

## **PART 11 – REMISSION OF RATES ON LAND AFFECTED BY NATURAL CALAMITIES**

### **OBJECTIVES**

To provide relief and assistance to any ratepayer where the use that may be made of any rating unit has been detrimentally affected by erosion, subsidence, submersion or other natural calamities.

### **CONDITIONS AND CRITERIA**

- Application for this remission should be made in writing as soon as practicable after the adverse event.
- Owners, lessees or trustees making application should include the following information in their applications:
  - details of the rating unit or units involved
  - the objectives that will be achieved by providing a remission
  - details of tenure, whether a formal or informal lease, and whether owned by the applicant
  - a signed statement by the applicant that the land is not fit for the purpose for which it is occupied, and the economic effect of the adverse event.
- For residential units up to 100% of all rates and charges, including charges for water and wastewater, may be remitted for the period during which the buildings are uninhabitable.
- For all other rating units up to 100% of all rates and charges, including charges for water and wastewater, may be remitted for the period during which the rating unit is unable to be fully utilised.
- Applications will generally be considered for assistance where the rating unit is uninhabitable or unusable for a period exceeding one month.
- The application must describe the nature of the natural calamity, and outline the steps that the owner has taken, or will be taking, to return the rating unit to a usable state, and provide an estimate of the time the rating unit is expected to be affected.

The amount of the remission granted in any individual case will be determined based upon the severity of the damage to the rating unit, as well as the individual circumstances of the ratepayer.