



DEVELOPMENT FEE WAIVER POLICY

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1. BACKGROUND

Council supports many organisations and community groups to provide services into the community utilising land under the control of Council. Development fees (Planning, Building and Plumbing and Drainage) are payable on most development. In most cases fees for development carried out on land controlled by Council are waived however to ensure consistency a policy must be developed.

2. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to identify those community projects where development fees will not be payable by a community group.

3. DEFINITIONS

- i). Development Fees – All application fees charged by Council relating to the assessment and approval of the following applications: -
- ii). Planning Fees
- iii). Building Fees
- iv). Plumbing and Drainage Fees
- v). Does not include any infrastructure charges or connection costs for services.

4. POLICY STATEMENT

- i). Council will accept and process without payment of the prescribed fee all development applications from community groups for development on land controlled by Council provided that: -
 - The project has been approved by Council in a Master Plan of the facility; or

- Where a master plan does not exist, specific council approval for the project has been provided; and
 - The community group undertaken consultation with the various departments of Council (Building, Plumbing and Planning) to ensure that all likely conditions of the approvals are understood and acceptable to the group.
- ii). The relevant area of Council will not seek reimbursement of the fees waived from the community grants and donations budget of Council.

5. REVIEW DATE

This policy will be reviewed and amended as and when required to meet the prevailing circumstances of Council.

6. RELATED LEGISLATION

- *Local Government Act 2009*
- *Local Government Regulation 2012*
- *Planning and Drainage Act 2018*
- *Building Act 1975*
- *The Planning Act 2016*

7. ATTACHMENT

N/A