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INTENT

To set out the principles used by council in 2019-20 for:

1. The levying of rates and charges
2. Granting any concessions for rates and charges
3. Recovering overdue rates and charges
4. Cost-recovery methods
5. Extent to which physical and social infrastructure costs for new developments are to be funded by charges for the development

Levying of Rates and Charges

In levying rates and charges the following principles will be applied:

The majority of Aurukun's residents are in receipt of Centrelink benefits and although Council could impose the Community Service Levy under the *Local Government Act 2009*, has decided not to. This is in light of the fact council receives 40 year lease payments from the state government for these properties. Therefore council will not levy any general rates and charges for residential properties.

Council will however levy service charges against all government and commercial properties and against Council-owned or managed properties leased to government agencies and commercial enterprises in the shire.

Granting of Concessions

Council will not be granting any concessions in the levying of service charges for properties in the Shire.

Recovering Overdue Rates and Charges

Overdue service charges will be treated in the same manner as any other recoverable debt in line with council's debt recovery policy.

Cost-recovery methods

Council recognises the validity of maximising the use of appropriate user pay charges or cost recovery fees to reduce the burden on other funding sources. However in setting its cost recovery fees, Council will be cognizant of the requirement that such a fee must not be more than the cost to Council of providing the service or taking the action to which the fee applies.

Extent to which physical and social infrastructure costs for new developments are to be funded by charges for the development

Council does not expect full cost recovery of physical and social infrastructure costs for new developments by its constituents.

Council will charge connection fees for sewerage and water to new developments in line with the charges contained in the Schedule of Fees and Charges.