



→ FARMLAND RATING APPLICATION

STRICTLY PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL

APPLICATION TO HAVE LAND CATEGORISED AS "FARMLAND"
UNDER SECTION 515 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993.

STATUTORY DECLARATION

Assessment:	
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What is Farmland?

1. 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:

- (a) has a significant and substantial commercial purpose or character; and
- (b) is engaged in for the purpose of profit on a continuous or repetitive basis (whether or not a profit is actually made).

2. 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

The following application form is divided into four (4) parts, these being:

Part 1	Property Details
Part 2	Business or Industry for which the land is used
Part 3	Business Details
Part 4	Farm Improvements

To assist Council in determining eligibility, applicants are advised that ALL parts of the application form MUST BE COMPLETED IN FULL. Incomplete application forms will be returned to the applicant. It should be noted that all information contained in the application will be dealt with in the strictest confidence.

Applicants are also advised that in completing Part 2 of the application it may not be necessary to answer all questions in that section.

Should you have any further enquiries please do not hesitate to contact Council's Rates Section. Several of Council's staff have been appointed "Justices of the Peace" and will be able to witness applications if required.

I / we wish to have the land referred to in this application categorised as "Farmland" and do solemnly and sincerely confirm that the information submitted in support of this application is true and correct.

In support of my application, I hereby provide the following information:

PART 1 - PROPERTY DETAILS

LOCATION OF PROPERTY

Lot:	Sec:	DP
Area of Property:		
Name of Property:		
Land is used & worked by:		

Is there a residence on the property? YES / NO

This residence is occupied on a permanent basis: **by the owners** ... or ... **by tenants**. (please circle)

Other buildings and structures on the land which are used in conjunction with the farming business include:

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My / Our main occupation is:

What approximate percentage of the land is used for:

- a) Residential purposes.....%
- b) Farmland activities.....%
- c) Unused land.....%
- c) Other.....%

Is the land used in conjunction with any other farmland? YES / NO

If the property is used in conjunction with other land for the purpose of carrying on a farmland business, give details of other land, ie property description, etc.

Owned by:		
Lot:	Sec:	DP
Area of other farming land:		
Assessment numbers:		

PART 2 - BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY FOR WHICH LAND IS USED

Farming business/businesses carried out on the land:

The dominant use of the property is for the farming business or industry of:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Grazing | <input type="checkbox"/> Forestry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cereal Cropping | <input type="checkbox"/> Pig farming |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Poultry Farming | <input type="checkbox"/> Bee Keeping |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Animal Feedlots | <input type="checkbox"/> Viticulture |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aquaculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Orcharding |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Horticulture | <input type="checkbox"/> Market Gardening |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dairying | <input type="checkbox"/> |

S. 515 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 -

GRAZING / DAIRYING / PIG FARMING / POULTRY FARMING / ANIMAL FEEDLOTS

Contained in the summary below are details of the number of livestock grazed on the property in the past 12 month period:

Type of Livestock	Present No. held	Stock purchased in last 12 months	Stock Sold in last 12 months	Natural increases
Cattle				
Sheep				
Horses				
Goats				
Pigs				
Poultry				

Produce	Yield	Sales
Wool		
Milk		
Eggs		

CATTLE

Breed/s:

What is the maximum carrying capacity of stock on the property?

Is the property registered (a) A stud for cattle breeding? YES / NO
(b) A dairy farm having a milk quota? YES / NO

Do you conduct a breeding program to improve the quality of the stock? YES / NO

Is the property currently registered with the Rural Lands Protection Board? YES / NO

DAIRY COWS

Breed/s:

How many litres of milk were sold in the 12 months to 30 June this year?
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What was the average price per litre?

HORSES

Breed/s:

Is the property registered as a stud for horse breeding? YES / NO

For what purpose are the horses used (ie showing, recreation use, trotting or pacing, thoroughbred racing or some other purpose)?

Do you have a stallion servicing mares brought to the property? YES / NO

SHEEP

Breed/s:

How many bales of wool were produced in the 12 months to 30 June this year?

