



Rates Declaration 2016 - 2017

Declaration made 27 July 2016

East Arnhem Regional Council ("the Council") makes the following declaration of rates and charges in relation to the area for which Council is constituted ("Council area") pursuant to Chapter 11 of the Local Government Act ("the Act").

RATES

Council declares that in accordance with with section 155 of the Act it intends to raise for general purposes the amount of \$1,901,651.69 by way of rates.

The basis of determining the rates in accordance with with section 148 are a combination of fixed charge (or fixed charges) and a valuation based charge and noting that:

- i) differential valuation based charges with differential minimum charges may be fixed for allotments; and/or
- ii) a differential fixed charge for each allotment

(refer to the different applications to the zoning categories 1-3 below)

Pursuant to Section 149 of the Act Council adopts the Unimproved Capital Value (UCV) method as the basis for determining the assessed value of allotments within the Council area (ie mining tenements)

1. MINING TENEMENTS

With respect to all mining tenements within the Council area pursuant to section 142(2) of the Act and the Ministers notice published in the Gazette (No S27), a differential rate of 0.34% of the assessed value of all land occupied under a mining tenement but subject to a specified minimum rate of \$871.68

For the purpose of this paragraph:

- i) Mining tenement has the defined meaning set out in the Act:
- ii) Contiguous mining tenements owned or occupied by a rate payer and/or reasonably proximate mining tenements owned by a rate payer will be rated as if they are single mining tenement; and
- iii) Where the owner of the mining tenement is also the owner of the land tenure underlying the mining tenement, and is liable for rates for the underlying land tenure, the only rates payable are either the rates payable for the underlying land tenure or the rates payable for the mining tenement, whichever is the highest.

2. RESIDENTIAL

With respect to allotments within the Council area classified as residential in the Assessment Record, a fixed rate of \$2,080.37 per annum and for each such allotment.

3. COMMERCIAL

With respect to allotments within the Council area classified as commercial in the Assessment Record, a fixed rate of \$2,463.63 per annum and for each such allotment.

CHARGES

4) Pursuant to Section 157 of the Act, the Council declares a charge of \$1,734.54 per annum in respect of the garbage collection services it provides, or is willing and able to provide, to each allotment classified as residential or commercial in the Council's Assessment Record and for the purpose of assisting the Council to pay for such services which benefit the occupiers of such land

5) Council intends to raise \$2,332,956.30 by the application of these service charges.

The garbage collection service comprises a twice weekly kerbside collection of the contents of a maximum of:

- i) two 240 litre mobile bins for each allotment classified as residential in the Council's assessment record.
- ii) one 240 litre mobile bin for each allotment classified as commercial in the Council's assessment record.

Garbage collection service charges are applicable regardless of whether the available service is utilised.

INTEREST RATE for LATE PAYMENT

6) The relevant interest rate for the purposes of section 162 of the Act for late payment of rates and charges is fixed at 18% per annum. Interest is calculated on a daily basis on the amount in default (exclusive of interest) from 28 days after the date of issue of rate notices until the date payment is made. Interest charges are not compounding.

PAYMENT

7) The rates and charges under this declaration must be paid in full within 28 days of the issue of rates notice and the subsequent delivery of that notice in any manner provided for in section 249 of the Act.

Payments falling due on a weekend or public holiday may be paid by the following business day, without incurring any late payment interest.

A ratepayer who fails to pay rates and charges in accordance with this declaration may be sued for recovery of the principal amount of the rates and charges, late payment interest, and costs reasonably incurred by Council in recovering or attempting to recover the rates and charges.

Notes:

A copy of the assessment record is available for inspection, free of charge, at any of the Council's public offices. A person may apply to the Council for the correction of an entry in the assessment record.

A person who either becomes or ceases to be the principal ratepayer for a particular allotment within the Council area must, within 28 days of doing so, give the CEO written notice of that fact. In the case of becoming the principal ratepayer, the person's postal address must also be included in the written notice.

If the principal ratepayer's postal address changes, the principal ratepayer must, within 28 days of the change, give the CEO written notice of the new address.