

# FARMLAND RATING APPLICATION FORM

## Section 515 Local Government Act, 1993

*This form is used to determine the categorisation of Farmland for rating purposes.*

### **PART A - PROPERTY DETAILS**

Rating Year	
Assessment No:	
Owner's Name/s:	
Postal Address:	
Total Area of Property:	
Description of Land:  (Lot/DP)	
Is there a residential dwelling on the property?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Full-time <input type="checkbox"/> Part-time
Land used with <u>other</u> land/s for Farming?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
If <u>Yes</u> , list the Assessment Number/s or description of land:	

### **PART B – GRAZING CATTLE**

If your farming activities do **not** include grazing cattle, go to **PART C**

In this section, please give details of the approximate number of livestock grazing on the property (or properties if used in conjunction with other land) *at the date of this declaration*, **including** agisted livestock.

TOTAL number of stock:	
Total of stock <u>purchased</u> in the last 12 months:	
Total of stock sold in the last 12 months:	
Total number of stock agisted during the last 12 months:	
Supplementary feeding of livestock with grain, hay etc	<input type="checkbox"/> On a regular basis <input type="checkbox"/> Only in winter <input type="checkbox"/> Other, including drought

## **PART C - VITICULTURE**

If your farming activities do **not** include viticulture, go to **PART D**

In this section, please give details of viticulture activities carried out on the property (or properties if used in conjunction with other land) *at the date of this declaration*.

Winery Name:	
Growing of Grape Vines:	Area under cultivation: _____ Hectares Annual Production _____ Tonnes
Cellar Door:	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> Hours of Operation:
Wine making facility:	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> Annual Production:
Catering or Restaurant facilities:	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> Restaurant Name:  Restaurant Capacity:
Tourist Accommodation:	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> No. of Beds:  Approx. No. Annual Bookings:
Other commercial activities carried out on the land. Eg Wedding ceremonies, hot air ballooning, skydiving, concerts, events (eg Lovedale Long Lunch) etc	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> Activities or services provided:

**PART D - CROPS**

If your farming activities do **not** include growing crops of any kind, go to **PART E**

In this section, please give details of the types of crops grown on the property (or properties if used in conjunction with other land) *at the date of this declaration* and the area under cultivation. This **includes** horticulture, vegetable growing and orcharding.

Type of Crop/Vine/Vegetable etc	Area Under Cultivation or Number of Vines/Trees	Quantity Sold During the Past 12 Months and/or Quantity used on property

**PART E - FORESTRY**

If your farming activities do **not** include forestry, go to **PART F**

In this section, please give details of forestry (hardwood or pine plantations) for the purpose of future harvesting on the property (or properties if used in conjunction with other land) *at the date of this declaration*.

	Area Covered	Quantity Harvested	No. Trees Planted
Hardwood – existing stands of timbers			
Pine Plantations			

**PART F – LIVESTOCK OTHER THAN CATTLE**

If there are no other livestock on the property, go to **PART G**

In this section, please give details of the approximate number of livestock *other than cattle* on the property (or properties if used in conjunction with other land) *at the date of this declaration*, **including** agisted livestock.

<b>Type of Livestock (eg. Sheep, Poultry, Pigs, Goats, Horses etc):</b>	<b>Total Number of Livestock:</b>	<b>Total Number Purchased in the Past 12 Months?</b>	<b>Total Number Sold in the Past 12 Months?</b>

**PART G – OTHER ACTIVITIES**

If you do not have any other farming activities or comments to make, go to **PART H**

In this section, please give details of other farming activities not already listed (eg. Beekeeping, aquaculture etc) carried out on the property (or properties if used in conjunction with other land) *at the date of this declaration*, or any other comments you would like to make.

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**PART H – DECLARATION**

You may be requested to submit further details including financial records in order for Council to make a categorisation determination.

**SIGN** the application and return it to Council

I solemnly and sincerely declare that the information provided in this application and all supporting documentation and evidence is true and correct:

**Name of Applicant (Please Print)**

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**Signature of Applicant**

**Date**

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**AUTHORITY TO ENTER:**

The owner/occupier of the land described in this application consents to the General Manager or any person(s) authorised by him to enter upon the subject land for the purpose of carrying out an inspection in connection with the application for land to be categorised as Farmland.

**Signature of Applicant**

**Date**

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**Contact Phone Number:**

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**Section 515 of the Local Government Act, 1993**

***Categorisation as farmland***

- (1) Land is to be categorised as **farmland** if it is a parcel of rateable land valued as one assessment and its dominant use is for farming (that is the business or industry of grazing, animal feedlots, dairying, pig farming, poultry farming, viticulture, orcharding, bee-keeping, horticulture, vegetable growing, the growing of crops of any kind, forestry or aquaculture within the meaning of the *Fisheries Management Act, 1994*, or any combination of those businesses or industries) which:
  - (a) has a significant and substantial commercial purpose or character, and
  - (b) is engaged in for the purposes of profit on a continuous or repetitive basis (whether or not a profit is actually made).
- (2) Land is not to be categorised as farmland if it is rural residential land.
- (3) the regulations may prescribe circumstances in which land is or is not to be categorised as farmland.