



Local Government Act

Declaration of Rates and Charges 2025-2026

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Sections 220, 226, 237, 239, 241 and 245 of the **Local Government Act 2019** (*the Act*), that the following rates and charges were declared by the Wagait Shire Council's Ordinary Meeting held on 23 June 2025, in respect of the financial year ending 30 June 2026.

1. Rates

Wagait Shire Council (the "Council") makes the following declaration of rates pursuant to Chapter 11 of the Act.

- 1.1. Council, pursuant to Section 226 of the Act, adopted the fixed charge method as the basis for determining the assessment of all allotments within the Council area.
- 1.2. Council, pursuant to Section 237 of the Act declared that it intends to raise, for general purposes by way of rates, the amount of \$285,482 which will be raised by the application of a fixed charge amount of \$741.51 per allotment being payable for the financial year ending 30 June 2026. This is an increase of 5% from the rates amount agreed in 2025-26.

2. Charges

Pursuant to Section 239 of the Act, Council declared the following charges for the purpose of enabling or assisting Council to meet the cost of garbage collection and disposal services for the benefit of all allotments within the Council area. Council intends to raise \$148,221 by these charges.

- a. The following charges were declared:
 - A charge of \$383 per annum per allotment, regardless of whether it is vacant or non-vacant and whether the services are used or not.
- b. The services are:
 - A kerbside garbage collection service of one garbage collection visit per week, being a maximum of one (1) 240 litre bin per collection.
 - Provision of access to a hard waste and recycling facility; and
 - Provision of access to a green waste facility.

3. Relevant Interest Rate

The relevant interest rate for the late payment of rates and charges is fixed in accordance with Section 245 of the Act at the rate of 18% per annum and is to be calculated on a daily basis.

4. Payment

Rates and charges declared under this declaration may be paid in full by 30 September 2025 OR by four (4) approximately equal instalments on the following dates, namely:

- First instalment, 30 September 2025
- Second instalment, 30 November 2025
- Third instalment, 31 January 2026
- Fourth instalment, 31 March 2026

Instalments falling due on a weekend or public holiday may be paid by the following business day, without incurring any penalty.

- a. Details of due dates and specified amounts are listed on the relevant Rates Notice.
- b. Variations to those options for payment will be administered according to the conditions outlined on the front and reverse of the Rates Notice.
- c. A ratepayer who fails to abide by such conditions may be sued for recovery of the principal amount of the rates and charges, the late payment and costs reasonably incurred by Council in recovering or attempting to recover the rates and charges. If rates are payable by the owner of the land and are not paid by the due date, they become a charge on the land to which they relate.

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