
ENVIRONMENTAL LEVY POLICY

INTENT

To provide clarity on how the funds from the Environmental Levy can be utilised.

SCOPE

This levy is to contribute to the rehabilitation and after-care costs of Council waste management facilities.

DEFINITIONS

TERM	DEFINITION
<i>Council</i>	Shall mean the Mayor and Councillors of Cook Shire Council.

POLICY STATEMENT

Council has resolved to raise and levy the Environmental Levy pursuant to the *Local Government Act 2009*, section 92 and the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, section 103.

A separate charge will be levied equally on each parcel of rateable land within Cook Shire to contribute to the rehabilitation and after-care costs of the following waste management facilities:-

- Archer River
- Ayton
- Coen
- Cooktown

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- Lakeland
- Laura
- Moreton telegraph
- Portland Roads
- Rossville

The levy will form part of the rates notice issued twice yearly.

Concession

Where an assessment containing parcels (greater than one), can be shown to be beyond any form of development or improvement, a written application may be made for an exemption for that particular parcel of land.

Concessions will be granted by Council Resolution.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	RESPONSIBILITY
Council	Council is responsible for the approval of the Policy each year as part of the budget process.
Chief Financial Officer	The Chief Financial Officer is responsible for the continued operation of the concession process in accordance with the policy.
Rates Officer	The Rates Officer is responsible for the processing of applications, applying the concession and dealing with applications in the first instance.

REFERENCES, LEGISLATION AND GUIDELINES

The *Local Government Act 2009*, section 92

The *Local Government Regulation 2012*, section 103

RELATED DOCUMENTS

Revenue Statement

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IMPLEMENTATION/COMMUNICATION

This policy will take effect on 1 July 2023 and will be displayed on Council's website.

APPROVED BY

Adoption annually by Council.

REVIEW

SPONSOR:	Director Organisational Business Services
OFFICER RESPONSIBLE FOR REVIEW:	Chief Financial Officer
ADOPTION DATE:	23 May 2023
REVIEW DATE:	June 2024

THIS POLICY IS TO REMAIN IN FORCE UNTIL OTHERWISE DETERMINED BY COUNCIL

AMENDMENT HISTORY

VERSION	AMENDMENT DETAILS	AMENDMENT DATE	APPROVAL
1.0	New Policy	02/06/2020	
2.0	Adopted by Council Resolution	11/05/21	2021/100
3.0	Adopted by Council Resolution	24/05/22	2022/107
4.0	Adopted by Council Resolution	23/05/23	2023/101

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