

Central Desert Shire Council Approved Conditional Rating Proposal 2011-12

Section 142 *Local Government Act*

Central Desert Shire Council may rate conditionally rateable land in the 2011-12 year in accordance with the actual 2010-11 rates dollar amount legally chargeable to properties in 2010-11 adjusted to the Darwin Consumer Price Index (CPI) as at the end of the December quarter 2010 (2.38%).

For this purpose, the following explanations apply:

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

(a) All Councils:

- (i) Assessable value is defined at s149(2) of the Act.
- (ii) Rate in 2011-12 to be calculated by multiplying the assessable value as at 1 July 2008 by 0.00311 (0.311%)
- (iii) Minimum rate of \$777.
- (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) as at 1 July 2008.
- (ii) Rate to be applied in 2011-12 to be calculated by multiplying the UCV by 0.000656 (0.0656%).
- (iii) Minimum rate of \$328.

(iv) Where not practicable to apply a rate against UCV (e.g. where property not valued) a flat rate of \$328 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.

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