



AGENDA

Supplementary Reports Ordinary Council Meeting Wednesday, 16 March 2022

Date: Wednesday, 16 March 2022

Time: 9am

**Location: Council Chambers
23 West Street
Mount Isa**

**David Keenan
Chief Executive Officer**

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Portfolio: Executive Services

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council endorsement is sought for a \$5,000 contribution to the Premier's Flood Appeal as proposed at the Western Queensland Alliance of Councils Assembly.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council endorse a \$5,000 contribution to the Premier's Flood Appeal.

BACKGROUND

At the Western Queensland Alliance of Councils (WQAC) Assembly it was proposed that all 22 WQAC local governments consider a financial contribution to the Premier's Flood Appeal.

OVERVIEW

To be known as "Twenty-Two for Twenty-Two", this proposed contribution from the 22 WQAC Councils is in recognition of the ordeal facing the residents of the 22 disaster declared council areas in Queensland and also remembering the generous support received across Western Queensland from metropolitan and coastal councils in times of flood and drought,

The amount of \$5,000 per council was suggested meaning a total contribution of \$110,000 to the Appeal. A number of councils indicated support for this amount whilst others said the request would have to be formally considered by their Council.

BUDGET AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Proposed contribution is \$5,000.

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

Theme:	2.	Prosperous & Supportive Economy
Strategy:	2.12	Enhance relationships with larger employers in the region to ensure the proper future planning of infrastructure and the promotion of Mount Isa

CONSULTATION (INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL)

WQAC Councils

Mayor Slade

Deputy Mayor Phil Barwick

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

RISK IMPLICATIONS

Nil

HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS

Proper consideration has been given to all human rights relevant.

RECOMMENDATION OPTIONS

THAT Council endorse a \$5,000 contribution to the Premier's Flood Appeal.

OR

THAT Council does not endorse a \$5,000 contribution to the Premier's Flood Appeal.

ATTACHMENTS

1. **WQAC - Letter to Cr Danielle Slade Mayor Mount Isa CC - Donation to Premier's Flood Appeal - Twenty-Two for Twenty-Two** [!\[\]\(3292f5442e3b4027aa0bb60988f9fc82_img.jpg\)](#) 



14th March 2022

Cr Danielle Slade
Mayor
Mount Isa City Council
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Dear Danielle

WQAC Councils – Premier’s Flood Appeal – Twenty-Two for Twenty-Two!!

In February 2022 the south-east corner of Queensland from Wide Bay to the New South Wales border and inland to the Darling Downs was hit by the worst flooding in living memory. Tragically, 13 Queenslanders have lost their lives and property and stock losses will run into the billions of dollars.

Thousands of homes were inundated and are now uninhabitable with families living in shelters or displaced to cities and towns across the State. The road to recovery will be slow and arduous exacerbated by shortage of building materials and tradespersons, the ongoing impact of COVID-19 and the war in Ukraine.

Recognising the heart-breaking ordeal facing the residents of the 22 disaster declared council areas in Queensland and remembering the generous support received across Western Queensland from metropolitan and coastal councils in times of flood and drought, the WQAC Assembly 2022 held in Charleville from 9 to 11 March 2022, discussed a proposal that all 22 WQAC local governments consider a financial contribution to the Premier’s Flood Appeal. It would be known as “Twenty-Two for Twenty-Two”!!

The amount of \$5,000 per council was suggested meaning a total contribution of \$110,000 to the Appeal. A number of councils indicated support for this amount whilst others said the request would have to be formally considered by their Council.

To progress the proposal of the 22 WQAC councils making a financial contribution to the Premier’s Flood Appeal, could you please advise if your council will contribute and, if so, the amount. Your reply is requested by COB Friday 18 March 2022. We can then finalise arrangements for collecting the funds and making the contribution.

Representing: Burke, Carpentaria, Cloncurry, Doomadgee, Etheridge, Flinders, McKinlay, Mount Isa, Richmond; Barcaldine, Barcoo, Blackall-Tambo, Boulia, Diamantina, Longreach, Winton; Balonne, Bulloo, Maranoa, Murweh, Paroo, Quilpie

For further information about the proposal and to reply to this letter please contact Greg Hoffman PSM, Executive Officer, NWQROC at: leadershipgroup@wqac.com.au or 0418 756 005.

Yours sincerely

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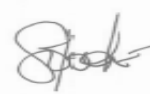
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11 CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORTS**11.12 2022/23 REVENUE POLICY****Document Number: 760421****Author: Director Corporate and Community****Authoriser: Chief Executive Officer****Directorate: Executive Services****Portfolio: Finance, Customer Services, Economic Development, Promotion & Community Development, Arts****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The 2022/23 Revenue Policy is presented to the Council for information and consideration.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council adopts the 2022/23 Revenue Policy as presented.

