

## 78. RATES REBATE FOR PERMITS TO OCCUPY LAND ON DAINTREE RIVER POLICY

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### Intent

The purpose of this policy is to establish the process for the provision of a rates rebate on rateable land on the banks of the South Arm and the Heads of the Daintree River that are occupied by holders of Permits to Occupy (fishing huts) which have been issued by the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy under the *Land Act 1994*.

### Scope

This policy only applies to holders of Permits to Occupy (fishing huts) for land located the banks of the South Arm and the Heads of the Daintree River.

### Provisions

Under the provision of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council may resolve to grant a ratepayer a concession for rates and charges provided the specified criteria is met by the ratepayer. To be eligible for this rebate, the following conditions must be met:

- i. The property is located on the banks of the South Arm or the Heads of the Daintree River.
- ii. A permit to occupy for “fishing hut” has been granted by the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy.

Council will provide a rates rebate of 50% of the general rate only. This rates incentive will be credited to the recipient’s rates notice prior to being issued.

Any benefit provided to a landholder through the Rates rebate program must be repaid to Council from the date of revocation or cancellation of the permit to occupy, if the Permit to Occupy (fishing hut) has been revoked or cancelled by the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy.

### Related Legislation and guidelines

*Local Government Act 2009*

*Local Government Regulation 2012*

*Land Act 1994*

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## Policy Review

This policy is to be reviewed every four years/whenever legislation changes, or at the direction of the Chief Executive Officer.

## Policy Details

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**This policy is to remain in force until otherwise determined by Council.**