

Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council Policy



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Revenue Statement

This Revenue Statement is based on the principles set out in Council's Revenue Policy and has been formulated in accordance with Section 172 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* and Section 104 (5)(a)(iv) of the *Local Government Act 2009*

General Principle

As Council is unable to levy rates on properties in the Doomadgee Aboriginal Local Government area all references to "rates and charges" in this policy shall mean the provision of utility charges only. Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council Revenue will be raised from the following sources:- Utility charges, accommodation charges, other fees, grants & subsidies, administrative services (photocopying etc.), interest, recoverable works (private & Main Roads Department), business operations, subsidies and donations.

Rates and Charges

The general principle adopted by Council in determining rates and charges for this financial year, shall be that wherever possible, charges will relate directly to the services provided. Services include water supply, sewerage and garbage collection. Whilst Council attempts to implement a policy of full cost recovery of services wherever possible, given the small population base within the Shire full cost recovery may not always be possible.

1. General Rates

Council is unable to levy general rates based on the unimproved capital value of land as it controls all land in the Shire under the provisions of the Aboriginal Land Lease.

2. Utility Charges

Garbage Collection

The Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council levies a Garbage Service Charge on occupied premises (domestic and commercial) on a unit basis. The rates in 2017/18 are: -

Per House	\$1,069.00
Per Duplex	\$2,138.00
Commercial	\$3,665.00
Replacement Wheelie Bin	\$102.00

1 unit of cleansing per annum will be charged for a weekly collection of one 240 litre wheelie bin. If a property has more than one 240 litre wheelie bin charges will be made for additional collection from domestic or commercial properties.

When there is more than one structure or land capable of separate occupation a charge will be made for each structure.



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Charges for the collection of industrial and bulk waste will be based on type of waste, volume and frequency of collection. Charges will be determined on a cost recovery basis as required.

The proceeds from the charges will be utilised in funding the costs incurred in the operation of the service.

Council recognises the fact that the township of Doomadgee requires a contribution towards the costly operations of a small garbage removal operation, and this contribution is made from general funds.

Sewerage Charges

The Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council levies a sewerage charge on each property (domestic and commercial), that Council has or is able to provide with sewerage services.

The 2017/18 charges are: -

Per House	\$1,222.00
Per Duplex	\$2,443.00
Commercial	\$2,443.00
Sewerage Connection Charge – 1st pedestal	\$1,934.00
Sewerage Connection Charge – Each additional pedestal	\$926.00
Sewer & Grease Trap Pump Outs	\$239.00

Residential house blocks shall be charged per connection to the sewerage scheme.

Commercial properties are charged based on a comparison to a standard house block, dependant on its size, use and impact on these services.

The proceeds from the charges will be utilised in funding the costs incurred in the operation of the service.

Council recognises the fact that the township of Doomadgee requires a contribution towards the costly operations of a small sewerage scheme and this contribution is made from general funds.

Water Charges

The Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council levies a water charge on each rateable property (domestic and commercial), that Council has or is able to provide with a water connection.

The 2017/18 rates are:

Water Service Charge	\$1,629.00
Water Connection Charge – Standard 20mm connection Including meter and fittings	\$XXXXXX
Water Connection Charge – Other Size	\$XXXXXX

The following is a schedule of water charges for users in the Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council: -

User	Units	Charge
Dwelling House	1	\$1,629.00
Dwelling duplex	1	\$3,258.00
Commercial Business	3	\$4,887.00
Police Station	3	\$4,887.00
Ambulance Station	3	\$4,887.00
Hospital	6	\$9,774.00
PCYC Sports Hall	3	\$4,887.00
Courthouse	3	\$4,887.00
Ergon Energy Station	3	\$4,887.00
School (excluding residence)	19	\$30,947.00
User	Units	Charge
Telstra substation	3	\$4,887.00
Church	3	\$4,887.00



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Justice Group	3	\$4,887.00
Day Care Centre	4	\$6,516.00
Qbuild	15	\$24,435.00
Aged Care	14	\$22,806.00
Women's Crisis Centre	3	\$4,887.00

Residential house blocks shall be charged per connection to the water supply scheme. When there is more than one structure or separate unit capable of separate occupation a charge will be made for each structure or unit.

