs associated with the operation, maintenance, and management of the water supply system.

In the absence of water meters, water charges are based on a fixed unit rate which will assist to recover operational and infrastructure costs for the financial year.

Water supply charges for each class of occupancy will be levied in accordance with Table 1.

**Table 1 - Water Charging Schedule**

<b>Class</b>	<b>Class of occupancy</b>	<b>Units</b>
1	Vacant Land - Infrastructure	15
2	Occupied Residential Land	30
3	For each additional Pedestal / Cistern	5
4	Flat, Unit, APH (each)	20
5	For each additional Pedestal / Cistern	5
6	Hospital	30
7	For each additional Pedestal / Cistern	5
8	Police Station	30
9	For each additional Pedestal / Cistern	5
10	Fire Brigade / SES	150
11	Church / Residence	30
12	For each additional Pedestal / Cistern	5
13	General Store	30
14	For each additional Pedestal / Cistern	5
15	Other Businesses	30
16	For each additional Pedestal / Cistern	5
17	School	30
18	For each additional Pedestal / Cistern	5
19	Swimming Pool	200
20	Median Strips	600
21	Industrial Blocks	30
22	Rural / Residential Blocks	30

**Table 2 – Water Utility Charge 2024/25**

<b>Type</b>	<b>Basis of Charge</b>	<b>Charge</b>
Water	Per Unit	30.00

## 5.2 Sewerage Utility Charges

Council will levy sewerage utility charges on each parcel of land, both vacant and occupied, that Council has or is able to provide with sewerage services.

The sewerage utility charges are to apply to each parcel of land within the Woorabinda township declared sewerage areas:

All charges will be used to defray the cost of constructing the wastewater facilities including the payment of depreciation and the costs associated with the operation, maintenance, and management of the sewerage network and sewerage treatment plant.

Sewerage utility charges for each class of occupancy will be levied in accordance with Table 3.

**Table 3 - Sewerage Charging Schedule**

<b>Class</b>	<b>Class of occupancy</b>	<b>Units</b>
1	Vacant Land - Infrastructure	15
2	Occupied Residential Land	30
3	For each additional Pedestal / Cistern	5
4	Flat, Unit, APH (each)	20
5	For each additional Pedestal / Cistern	5
6	Hospital	30
7	For each additional Pedestal / Cistern	5
8	Police	30
9	For each additional Pedestal / Cistern	5
10	Fire Brigade / SES	15
11	Church / Residence	30
12	For each additional Pedestal / Cistern	5
13	General Store	30
14	For each additional Pedestal / Cistern	5
15	Other Businesses	30
16	For each additional Pedestal / Cistern	5
17	School	30
18	For each additional Pedestal / Cistern	5
19	Swimming Pool	200
20	Median Strips	0
21	Industrial Blocks	0
22	Rural / Residential Blocks	0

**Table 4 – Sewerage Utility Charge 2024/25**

<b>Type</b>	<b>Basis of Charge</b>	<b>Charge</b>
Sewerage	Per Unit	25.00

### **5.3 Garbage Utility Charges**

Council will provide a garbage collection service and disposal facilities to all domestic and commercial premises within the township of Woorabinda.

This utility charge is intended to cover the cost of collection and disposal of household and commercial refuse, as well as for the operation, maintenance, and upkeep of the waste management facility. A portion of the charges shall be for future cost of restoration of the refuse

disposal area.

The type or level service to be supplied to each premise in Woorabinda will have regard to the nature of the activities and the volumes of waste generated on and from the premises.

Garbage charges for each class of occupancy will be levied in accordance with Table 5.

