

Application for Categorisation of Land as Farmland for Rating purposes

What is Farmland?

- Land is categorised as farmland if it is a parcel of rateable land valued as one assessment and its dominant use is for farming (that is, the business or industry of grazing, animal feedlots, dairying, pig farming, poultry farming, viticulture, orcharding, bee keeping, horticulture, vegetable growing, the growing of crops of any kind, forestry, oyster farming, or fish farming within the meaning of the *Fisheries and Oyster Farms Act 1935*, or any combination of those businesses or industries) which:
 - has a significant and substantial commercial purpose or character; and
 - is engaged in for the purpose of profit on a continuous or repetitive basis (whether or not a profit is actually made).
- Land is not to be categorised as farmland if it is Rural Residential land.

When should I return this application?

Applications should be completed and returned to Council as soon as possible. Applicants will be informed of Council's decision in due course.

Instructions for completing the application.

To assist Council in determining your application, **all** sections of application form **must** be completed. Council reserves the right to return incomplete application forms to the applicant.

Information supplied in your application will be dealt with in the strictest confidence. Please refer to the Privacy Statement on page 7).

Applicants Details (Note: only the owner can apply for a review).	Name			
	Postal address			
	Phone			
Property Details (available on your rate notice).	Email			
	Property number			
	Owner's name(s)			
	Property address			
	Legal description	Lot		Section
		DP / SP		
	Area			Hectares

We're with you

What year did you commence farming on this property?				
Please list all improvements made to the property (for example:- house, dams, sheds etc.)				
Is the property used for residential purposes?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>			
	If yes, Full time <input type="checkbox"/> Part time <input type="checkbox"/> Weekends <input type="checkbox"/>			
Please provide the approx. area of land used for:	Residential purposes			
	Farming purposes			
	Unused land			
	Other purposes			
Has a stock return been lodged with the Livestock Health and Pest Authority?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>			
	Please include a copy with your application			
The above property is used for the business or industries of:	Grazing <input type="checkbox"/>	Dairying <input type="checkbox"/>		
	Bee Keeping <input type="checkbox"/>	Pig Farming <input type="checkbox"/>		
	Poultry <input type="checkbox"/>	Growing of crops <input type="checkbox"/>		
	Orcharding <input type="checkbox"/>	Forestry <input type="checkbox"/>		
	Viticulture <input type="checkbox"/>	Vegetable growing <input type="checkbox"/>		
	Horticulture <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (provide details below) <input type="checkbox"/>		
GRAZING OR DAIRYING				
Indicate the numbers of livestock grazing on the subject property at the date of this application	Cattle		Horses	
	Sheep		Goats	
	Other (please specify)			
If stock numbers are much lower than normal at the date of this application, you may wish to make appropriate comments in Additional Information on Page 7.				

	<div>Yes</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/></div> <div>No</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/></div>
Do you permit livestock to be agisted on your property?	<div>If yes, when (how many months each year or for what period)?</div> <div></div> <div></div>
On what area of the property do you permit such agistment?	<div></div> <div></div>
Provide details of agisted stock	<div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div>
Who tends, cares for and has control of the agisted livestock whilst they are on your property?	<div></div> <div></div> <div></div>
PIG FARMING	
Please provide details of the number of pigs on the property, the number bought and sold during the previous 12 months, plus any other information relevant to the pig farming business being conducted on the subject land	<div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div>
POULTRY FARMING	
<div>Please provide details of the number of chickens, pheasants, geese, ducks, or turkeys raised and sold during the previous 12 months or the number of laying hens housed on property.</div> <div>You may also provide any other information relevant to the poultry farming business being conducted on the subject land.</div> <div>DO NOT include details of poultry kept for domestic use.</div>	<div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div>

ORCHARDING	
Please provide details of the number and type/s of trees, the details and quantity of fruit sold during the previous 12 months, plus any other information relevant to the orcharding business being conducted on the subject property.	
HORTICULTURE / VITICULTURE / VEGETABLE GROWING	
<p>Please provide details of the area under cultivation, the type of plants grown, and the quantity of produce sold during the previous 12 months.</p> <p>You may also wish to provide any other information relevant to the horticulture / viticulture / vegetable growing business being conducted on the subject property.</p> <p>DO NOT include details of your domestic vegetable garden or floral landscaping around the house.</p>	
BEEKEEPING	
Number of beehives in operation on the subject property and for what periods of the year?	
Are beehives transferred to other properties during the year? If so, for what periods?	
Provide details of honey extracted and sold during the previous 12 months.	

