



Groote Archipelago Regional Council

Declaration of Rates and Charges 2025/2026

Local Government Act 2019

Notice is hereby given pursuant to *Section 241 of the Local Government Act 2019* (the Act), that the following rates and charges were declared by the Groote Archipelago Regional Council ("Council") at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 30 June 2025 pursuant to *Chapter 11 of the Act*, in respect of the financial year ending 30 June 2026.

Pursuant to *Section 226(1) of the Act*, the basis of rates is;

(c) a combination of a fixed amount and a valuation-based amount.

Pursuant to *Section 227 of the Act*, the basis of assessed value is the unimproved capital value. However:

(a) the unimproved value of a mining tenement is its assessed value; and

(b) the unimproved value is taken to be 20 times the annual rental payable under the tenement.

Rates

Pursuant to *Section 237 of the Local Government Act 2019* ("Act"), Council declares that it intends to raise, for general purposes by way of rates, the amount of \$1,430,817.

1. Residential

In respect of allotments classed as "**Residential**" in the Council assessment record, a fixed charge of \$3,082.92 per allotment.

2. Business Commercial

In respect of allotments classed as "**Business Commercial**" in the Council assessment record, a fixed charge of \$3,650.89 per allotment.

3. Pastoral leases under the Pastoral Land Act

In respect of allotments of land over which there is a "**Pastoral Lease**", as defined in *Section 3 of the Pastoral Land Act*, a rate of 0.000789 of the unimproved capital value with the minimum amount payable in the application of this rate being \$970.61

4. Mining tenements

In respect of allotments of land which are subject to "**Mining Tenements**" as defined in the *Local Government Act 2019*, a rate of 0.008960 of the assessed value with the minimum amount payable in the application of this rate being \$2,297.21

Note:

- I. Contiguous mining tenements or reasonably adjacent tenements held by the same person will be rated as if they were a single tenement.
- II. If the owner of the mining tenement is also the owner of another interest in the land (the **other interest**) then:
 - a) if the rate calculated in accordance with clauses 1 to 4 for the mining tenement is less than or equal to the rate payable for the other interest – no rate is payable for the mining tenement; or



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- b) if the rate calculated in accordance with clauses 1 to 4 for the mining tenement (**amount A**) is greater than the rate payable for the other interest (**amount B**) – the rate payable for the mining tenement is the difference between amount A and amount B.

Charges

Pursuant to *Section 239 of the Act*, Council declares the following charges for the purpose of kerbside garbage collection provided, or which Council is willing and able to provide in Angurugu, Milyakburra and Umbakumba.

Council intends to raise \$885,060 by these charges.

5. **Residential Waste Collection**

- i. In respect of allotments classed as "**Residential**" in the council assessment record, where Council is willing and able to provide the service, a charge of \$2,037.22 per bin per annum.
- ii. The service provided is a kerbside collection of the contents of one 240 litre bin per week and access to the Council's waste management facility for the purpose of depositing waste from the residential allotment, regardless of whether the services are used.
- iii. Where, in response to a written request from a person liable to pay a charge in respect of a residential dwelling referred to in paragraph 5(i), Council approves the request and provides an additional service in the form of a weekly collection of waste contained in additional garbage bins. An additional service fee of \$1,253.21 per annum in relation to the collection of waste from each additional garbage bin collected through the use by rateable properties of more than one (1) council specified garbage bin. The additional service shall be the provision and collection of waste contained in the number of additional garbage bins approved by Council in response to such written request, and the additional service fee shall be levied and paid in conjunction with the charge for the weekly collection service referred to in paragraph 5(ii).

6. **Business Commercial Waste Collection**

- i. In respect of allotments classed as "**Business Commercial**" in the council assessment record, where council is willing and able to provide the service, a charge of \$2,037.22 per bin per annum.
- ii. The service provided is a kerbside collection of the contents of one 240 litre bin per week and access to the Council's waste management facility for the purpose of depositing waste from the residential allotment, regardless of whether the services are used.
- iii. Where, in response to a written request from a person liable to pay a charge in respect of Commercial purposes land referred to in paragraph 6(i), Council approves the request and provides an additional service in the form of a weekly collection of waste contained in additional garbage bins. An additional service fee of \$1,253.21 per annum in relation to the collection of waste from each additional garbage bin collected through the use by rateable properties of more than one (1)



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7. Payment

The Council determined that rates and charges for the year 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 inclusive shall be due and payable by the 30th September 2025.

Pursuant to *Section 244(1) and (2) of the Act*

- 1) If a council allows payment of rates by instalment, it does so on condition that each instalment is paid by the due date.
- 2) If a ratepayer defaults in payment of an instalment by the due date, all remaining instalments become immediately due and payable.

Pursuant to *Section 244(3) of the Act*, Council may relieve a ratepayer, or ratepayers generally, from the consequences of default to an extent decided by the council.

- 1) the date on which any future instalment is due and payable is not affected; and
- 2) the penalty for late payment, under item 10 below, shall be calculated only on the amount of the outstanding instalment on a daily basis from the date on which the missed instalment became due and payable, until the date payment is made.

A ratepayer who fails to abide by such conditions may either be sued for recovery of the principal amount of the rates and charges, interest and late payment penalties; or a statutory charge may be registered over the property or lease, whereby the property is not under an ALRA S19 lease, prior to potential sale of the property. Costs reasonably incurred by Council in recovering or attempting to recover the rates and charges will be recoverable from the ratepayer

8. Interest Rate for late payment

The relevant interest rate for the late payment of rates and charges is fixed in accordance with *Section 245 of the Act* at the rate of 18% per annum.

Rates Assessment Record Certification

I certify to the Council pursuant to *Sections 237-239 of the Local Government Act 2019* that, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, the rates assessment record is a comprehensive record of all ratable land within the Groote Archipelago Regional Council area.

Shane Marshall
Chief Executive Officer
Groote Archipelago Regional Council