

# Policy

## Farmland and Community Sporting Facilities Drought Water Rebate

Responsible Manager (Title)	Manager Water Cycle		
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	3.1 We will have an attractive and diverse environment for business, tourism and industry		
	3.1.2 Grows the Clarence Valley economy through supporting local business and industry		

### 1. Purpose

Agricultural producers and community owned sporting facilities with properties located in parishes classified as being in “intense drought” may, upon application to Council, receive a rebate of 50% on that component of their water charges for the quarter which is above the average consumption for the corresponding quarter in the preceding four years.

### 2. Definitions

**Agricultural producer** – the rating category of the subject property is “farmland”.

**Community Owned Sporting Facility** – A not for profit community owned sporting facility or a community owned sporting facility that does not operate for the personal profit or gain of its members, but rather for the benefit of the Club and its associated community as evidenced by their Memorandum and/or Articles of Association.

**Intense drought** – the “combined drought indicator” produced by the relevant State Government Department (currently Department of Primary Industries - <https://edis.dpi.nsw.gov.au/>) classifies the parish where the property is located as being in “intense drought” at some stage during the quarter to which the water notice relates.

### **3. Background/legislative requirements**

Local Government Act 2009  
Local Government Regulation 2005

### **4. Policy statement**

Council is committed to providing assistance, by way of water charge rebates, to agricultural producers and community owned sporting facilities in areas classified as being in intense drought.

### **5. Implementation**

The claim for the allowance must be in writing and indicate the water notice to which the claim relates. Staff will verify that the property in the water notice was classified by the Department of Primary Industries as being in intense drought at some stage during the quarter the water notice relates to. If the property is confirmed as being in intense drought, staff will calculate the average water consumption for the corresponding quarter in the previous four years and apply a rebate of 50% to that portion of the water consumption which is higher than the average consumption.

### **6. Appeal/objections process**

N/A

### **7. Related Documents**

Privacy Management Plan