Are the beehives on the subject property registered with the Department of Agriculture in accordance with the provisions of the <i>Apiaries Act of NSW</i> ?	
FORESTRY	
Hardwood Please provide details of the area covered by existing stands of timber, the quantities harvested during the previous 12 months. Also provide details of the management plan for the remaining hardwood stands.	
Pine Plantations Please provide details of the area covered by the pine plantation, the number of trees planted and when trees were planted. Also provide information regarding the cutting plan for this plantation including details of the thinning program, fire precautions and provisions made for removal of weeds and watering young trees.	
Crops grown on the subject property Please provide details of the crop type and the area under crop, the quantity of grains or bales of hay sold during the previous 12 months, the proportion of crop used on the farm, etc.	
BUSINESS DETAILS	
What business records are maintained relevant to the farming activities carried out on this property? For example, books of account, stock records, breeding records, management plan, etc.	
Is the farming business engaged on the subject property for the purpose of profit on a continuous or repetitive basis?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

PROFITS		
Has the business made a profit to 30 June this year?	Yes	No
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If YES, from what source did you make a profit? (for example, sale of crops, stock etc.)		
If NO, when do you anticipate that the business will make a profit?		
Please provide your Profit and Loss Results for the Business(s) over the previous three years	20 ____ / ____	\$
	20 ____ / ____	\$
	20 ____ / ____	\$
If there are any special circumstances relating to the profitability or non- profitability, please specify:		
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION		
Please provide any additional information, which you feel, may be relevant to the application (for example, details of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Any proposed future improvements or developments; - Any memberships with any farming organisation; - Any weed control programmes. (Please attach an additional sheet if the space provided is insufficient)		

Statutory Declaration
OATHS ACT 1900, NSW, EIGHTH SCHEDULE

I,, do:
[full name of declarant]

- (1) Hereby apply to have the land described identified in this application declared for rating purposes as Farmland within the meaning of section 515(1) of the Local Government Act 1993;
- (2) Solemnly and sincerely declare that the information provided in this application is true and correct in every respect;
- (3) Give consent to Council or its agent to undertaking a physical pre-arranged inspection of the above property, if required, in order to determine this application,

and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of the *Oaths Act 1900*.

Declared at: on
[place] [date]

.....
[signature of declarant]

in the presence of an authorised witness, who states:

I, , a ,
[name of authorised witness] [qualification of authorised witness]

certify the following matters concerning the making of this statutory declaration by the person who made it: [*
please cross out any text that does not apply]

1. *I saw the face of the person OR *I did not see the face of the person because the person was wearing a face covering, but I am satisfied that the person had a special justification for not removing the covering, and
2. *I have known the person for at least 12 months OR *I have confirmed the person's identity using an identification document and the document I relied on was

[describe identification document relied on]

.....
[signature of authorised witness]

.....
[date]

**Note: when applying on behalf of a company, you must include
documentation confirming your authority.**

Privacy Statement Privacy Notification
(Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 – Section 10)

The personal information that Council is collecting from you on this application form is personal information for the purposes of the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998. The intended recipients of the personal information are officers or agents of Council and those persons granted lawful access under the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009. The supply of the information by you is voluntary, however a completed application is required for the delivery and management of rateable information. You may make application for access or amendment to your personal information held by Council. Council is to be regarded as the agency that holds the information. Enquiries concerning this matter can be addressed to Council by telephoning (02) 4868 0888 or emailing mail@wsc.nsw.gov.au.

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