OVERVIEW

A Revenue Policy must be adopted for each financial year in accordance with Section 193 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*. The policy must also be adopted as part of the annual budget as per Section 169 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

The 2022/23 Revenue Policy has only minor date changes from the prior year.

BUDGET AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The Revenue Policy outlines, among other items, the principles used in the levying of rates and charges. It provides some policy authorisation for raising rates and charges.

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

Theme:	5.	Ethical & Inclusive Governance
Strategy:	5.11	Provide and maintain strategies to ensure Council's long-term financial sustainability.

CONSULTATION (INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL)

Revenue and Finance Staff, Councillors and Executive Management Team.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

Council are governed by the *Local Government Act 2009*, and the *Local Government Regulation 2012* and must abide by all requirements of the legislation.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Adoption of the resolution will result in minor changes to Council's Revenue Policy.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

NIL

HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS

Consideration has been given to all human rights under the Council's Human Rights Policy.

RECOMMENDATION OPTIONS

THAT Council adopts the 2022/23 Revenue Policy as presented.

OR

THAT Council does not adopt the 2022/23 Revenue Policy as presented.

ATTACHMENTS

1. **2022-23 Revenue Policy - draft** [↓](#) 



STATUTORY POLICY

MOUNT ISA CITY COUNCIL**Revenue Policy - 2022~~4~~/23~~2~~ Financial Year**RESOLUTION NO. ~~OM22/05/21~~ VERSION ~~V3~~**V4****APPLIES TO STATUTORY POLICIES ONLY**

This is an official copy of the **Revenue Policy - 2022~~4~~/23~~2~~ Financial Year**, made in accordance with the provisions of *Local Government Act 2009* and *Local Government Regulation 2012*, *Public Records Act*, Mount Isa City Council's Local Laws, Subordinate Local Laws and current Council Policies.

Statutory Policies comply with a legislative requirement; the **Revenue Policy - 2022~~4~~/23~~2~~ Financial Year** is approved by the Mount Isa City Council for the operations and procedures of Council. Note that Financial Year Policies are reviewed annually.

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David Keenan
Chief Executive Officer

DOCUMENT VERSION CONTROL

Governance/Policies/Statutory Doc ID# 667567			POLICY TYPE	Statutory (Council)
VERSION	DATE	RESOLUTION NO.	DETAILS	
V1	26.06.2019	SM02/06/19	Responsible Officer - Manager Corporate and Financial Services	
V2	27.05.2020	OM26/05/20	Responsible Officer – Manager Corporate and Financial Services	
V3	26.05.2021	OM22/05/21	Responsible Officer – Acting Manager Corporate and Financial Services	
<u>V4</u>			Responsible Officer – <u>Director Corporate and Community Services</u>	
			REVIEW DUE	06.202 3 2

DISTRIBUTION AND DISSEMINATION

Internal email to all employees	X	Section meetings / Toolbox talks	
Internal email to all councillors		Included in employee inductions	
Employee noticeboards		Uploaded to Council website	X
Internal training to be provided		External training to be provided	
Registered in magiQ	X		



STATUTORY POLICY

MOUNT ISA CITY COUNCIL**Revenue Policy - 2022/23 Financial Year**RESOLUTION NO. [OM22/05/24](#) VERSION [V3V4](#)**1. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to satisfy Mount Isa City Council's ("Council") statutory obligations under the *Local Government Act 2009* and *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

As per Section 193 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the purpose of this Revenue Policy is to set out the principles used by Council in 2022/23 for:

- A. The making of rates and charges
- B. The levying of rates and charges
- C. The recovery of rates and charges
- D. Granting concessions for rates and charges
- E. Setting cost recovery fees and charges and
- F. Developer Contributions

A. Principles used for the making of rates and charges

In general Council will be guided by the principle of user pays in the making of rates and charges so as to minimise the impact of rating on the efficiency of the local economy and to meet the range and standard of services offered to, and demanded by, the Mount Isa community and Council's stakeholders.

Council levies rates and charges to fund the provision of valuable services to our community. When adopting its annual budget Council will set rates and charges at a level that will provide for both current and anticipated future community requirements.

Council will also have regard to the principles of:

- a) transparency in the making of rates and charges
- b) having in place a rating regime that is simple and inexpensive to administer
- c) equity by taking account of the different capacity of land to generate income or provide service within the local community, and the burden the use of the land imposes on Council services
- d) responsibility in achieving the objectives, actions and strategies in Council's Corporate and Operational Plans
- e) flexibility to take account of changes in the local economy
- f) environmental conditions, particularly drought conditions that will have a suppressing impact upon the local economic, social and financial recovery of the Community
- g) maintaining valuation relativities within the City
- h) maintaining City services and assets to an appropriate standard
- i) meeting the needs and expectations of the general community and
- j) assessing availability of other revenue sources

With regard to the making of utility charges (water, sewerage and garbage) Council's policy may, as far as is reasonable, comply with the requirements of the Code of Competitive Conduct (NCP).

