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:			
Is there a residential dwelling on the		No	
property?		Yes	Full-time Part-time
Land used with other land/s for		No	
Farming?		Yes	
If <u>Yes</u> , list the Assessment Number/s			
or description of land:			
PART B – GRAZING CATTLE If your farming activities do <u>not</u> include gra In this section, please give details of the property (or properties if used in conjunction including agisted livestock.	approxi	mate n	umber of livestock grazing on the
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			
Supplementary feeding of livestock with o	grain, h	ay etc	□ On a regular basis□ Only in winter□ Other, including drought

<u>PART C</u> - 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:	□ No □ Yes Hours of Operation:
Wine making facility:	□ No □ Yes Annual Production:
Catering or Restaurant facilities:	□ No □ Yes Restaurant Name: Restaurant Capacity:
Tourist Accommodation:	□ No □ Yes 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	□ No □ Yes 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	Area Under Cultivation or	Quantity Sold During the
Crop/Vine/Vegetable etc	Number of Vines/Trees	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	No. Trees
		Harvested	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.

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

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.

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 applicat	ion and all
supporting documentation and evidence is true and correct:	

Name of Applicant (Please Print)	
Signature of Applicant	Date
AUTHORITY TO ENTER:	
The owner/occupier of the land described in this a	application consents to the General
Manager or any person(s) authorised by him to er	nter upon the subject land for the
purpose of carrying out an inspection in connectio	on with the application for land to be
categorised as Farmland.	
Signature of Applicant	Date
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 it if is rural residential land.
- (3) the regulations may prescribe circumstances in which land is or is not to be categorised as farmland.

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