



## Privacy Act Waiver

On the signing of this application:

Pursuant to the Privacy Act 1993, I authorise Far north District Council to contact any agencies/companies or any other source including Government agencies to obtain and check (both now and in future) such information for the purposes of considering this application, and to assist in the enforcement of any agreement between myself and Far North District Council.

I understand I have the right to access and information Far North District Council may have collected with regards to this application, and to correct if it is wrong.

## Declaration

I understand that upon signing this application, I am entering into an agreement with Far North District Council.

I solemnly and sincerely declare that I have read and understood this application and certify that the information provided is true and correct in all respects, and that I am no less than 18 years of age. I have disclosed any other names that I am currently known under. I am aware that if I have deliberately provided false information in this application, I could face fraud or dishonesty charges in the Courts. I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and correct by virtue of the Oaths and Declarations Act 1957. And that I understand the following;

Council may on written application from a ratepayer of such rating units remit any separate uniform annual general charge levied on the rating units if it considers it to be reasonable in the circumstances to do so.

The applicant must provide sufficient evidence as is necessary to prove that the properties are being jointly used as a single property and Council's decision on the matter is final.

Council may also consider reducing or cancelling any targeted charge on such rating units if it considers it to be reasonable in the circumstances to do so.

Council reserves the right to determine that any specific targeted charge will be excluded from this policy.

Signature

Date

Name

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### Witnessed by:

Signature

Name

Please print

#### **IMPORTANT:**

Your witness **MUST** be either one of the following:

- Justice of the Peace
- Solicitor
- Far North District Council Officer

## Application Checklist

Tick box once information is attached	
<b>Commercial/Industrial</b>	
Photo evidence of the rating units being used as one (single usage) or some other form of proof	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Residential</b>	
Photo evidence of the rating units being used as one (single usage) or some other form of proof	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Farming</b>	
If the property is owned by someone other than the applicant, copies of the titles showing the registered lessees name/s.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Photographic evidence is provided that all the lots are used as one or some other proof	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>General Checklist</b>	
Copy of Photo Identification (Drivers Licence/Passport/18 Plus Card)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proof of postal address (copy of power/phone bill/bank statement – no older than 6 months)	<input type="checkbox"/>

## For Staff Use Only

Application received date:

Application complies with policy?  Yes  No

Which group does it comply with?  Eg: Farming, Residential etc

Form of evidence (photos etc) provided?  Yes  No

Application Checked By:  Date

Application Approved By:  Date

### Customer Liaison

Accepting CSO Officer

Form Complete

Maps Attached

Evidence Provided

Account Noted

Date Forwarded to

Transaction Services

### Transaction Services

Account Noted

Journal Actioned

## Common-Use Properties

### Background

Section 20 of the LGRA 02 requires that multiple rating units be treated as one rating unit if they are:

1. Owned by the same person or persons; and,
2. Used jointly as a single unit; and,
3. Contiguous or separated only by a road, railway, drain, water race, river or stream.

This policy expands on the provisions of the Act, and provides for commercial operations to be treated as one rating unit to assist economic development in the district.

### Policy Objectives

1. To provide for farming by treating multiple rating units as one rating unit if they are physically separated but used jointly as one farming operation.
2. To assist development in the District by treating multiple rating units of a development as a single rating unit for a maximum of three years.

### Scope

This policy applies to both General Title and Māori Freehold Land.

### Policy Statements

In addition to the provisions of section 20 of the LGRA 02, Council will treat the following separate rating units as a single rating unit if they are owned by the same person or entity:

- a. A farm that consists of multiple rating units but functions as one commercial operation;
- b. Rating units of a residential or commercial development which are vacant and owned by the original developer, pending their sale or lease to subsequent purchasers or lessees.

### Conditions and Criteria

1. Applicants must provide sufficient evidence that the multiple rating units in question are being jointly used as a single farming operation, or are part of the same subdivision or commercial development.
2. In the case of a residential or commercial development, multiple rating units will be treated as a single rating unit for a maximum term of three years. This term is calculated from 1 July in the year that this provision first applies.
3. Residential or commercial developments that have already received this remission under a previous policy are not eligible for remission under this policy.
4. In the case of a farm, the separate multiple rating units must be owned or leased by the same person or entity. If any of the separate rating units are leased, the term of the lease must be 10 years or more, including rights of renewal. The owners of each of the separate rating units must confirm in writing that their unit is being jointly used as a single farming operation.
5. In the case of a farm, the rating units must be situated within a radius of two kilometres from the boundary of the primary property.
6. Council reserves the right to exclude any specific targeted charge from this policy.