

**Subject**            **PENSIONER CONCESSIONS**

**Description:**    This document describes Council's policy concerning Pensioner Concessions under certain circumstances

**Objectives:**     To ensure pensioners do not suffer hardship in paying rates due to them being ineligible for a concession because of the nature of the title of the property.

**PART 1 - POLICY**

1.    That in all situations where an eligible pensioner finds himself/herself in a changed situation where he/she assumes full and sole responsibility for the paying of rates, notwithstanding the nature of the ownership of the property, that Council agree to grant the full pensioner concession, under Section 577 of the Act, subject to that person completing the relevant details of the prescribed form (PC-3) to the satisfaction of the General Manager and not necessarily page 6 of the form.
2.    That the presentation of a Pensioner Concession Card be accepted by Council as a sufficient test to meet the hardship requirements of Section 577 of the Act under these circumstances.
3.    That Council staff review all current pension concession situations and invite people who may be affected by such a policy to complete the prescribed form.

**PART 2 - EXEMPTIONS**

Nil

**PART 3 – CRITERIA**

Not applicable

**PART 4 - OTHER MATTERS**

Nil

**Review:**            This policy is to be reviewed as necessary or every four (4) years in accordance with Section 165 of the Local Government Act.

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