**Table 5 – Garbage Charges Schedule**

<b>Class</b>	<b>Class of occupancy</b>	<b>Units</b>
1	Vacant Land - Infrastructure	0
2	Occupied Residential Land	20
4	Flat, Unit, APH (each)	20
6	Hospital	100
8	Police	60
10	Fire Brigade / SES	20
11	Church / Residence	20
13	General Store	100
15	Other Businesses	40
17	School	20
19	Swimming Pool	20
20	Median Strips	0
21	Industrial Blocks	0
22	Rural / Residential Blocks	0

**Table 6 – Garbage Utility Charge 2024/25**

<b>Type</b>	<b>Basis of Charge</b>	<b>Charge</b>
Garbage	Per Unit	30.00

## **6.0 REBATES AND CONCESSIONS**

[\[s121 Local Government Regulation 2012\]](#)

### **Pensioner Rates Remission**

Council will provide a remission on water, sewerage, and garbage utility charges, if the owner of the land is a qualifying pensioner and is eligible for the State Government pensioner remission.

Under Council's remission scheme any arrears of rates and charges associated with the residential allotment must be paid in full before a Pensioner becomes entitled to receive the Council rates remission.

A concession of fifty per cent (50%) will be allowed on service charges levied. Evidence must be produced to council for any complying Aged or Veteran pensioner.

## **7.0 WHEN RATES OR CHARGES MUST BE PAID**

[\[s118 Local Government Regulation 2012\]](#)

A local government must decide the date by which, or the period within which, rates or charges must be paid.

The date by which, or the period within which, the rates or charges must be paid must be—

- (a) at least 30 days after the rate notice for the rates or charges is issued: and
- (b) the same date or period for each person liable to pay the rates or charges.

Rates and charges levied must be received by Council within 31 days of the issuing of the levy.

## **8.0 INTEREST ON OVERDUE RATES AND CHARGES**

[\[s133 Local Government Regulation 2012\]](#)

Interest is payable on overdue rates or charges.

Rates and charges become overdue after the due date listed on the rate notice.

Interest must be calculated—

- (a) on daily rests and as compound interest; or
- (b) in another way the local government decides, if an equal or lower amount will be payable.

The rate of interest payable is an annual rate, of not more than the prescribed rate for the day, decided by the local government.

**prescribed rate**, for a day, means the rate that is the sum of—

- (a) the bank bill yield rate for the day, rounded to 2 decimal places; and
- (b) 8%.

Council will apply an interest rate of 8% on all overdue rates and charges.



# Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council

## STATUTORY POLICY

**NUMBER:** STAT/003

**POLICY TITLE:** DEBT POLICY

**ACT:** *Local Government Regulation 2012*

### 1. Purpose of the Policy

To provide Woorabinda Aboriginal Council with a debt management strategy based on sound financial management guidelines.

To provide the parameters for Council's debt structure for the next 10-year period.

### 2. Policy Statement

#### Long-Term Debt

Council aims to finance capital works and new assets to the greatest extent possible from revenue, grants and subsidies or any specific reserves primarily established to fund capital works rather than relying on loans.

#### Short-Term Debt

Council will not hold any short-term debt.

#### Debt Provider

Queensland Treasury Corporation will be the debt provider for any approved Council debt.

#### Current Debt

Council has no current debt and does not plan to raise debt as part of the 2024/25 budget.

Council does reserve the right to amend this policy as part of a comprehensive plant review to be conducted in the 2024/25 financial year.

#### Projected 10 Year Debt

#### **Projected Debt and repayments for the next 10 years**

Year Ending	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034
Current Debt	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
New Debt	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Annual Interest	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Annual Redemption	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil





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## Policy Review

The Local Government Act 2009 and Local Government Regulation 2012 require Council to prepare a new Debt Policy for each financial year.

## Associated Documents

- *Local Government Act 2009 Section 105*
- *Local Government Regulation 2012 Section 192 and 199*
- *Statutory Bodies Financial Arrangements Act 1982*
- *Statutory Bodies Financial Arrangement Regulation 2007*

## Resolution

Adopted by Council on the 31<sup>st</sup> July 2024 by Council Resolution XXXX/XXX