List the average price per bale at which the wool was sold

GOATS

Breed/s:

How many kilos of fleece were produced in the 12 months to 30 June this year?

List the average price per kilo at which the fleece was sold

DAIRY GOATS

How many litres of milk were sold in the 12 months to 30 June this year?
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What was the average price per litre?

Stock are agisted on the property?

YES / NO

Number and type of stock

Who tends for and controls the agisted stock?

Stock Returns have been filed with The Rural Lands Protection Board in previous years? YES / NO

CROPPING / MARKET GARDENING / ORCHARDING / VITICULTURE / HORTICULTURE / AQUACULTURE / FORESTRY

Listed below are details of types of crops / produce grown on the property:

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Indicated below are the number of hectares under crop / market gardening and the average annual yield.

Crop/Produce Grown	Area under Crop	Yield	Sales

Orcharding / Viticulture / Forestry

Indicated below are the types of trees / vines grown and the average annual yield as at 30 June this year.

Type of Trees	No. of Trees	Yield	Sales

What is the total area under cultivation?

What is the major market to which your produce is sold?

Other Details.....
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BEE KEEPING

Honey is extracted on the property? YES / NO

The beehives are registered with the Department of Agriculture in accordance with relevant provisions? YES / NO

Are beehives transferred to other properties during the year? YES / NO

If so, for what periods?

Details for year ending 30 June this year:

Number of hives	
Total honey extracted	
Total Sales	
Beeswax Sales	

FORESTRY

HARDWOOD

Provide details of area covered by existing stands of timber and quantities harvested during the previous 12 months. Also provide details of the management plan for the remaining hardwood stands

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PINE PLANTATIONS

Provide details of area covered by the pine plantation, number of trees planted and when trees were planted. Also provide information regarding the culling plan for this plantation including details of the thinning program, fire precautions and provisions made for removal of weeds and watering young trees

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FISH FARMING (Provide Details)

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PART 3 - BUSINESS DETAILS

RECORDS

What records are kept to substantiate the business activities currently being conducted?

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What year did farming activities commence on the property?

Are you engaged in primary production?	FULL TIME	YES / NO
	PART TIME	YES / NO

Are you recognised as a Primary Producer by the Taxation Department?	YES / NO
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Australian Business Number (ABN) is:

PROFITS

Has the business made a profit to 30 June this year?	YES / NO
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If yes, from what source did you make a profit? (eg sale of crops, stock etc)

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If no, when do you anticipate that the business will make a profit?

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Your profit is supported by the following Profit & Loss results for the Business(s) over the previous four years:

YEAR

PROFIT & LOSS RESULTS

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If there are any special circumstances relating to the profitability or non-profitability, please specify:

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PART 4 - FARM IMPROVEMENTS

Is the property presently divided into paddocks?

YES / NO

If so, how many

List farm buildings (eg; stables, hay shed, machinery shed etc)

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Listed below is agricultural equipment and machinery held on the property which is used to carry out farming activities:

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The improvements which I / we have made to the land which relate to the farming business (eg; fencing, pasture improvements, water etc.) include:

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To assist Council in determining this application, an inspection of your property may be warranted. Do you authorise such an inspection subject to a Council officer arranging a mutually suitable time?

YES / NO

Phone No. for contact:

I make this solemn declaration according to law and subject to the punishment by law provided for any wilful false statement in any such declaration.

Taken and declared at,

in the state of New South Wales

this day of

200 , before

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Signature

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Signature

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Justice of the Peace

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JP Number

IMPORTANT NOTICE

**PRIVACY AND PERSONAL INFORMATION PROTECTION ACT 1998
Compliance with Section 10**

The information contained in this application form is personal information. This information is required so that Council is able to make an informed decision in regard to your application for Farmland categorisation for rating purposes.

Your information is private and confidential and council must not disclose your information to any person or body that it is not directly related to the purpose for which the information was collected.

If you have a complaint about the use of your personal information you may contact Council's Public Officer. The information contained or referred to in this application form may be corrected and updated by you, by contacting the council at any point in the future.

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