

Direct Debit Request Service Agreement

Definitions

account means the account held at *your financial institution* from which we are authorised to arrange for funds to be debited.

agreement means this Direct Debit Request Service Agreement between *you* and *us*.

business day means a day other than a Saturday or a Sunday or a public holiday listed throughout Australia.

debit day means the day that payment by *you* to *us* is due.

debit payment means a particular transaction where a debit is made.

direct debit request means the Direct Debit Request between *us* and *you*.

us or *we* means *Goondiwindi Regional Council*, the Debit User *you* have authorised by signing a *direct debit request*.

you means the customer who signed the *direct debit request*.

your financial institution is the financial institution where *you* hold the *account* that *you* have authorised *us* to arrange to debit.

1. Debiting your account

1.1 By signing a *direct debit request*, *you* have authorised *us* to arrange for funds to be debited from *your account*. *You* should refer to the *direct debit request* and this *agreement* for the terms of the arrangement between *us* and *you*.

1.2 We will only arrange for funds to be debited from *your account* as authorised in the *direct debit request*.

1.3 If the *debit day* falls on a day that is not a *business day*, we may direct *your financial institution* to debit *your account* on the following *business day*.

If *you* are unsure about which day *your account* has or will be debited *you* should ask *your financial institution*.

2. Changes by us

2.1 We may vary any details of this *agreement* or a *direct debit request* at any time by giving *you* at least fourteen (14) days' written notice.

3. Changes by you

3.1 Subject to 3.2 and 3.3, *you* may change the arrangements under a *direct debit request* by contacting *us* on 07 4671 7400.

3.2 If *you* wish to stop or defer a *debit payment* *you* must notify *us* in writing at least fourteen (14) days before the next *debit day*. This notice should be given to *us* in the first instance.

3.3 *You* may also cancel *your* authority for *us* to debit *your account* at any time by giving *us* fourteen (14) days notice in writing before the next *debit day*. This notice should be given to *us* in the first instance.

4. Your obligations

4.1 It is *your* responsibility to ensure that there are sufficient clear funds available in *your account* to allow a *debit payment* to be made in accordance with the *direct debit request*.

4.2 If there are insufficient clear funds in *your account* to meet a *debit payment*:

(a) *you* may be charged a fee and/or interest by *your financial institution*;

(b) *you* may also incur fees or charges imposed or incurred by *us*; and

(c) *you* must arrange for the *debit payment* to be made by another method or arrange for sufficient clear funds to be in *your account* by an agreed time so that we can process the *debit payment*.

(d) if the direct debit arrangement defaults 3 times this agreement will be permanently terminated. Direct debits will no longer be an option and other payment methods will need to be established.

4.3 *You* should check *your account* statement to verify that the amounts debited from *your account* are correct

4.4 If *Goondiwindi Regional Council* is liable to pay goods and services tax ("GST") on a supply made in connection with this *agreement*, then *you* agree to pay *Goondiwindi Regional Council* on demand an amount equal to the consideration payable for the supply multiplied by the prevailing GST rate.

5. Dispute

5.1 If *you* believe that there has been an error in debiting *your account*, *you* should notify *us* directly on 07 4671 7400 and confirm that notice in writing with *us* as soon as possible so that we can resolve *your* query more quickly.

5.2 If we conclude as a result of our investigations that *your account* has been incorrectly debited we will respond to *your* query by arranging for *your financial institution* to adjust *your account* (including interest and charges) accordingly. We will also notify *you* in writing of the amount by which *your account* has been adjusted.

5.3 If we conclude as a result of our investigations that *your account* has not been incorrectly debited we will respond to *your* query by providing *you* with reasons and any evidence for this finding.

5.4 Any queries *you* may have about an error made in debiting *your account* should be directed to *us* in the first instance so that we can attempt to resolve the matter between *us* and *you*. If we cannot resolve the matter *you* can still refer it to *your financial institution* which will obtain details from *you* of the disputed transaction and may lodge a claim on *your* behalf.

You should check:

6. Accounts

(a) with *your financial institution* whether direct debiting is available from *your account* as direct debiting is not available on all accounts offered by financial institutions.

(b) *your account* details which *you* have provided to *us* are correct by checking them against a recent *account statement*; and

(c) with *your financial institution* before completing the *direct debit request* if *you* have any queries about how to complete the *direct debit request*.

7. Confidentiality

7.1 We will keep any information (including *your account* details) in *your direct debit request* confidential. We will make reasonable efforts to keep any such information that we have about *you* secure and to ensure that any of *our* employees or agents who have access to information about *you* do not make any unauthorised use, modification, reproduction or disclosure of that information.

7.2 We will only disclose information that we have about *you*:

(a) to the extent specifically required by law; or

(b) for the purposes of this *agreement* (including disclosing information in connection with any query or claim).

8. Notice

8.1 If *you* wish to notify *us* in writing about anything relating to this *agreement*, *you* should write to The Chief Executive Officer, Goondiwindi Regional Council, Locked Mail Bag 7, INGLEWOOD QLD 4387.

8.2 We will notify *you* by sending a notice in the ordinary post to the address *you* have given *us* in the *direct debit request*.

8.3 Any notice will be deemed to have been received two *business days* after it is posted.