



APPLICATION FOR POSTPONEMENT OF RATES

UNDER SECTION 585(b) LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1993, AS AMENDED

I/We

(Full Name(s) in BLOCK LETTERS)

of

(Postal Address)

being the rateable person(s) do hereby make application for postponement of rates under the provisions of Section 585(b) Local Government Act, 1993, as amended, in respect of the property described as follows:-

Property no.:

Property address:

Lot No.:

Section No:

DP No.

I/We declare that the land is used or occupied solely as the site of a single dwelling house during the current financial year.

I/We do not intend to use the land for any purpose other than as the site of a single dwelling house during the current financial year.

STATUTORY DECLARATION

I/We declare that the information provided in this application is true, correct and complete. I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of the **Oaths Act, 1900**.

Sworn Affirmed at.....Signature of deponent/s.....

Name of witness.....

Address of witness.....

Capacity of witness (Justice of the peace/Solicitor/Barrister/Commissioner for affidavits/Notary public)

And as a witness, I certify the following matters concerning the person who made this affidavit (the **deponent**)

1. I saw the face of the deponent [OR, delete whichever option is inapplicable]

I did not see the face of the deponent because the deponent was wearing a face covering, but I am satisfied that the deponent had a special justification for not removing the covering.¹

2. I have known the deponent for at least 12 months. [OR, delete whichever option is inapplicable]

I have the deponent's identity using the following identification document:

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Identification document relied on (may be original or certified copy)²

Signature of witness.....

¹ [The only "special justification" for not removing a face covering is a legitimate medical reason (at April 2012).]

² ["Identification documents" include current driver licence, proof of age card, Medicare card, credit card, Centrelink pension card, Veterans Affairs entitlement card, student identity card, citizenship certificate, birth certificate, passport or see Oaths Regulation 2011 or [JP Ruling 003 - Confirming identity for NSW statutory declarations and affidavits](#), footnote 3.]

DEFINITION OF A SINGLE DWELLING HOUSE

“Single dwelling house” means a dwelling used or adapted for use solely for habitation by not more than one family and includes a dwelling in a row of two or more dwellings attached to each other such as are commonly known as semi-detached or terrace buildings, but does not include a flat.

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DETERMINATION BY LAND & PROPERTY INFORMATION

| | | |
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| Land Value | \$ | |
| Attributable Proportion of Land Value | \$ | |
| Proportion of Rates deferred for the year | | |
| Current Rates - | General \$ | |
| Amended Rates - | General \$ | |
| Postponed Rates - | General \$ | |

SECTION 585 POSTPONEMENT OF RATES

Under section 585 of the Local Government Act, Council will grant relief from the payment of part of the rates on land on which is erected a single dwelling house:-

- a) where part of the land is attributable to its potential for industry, commerce or residential flat purposes.
- b) larger residential blocks on which a single dwelling house is erected and zoned so as to permit subdivision for residential purposes, whether or not they are already subdivided.

and in the case of rural land where:-

- c) rural land used as such which, under a planning instrument, may be subdivided so as to create one or more parcels of less than 40 hectares or which is zoned for use other than as rural land.

The determination of any such attributable part of the value is made by the Valuer General.

The rating relief granted is in the form of part of the rates payment being postponed. The part postponed is the amount of rates payable on the part of the valuation attributable to the potential use.

So long as the land is used as a single dwelling or rural land the postponed rates are allowed to accumulate on the property. Postponed rates are written off after they have accumulated for five years. At the end of the fifth year the first year's postponed rates and interest are written off, at the end of the sixth year the second year's postponed rates and interest are written off and so it goes on whilst ever the property is eligible for postponed rates.

Houses may be sold and as long as the land is used as a single dwelling or rural land there is no alteration to the procedure. The mere selling of a house does not require payment of postponed rates owing. The death of the owner also does not alter the position.

Should an owner wish to sell his/her house for a different use or alter the use, then and only then would the postponed rates become payable. They would become due and payable in full, one month from the date that the land ceases to be used or occupied as a single dwelling house.

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