Commercial properties are charged based on a comparison to a standard house block, dependant on its size, use and impact on these services.

The proceeds from the charges will be utilised in funding the costs incurred in the operation of the service.

Council recognises the fact that the township of Doomadgee requires a contribution towards the costly operations of a small water supply, and this contribution is made from general funds.

COMMERCIAL CHARGES AND REGULATORY FEES

Commercial charges are reviewed annually and are fixed by resolution of the Council. These charges are subject to the provisions of the Commonwealth Government's Goods and Services Tax.

Section 97 of the Local Government Act 2009 provides that a local government may, by local law or resolution, fix a regulatory fee. The Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council fixes the regulatory fees by resolution and they are identified as such in Council's Fees and Charges Schedule and have been determined with reference to the relevant legislation and where applicable recover the cost of providing the service or facility.

The proceeds of a regulatory fee are used to provide the particular service or facility, to which the fee relates, to the community.

REBATES AND CONCESSIONS

REMISSIONS AND DEFERRALS

Remission requests, or rate deferral requests, will be assessed on a case by case basis.

PAYMENT BY ARRANGEMENT

Council will allow property owners who are unable to pay their rates by the due date to enter into an arrangement to make regular payments according to an agreed schedule, with no recovery action being taken while the arrangement is being maintained.

PAYMENT IN ADVANCE

Council accepts payments in advance by lump sum or by instalments. Interest is not payable on any credit balances held.

INTEREST ON OVERDUE RATES AND CHARGES

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 133 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 Council will charge interest on all overdue charges at the maximum rate provided for by the Regulation.

For the 2017/18 financial year, any outstanding balances at the close of the discount period will incur interest at the rate of 11% per annum compounding daily.

OTHER MATTERS CONCERNING RATES AND CHARGES

Collection of outstanding charges

Council requires payment of charges within the specified period and it is Council's policy to pursue the collection of outstanding charges diligently but with due concern for the financial hardship faced by some members of the community.

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To this end Council has established administration processes that allow for the payments of rates and charges by instalment and for the selection of various options (including legal action) for the recovery of debt.

Limitation on increases in rates and charges

Council does not intend making a resolution to implement rate capping or limiting the increase in rates and charges.

OPERATING CAPABILITY

The change in operating capability of the local government is disclosed in the Statement of Income and Expenditure. It reflects the change in total wealth of the Council. The operating capability of Council is to be maintained through the adoption of this Revenue Statement and 2017/2018 Budget.

FUNDING OF DEPRECIATION AND OTHER NON-CURRENT ASSETS

Council considers that current ratepayers should pay for the services they are receiving and that future ratepayers should not have to pay for what has previously been consumed. Council elects to ensure where possible, that operating revenues each year cover total operating expenses, including depreciation.

However, Council may elect not to fund depreciation expenses in circumstances where the respective assets will not be replaced or external funding sources other than loans will be obtained to fund their replacement.

If insufficient funds are available, the Council may recover the shortfall in the next year's budget allocation or resolve to unfund that portion of the depreciation expense. Such a resolution will include the proposed steps that will be taken to correct the shortfall in depreciation funding.

Section 3 – Governance

Policy is governed by the following legislation

Name	Link
S104 Local Government Act 2009	www.legislation.qld.gov.au/LEGISLTN/CURRENT/L/LocalGovA09.pdf
S172 Local Government Regulations 2012	www.legislation.qld.gov.au/LEGISLTN/CURRENT/L/LocalGovR12.pdf

Responsibility

Responsible Department:	Corporate Services
Policy Administrator:	Chief Executive Officer

Review

Review Period:	Annually
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Privacy Provision

Council respects and protects people's privacy and collects, stores, uses and discloses personal information responsibly and transparently when delivering Council services and business.

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