



## Rates Declaration for 2015 – 2016

Pursuant to Section 155 of the *Local Government Act*, Notice is hereby given that the following rates and charges were declared by Wagait Shire Council at the Special Council Meeting held on Thursday 30 July 2015 for the financial year ending 30 June 2016.

### Rates

1. Pursuant to Chapter 11 of the *Local Government Act* (“**the Act**”), Wagait Shire Council (“**the Council**”) made the following declaration of Rates:
  - a) Pursuant to Section 148 of the Act, the Council adopts a fixed charge amount of \$525.30 as the basis of assessment of allotments within the council area.
  - b) Pursuant to Section 155(3) (a) of the Act, the Council intends to raise for general purposes by way of rates the amount of \$203,816.40 for the financial year ending 30 June 2016.

### Payment

2. Pursuant to Section 161 of the Act, the Council determines that the Rates declared under this declaration may be paid in four (4) approximately equal instalments on the following dates:

\$135.30 due 30 September 2015  
\$130.00 due 31 December 2015  
\$130.00 due 31 March 2016  
\$130.00 due 30 June 2016

If a ratepayer defaults in payment of an instalment by the due date, all remaining instalments become immediately due and payable. Should a ratepayer chose to pay \$525.30 in full, the due date is 30 September 2015.

### Late payments

3. Pursuant to Section 162 of the Act, the Council fixes the relevant interest rate for the late payment of rates and charges at the rate of 17% per annum which is to be calculated on a daily basis.

### Recovery action

4. Pursuant to Section 159 of the Act, a ratepayer who fails to pay the rates and charges as notified may be sued for recovery of the principal amount of the rates and charges, late payment penalties and costs reasonably incurred by Council in recovering or attempting to recover the rates and charges. Under Part 11.9, Division 4 of the Act, Council has the power to sell a ratepayer's property in order to recover outstanding rates and charges.

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