

2008/09 Financial Year

Approved proposal pursuant to section 267 of the *Local Government Act 2008*.

(1) Mining tenements as defined in the *Local Government Act 2008*:

(a) All Councils:

- (i) Assessable value is defined at s149(2) of the Act.
- (ii) Rate in 2008-09 to be calculated by multiplying the assessable value by 0.00284.
- (iii) Minimum rate of \$710.
- (iv) Contiguous leases and/or reasonably adjacent leases to be rated as if they were a single lease.
- (v) Exploration leases and licenses exempt from rating.
- (vi) Mining tenements where no authorisation has been issued or is in force are exempt from rating.
- (vii) Where the owner of the mining tenement is also the owner of the land tenure underlying the mining tenement, and is liable for rates for the underlying tenure, the only rates payable are either the rates payable for the underlying tenure or the rates payable for the mining tenement, whichever is the highest.
- (viii) It is within the discretion of the council to levy a rate lower than may be payable by applying (i) to (vii) above.
- (ix) Nothing in (i) to (viii) above prevents a mining interest and a council reaching voluntary agreement on financial contributions or service delivery arrangements in addition to rates.

(2) Pastoral Leases:

(a) Barkly Shire, Central Desert Shire, East Arnhem Shire, MacDonnell Shire, Roper Gulf Shire, Tiwi Islands Shire, Victoria Daly Shire and West Arnhem Shire:

- (i) Assessable value to be the unimproved capital value (UCV).
- (ii) Rate to be applied in 2008-09 to be calculated by multiplying the UCV by 0.00060.
- (iii) Minimum rate of \$300.
- (iv) Where not practicable to apply a rate against UCV (e.g. where property not valued) a flat rate of \$300 can be applied.
- (v) It is within the discretion of the council to levy a rate lower than may be payable by applying (i) to (iv) above.
- (vi) Nothing in (i) to (v) above prevents a pastoral interest and a council reaching voluntary agreement on financial contributions or service delivery arrangements in addition to rates.

(b) All other council areas:

- (i) Where pastoral leases fall within a broader rating (eg. agricultural or remote) determined by Council, that rate.
- (ii) Where pastoral leases are rated in their own category, the rate applying at (2)(a) above.