In addition;

- a) Council will assess the availability of grants, subsidies, and other revenue sources with a view to decreasing the financial burden on ratepayers



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- b) Council may limit the increase of rates due to significant land valuation increases to limit the financial burden on ratepayers and
- c) Council may apply a minimum general rate to those categories where deemed appropriate to ensure all ratepayers pay an appropriate share of basic services

B. Principles used for the levying of rates

In levying rates Council will apply the principles of:

- a) making the levying system simple and inexpensive to administer
- b) communication by clearly setting out the Council's, and each ratepayer's, obligations in relation to rates and charges by advising ratepayers about rate notice issue dates and due dates
- c) clarity by providing meaningful information on rate notices to enable ratepayers to clearly understand their responsibilities
- d) timing the levying of rates to take into account the financial cycle of local economic, social and environmental conditions, in order to assist with the smooth running of the local economy
- e) consistency in timing the levying of rates in a predictable way to enable ratepayers to plan for their rating obligations by the issuing of rate notices on a half-yearly basis and water notices on a half-years / quarterly basis and
- f) adjusting the way general rates are charged in response to fluctuations in valuations combined with economic and seasonal factors affecting major local industries

General rates revenue provides essential whole-of-community services not funded through trading income, subsidies, grants, contributions or donations received from other entities or not provided for by other levies or charges. Council will consider all full cost recovery options before calculating the general rate.

C. Principles used for the recovery of rates and charges

Council will exercise its rate recovery powers in order to reduce the overall rate burden on ratepayers and ensure all ratepayers contribute fairly to funding Council's services. It will be guided by the principles of:

- a) Transparency by making clear the obligations of ratepayers and the processes used by Council in assisting them to meet their financial obligations
- b) Making the administrative processes used to recover overdue rate and charges well-defined and cost effective
- c) Consistency by having regard to providing the same treatment for ratepayers in similar circumstances
- d) Flexibility by responding, where necessary, to changes in the local economy and
- e) Adherence to the debt collection guidelines developed by the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission

D. Concessions for rates and charges

In considering the application of concessions, Council will be guided by the principles of:

- a) equity by having regard to the different levels of capacity to pay within the local community



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- b) the extent to which a community sector is providing support to the wider Mount Isa community
- c) the same treatment for ratepayers with similar circumstances
- d) transparency by making clear the requirements necessary to receive concessions and
- e) flexibility to allow Council to respond to local economic issues

Council may give consideration to granting a class concession in the event all or part of Mount Isa City Council experiences a significant natural disaster, environmental disaster or similar event.

Council will also consider a concession of all or part of the rates and charges levied on individuals, organisations or entities that meet the criteria detailed in section 120 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

E. Cost recovery fees and charges

When developing cost recovery fees and charges Council will be guided by the principles of:

- a) financial sustainability
- b) the same treatment for persons with similar circumstances
- c) transparency by making clear the rationale for the fees and
- d) flexibility to allow Council to respond to local economic issues

All fees and charges will be set with reference to full cost pricing. When determining Commercial Charges, Council takes into account "user pays" principles and market conditions when determining commercial charges for Council services and facilities.

When determining Regulatory Fees, Council takes into account "user pays" principles and sets regulatory fees at a level sufficient to recover no more than the full cost of providing the service or taking the action for which, the fee is charged.

All fees set by Council are included in a Register of Fees and Charges.

F. Developer Contributions

While it is expected that developers will contribute to new physical and social infrastructure when they commence a new development, the amount of their contribution and how much of the infrastructure they fund may vary. This will depend on many factors and will be assessed for each development. However, the processes used in determining the contribution will be transparent, fair and equitable.

2. COMMENCEMENT

The Mount Isa City Council Revenue Policy will take effect following adoption at Council's Ordinary Meeting on [16 March 2022](#) ~~[26 May 2021](#)~~.

3. POLICY REVIEW

This policy will be reviewed annually or when any of the following occurs:

- a) Relevant legislation, regulations, standards and policies are amended or replaced and
- b) Other circumstance as determined from time to time by the Chief Executive Officer or Executive Management team

This policy is nominated to be reviewed on or before 30th April 2023~~2~~.



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MOUNT ISA CITY COUNCIL**Revenue Policy - 2022~~1~~/23~~2~~ Financial Year**RESOLUTION NO. ~~OM22/05/21~~ VERSION ~~V3~~**V4****4. COMMUNICATION AND DISTRIBUTION**

- 4.1 Council will make available to the public, the Revenue Policy on our website at www.mountisaq.qld.gov.au