

RATES REBATE ON LAND WITH A DEED OF COVENANT FOR CONSERVATION PURPOSES POLICY

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Applicable to Unit(s):	Natural Environment and Parks Finance
Responsible Officer:	Manager Natural Environment and Parks
Statutory Reference:	Nil

OVERVIEW

To establish policy to manage rates rebates for conservation purposes.

THE POLICY

Council will allow a rates rebate on lands that have a Deed of Covenant for conservation purposes, as follows:

- That the rebate applies only to the land that is affected by a covenant as described in the covenant document.
- That the rebate be determined using a rate (\$) per hectare, as adopted in each budget cycle, with a minimum rebate of \$100 and a maximum equal to the annual general rate on the property.
- The rebate will apply once notification for Trust for Nature is received by Council and will be pro-rata from the date the deed was signed from the commencement of the current rating year.
- All rebates will be given in the form of a credit against the general rates. If the rates have been paid in full, the credit balance will be carried forward to the next rating year.

HUMAN RIGHTS

Wellington Shire Council is committed to upholding the Human Rights principles as outlined in the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006 (Vic)* and referred to in Council's Human Rights Policy. The Human Rights Checklist has been completed and this policy accords with Council's policy commitment to uphold human rights principles.

Related Documents

Type:	Details:
Procedure	Nil
Strategy	Nil