Berri Barmera COUNCIL

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Our Ref: RATE REBATE

# RATE REBATE APPLICATION FORM – COMMUNITY SERVICES

## 1 Details of Applicant

Name .....

Address .....

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ABN .....

Telephone .....

Email .....

If the Applicant is not a natural person, please provide details of a contact person for the Applicant

Name .....

Address .....

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Telephone .....

Email .....

## 2 Details of Land

Assessment Number .....

Certificate of Title Reference .....

Address .....

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Owner of Land (if not you) .....

## 3 Categories of Rebate

Please tick ☑ the category of rebate under which you are seeking a rebate –

### 3.1 Mandatory – to be rebated 100%

☐ Health Services – Land being predominantly used for service delivery or administration by a hospital or health centre incorporated under the *South Australia Health Commission Act 1976*;

☐ Religious Purposes – Land containing a church or other building used for public worship (and any grounds), or land solely used for religious purposes;

☐ Public Cemeteries – Land being used for the purposes of a public cemetery;

☐ Royal Zoological Society of SA – Land (other than land used as domestic premises) owned by, or under the care, control and management of, the Royal Zoological Society of South Australia Incorporated.

### 3.2 Mandatory – to be rebated 75%

☐ Educational Purposes

Which of the following criteria apply –

☐ land occupied by a government school under a lease or licence and being used for educational purposes; or

☐ land occupied by a non-government school registered under Part 5 of the *Education Act 1972* and being used for educational purposes; or

☐ land being used by a University or University College to provide accommodation and other forms of support for students on a not for profit basis.

☐ Community Services

Land being predominantly used for service delivery and administration by a community services organisation.

Please select which service(s) your community organisation provides below -

☐ emergency accommodation;

☐ food or clothing for disadvantaged persons (i.e., persons who are disadvantaged by reason of poverty, illness, frailty, or mental, intellectual or physical disability);

☐ supported accommodation (i.e., residential care facilities in receipt of Commonwealth funding or accommodation for persons with mental health, intellectual, physical or other difficulties who require support in order to live an independent life);

☐ essential services, or employment support, for persons with mental health disabilities, or with intellectual or physical disabilities;

☐ legal services for disadvantaged persons;

☐ drug or alcohol rehabilitation services; and/or

☐ research into, or community education about, diseases or illnesses, or palliative care to persons who suffer from diseases or illnesses.

If you have ticked one of the options of the above community services, does your organisation satisfy the following criteria

☐ (a) is incorporated on a not for profit basis for the benefit of the public; and

☐ (b) provides community services without charge or for a charge that is below the cost to the body of providing the services; and

☐ (c) does not restrict its services to persons who are members of the body.

If you have ticked any of the above, **Please reference and attach the additional information requirements in section 5.1 below**

If you do not qualify for a **Mandatory** rebate you may qualify for a **Discretionary** rate rebate. Each year Council may grant discretionary rebates to organisation which meet the criteria as per Section 166 of the *Local Government Act 1999*.

### 3.3 Discretionary

The Council may in its discretion grant a rebate of rates or service charges in any of the following cases. Please indicate which of the following is applicable to your application –

☐ the rebate is desirable for the purpose of securing the proper development of the area (or a part of the area);

☐ the rebate is desirable for the purpose of assisting or supporting a business in its area;

☐ the rebate will be conducive to the preservation of buildings or places of historic significance;

☐ the land is being used for educational purposes;

☐ the land is being used for agricultural, horticultural or floricultural exhibitions;

☐ the land is being used for a hospital or health centre;

☐ the land is being used to provide facilities or services for children or young persons;

☐ the land is being used to provide accommodation for the aged or disabled;

☐ the land is being used for a residential aged care facility that is approved for Commonwealth funding under the *Aged Care Act 1987* (Commonwealth) or a day therapy centre;

☐ the land is being used by an organisation which provides a benefit or service to the local community;

☐ the rebate relates to common property or land vested in a community corporation under the *Community Titles Act 1996* over which the public has a free and unrestricted right of access and enjoyment;

☐ the rebate is appropriate to provide relief against what would otherwise amount to a substantial change in rates payable by a rate payer due to a change in the basis of valuation used for the purposes of rating, rapid changes in valuations, or anomalies in valuations.

## REASON FOR REBATE

Please specify why you (or your organisation) need financial assistance through a rate rebate and why you qualify for financial assistance. **Please reference and attach the additional information requirements in section 5.2 below**.

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## 5. Additional information requirements to support your application

The Council requires you to attach the following additional information to this Application –

5.1 Where you are seeking a rebate under Clause 3.2 of this Application – Community Services –

5.1.1 evidence that the land is being used for service delivery and/or administration;

5.1.2 a copy of the organisation's Constitution and/or other documentation establishing that it is incorporated on a not-for-profit basis;

5.1.3 a copy of the organisation's latest Annual Report;

5.1.4 evidence that the organisation provides services free of charge or below cost;

5.1.5 Evidence that the organisation provides services to persons other than members.

5.2 Where you are seeking a rebate in any other case -

5.2.1 evidence that the land is being used for the purposes for which the rebate is being sought;

5.2.2 information as to whether, and if so to what extent, you (or your organisation) will be providing a service within the Council area;

5.2.3 whether you have made or intend to make an application to another council;

5.2.4 the extent of financial assistance (if any) being provided by Commonwealth or State agencies;

5.2.5 whether you are in receipt of a community grant or any other financial benefit from Council;

5.2.6 evidence of financial hardship including at least two (2) years of audited financial statements (Profit & Loss Statement and Balance Sheet).

5.2.7 any other information that you believe is relevant in support of this Application.

## 6. APPLICATION FORMS

Application forms and all additional information must be submitted to the Council on or before **30 April 2026**.

A failure to submit application forms or to provide the additional information required by the Council to assess the application by the due date may result in the Council refusing to consider the application.

## 7. IMPORTANT INFORMATION

It is an offence for a person or body to make a false or misleading statement or representation in an application or to provide false or misleading information or evidence in support of an application made (or purporting to be made) under the Act. The maximum penalty for this offence is $5,000.00.

The Council may grant a rebate of rates or charges on such conditions as the Council thinks fit.

If a person or body has the benefit of a rebate of rates and the grounds on which the rebate has been granted cease to exist, the person or body must immediately inform the Council of that fact and (whether or not the Council is so informed) the entitlement to a rebate ceases. If a person or body fails to notify the Council that person or body is guilty of an offence and liable to a maximum penalty of $5,000.00.

The Council may, for proper cause, determine that an entitlement to a rebate of rates under the Act no longer applies.

Where an entitlement to a rebate of rates ceases or no longer applies during the course of a financial year, the Council is entitled to recover rates, or rates at the increased level (as the case may be), proportionate to the remaining part of the financial year.

I declare that the information I have provided on and attached to this application form is true.

**DATED** the day of 2026

Signed .....