

Litchfield Council Approved Conditional Rating Proposal 2013-14

Section 142 *Local Government Act*

Litchfield Council may rate conditionally rateable land in the 2013-14 year in accordance with the approved conditional rating proposal of 2012-13 adjusted by the Darwin Consumer Price Index (CPI) as at the end of the December quarter of 2012 (2.50%).

For this purpose, the following explanations apply:

(1) Mining tenements as defined in the <i>Local Government Act</i>:	(2) Pastoral Leases:
<p>(i) Assessed value is defined at section 149(2) of the Act.</p> <p>(ii) Rate in 2012-13 to be calculated by multiplying the assessed value by 0.00326.</p> <p>(iii) Minimum rate of \$815.30.</p> <p>(iv) Contiguous leases and/or reasonably adjacent leases to be rated as if they were a single lease.</p> <p>(v) Exploration leases and licenses are exempt from rating.</p> <p>(vi) 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 tenure, the only rates payable are either the rates payable for the underlying tenure or the rates payable for the mining tenement, whichever is the highest.</p> <p>(vii) It is within the discretion of the council to levy a rate lower than may be payable by applying (i) to (vi) above.</p> <p>(viii) Nothing in (i) to (vii) above prevents a mining interest and a council reaching voluntary agreement on financial contributions or service delivery arrangements in addition to rates.</p>	<p>(i) Where pastoral leases fall within a broader rating category (e.g. agricultural or remote) determined by Council, that rate.</p> <p>(ii) Where pastoral leases are rated in their own category:</p> <p>(a) Assessed value to be the unimproved capital value (UCV) as at 1 July 2008.</p> <p>(b) Rate to be applied in 2013-14 to be calculated by multiplying the UCV as at 1 July 2008 by 0.000689.</p> <p>(c) Minimum rate of \$344.49.</p> <p>(d) Where not practicable to apply a rate against UCV (e.g. where property was not valued as at 1 July 2008) a flat rate of \$344.49 can be applied.</p> <p>(e) It is within the discretion of the council to levy a rate lower than may be payable by applying (a) to (d) above.</p> <p>(f) Nothing in (a) to (e) above prevents a pastoral interest and a council reaching voluntary agreement on financial contributions or service delivery arrangements in addition to rates.</p>

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