



Council Policy

Policy Title:	Stormwater Management Charge Discount and Exemption
Policy Number:	6.9
Focus Area:	Governance and Process
Responsibility:	Finance and Procurement
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OBJECTIVE

This policy is to determine the situations in which a discount or exemption applies to the stormwater management charge in accordance with provisions of the Local Government (Rates and Charges) Regulation.

POLICY

1. Council not offer a voluntary pensioner concession on the stormwater management charge.
2. For Residential properties (excluding stratas and multiple occupancies) charged the stormwater management charge, a discount on the charge be offered on properties where rainwater is reused on site through water tanks installed prior to 1 July in the financial year in which the application is made as follows:

(i) Tank capacity of 9,000 litres or more	\$17.00 discount
(ii) Tank capacity of between 4,500 and 8,999 litres	\$ 8.50 discount.
(iii) Tank capacity of between 2,000 and 4,499 litres	\$ 4.25 discount
(iv) Tank capacity below 2,000 litres	No discount
3. For Residential properties (excluding stratas and multiple occupancies) charged the stormwater management charge, a discount on the charge be offered on properties where rainwater is reused on site through water tanks installed between 1 July and 31 December in the financial year in which the application is made as follows:

(i) Tank capacity of 9,000 litres or more	\$ 8.50 discount
(ii) Tank capacity of between 4,500 and 8,999 litres	\$ 4.25 discount
(iii) Tank capacity of between 2,000 and 4,499 litres	\$ 2.10 discount
(iv) Tank capacity below 2,000 litres	No discount

4. For Residential properties (excluding stratas and multiple occupancies) charged the stormwater management charge, no discount on the charge be offered on properties where rainwater is reused on site through water tanks installed between 1 January and 30 June in the financial year in which the application is made.
5. For all Business, Residential strata and multiple occupancy properties any stormwater management charge discount if applicable will be applied on an individual basis and be based on a calculation of the impervious area in accordance with the Department of Local Government Stormwater Management Service Charge Guidelines.
6. A full exemption of the stormwater management charge applies for properties that are:
 - (i) Rateable land owned by the Crown.
 - (ii) Rateable land that is held under lease for private purposes granted under the Housing Act 2001 or the Aboriginal Housing Act 1998.
 - (iii) Land not categorised for rating purposes as Business or Residential.
 - (iv) Vacant land with no impervious surfaces.
 - (v) Vacant land with impervious surfaces less than 320 square metres in area.
 - (vi) Non urban land.
 - (vii) Not discharging any stormwater into a water body that Council manages.
 - (viii) Any other land exempt from the stormwater charge under Section 496A of the Local Government Act 1993 or Clauses 125A or 125AA of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005.
7. A Stormwater Management Charge Discount/Exemption Application Form must be completed by the ratepayer in order to receive a discount or exemption for the charge.
8. This policy at all times must be applied in terms of procedure as indicated on Section 496A of the Local Government Act 1993 and Clauses 125A and 125AA of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005.

REVIEW

This policy will be reviewed by Council at the time of any relevant legislative changes, compliance requirements or at least every four years.