

Part Four – Funding and Financial Policies

REMISSION OF RATES ON LAND AFFECTED BY NATURAL CALAMITIES

OBJECTIVES

The objective of this policy is to assist ratepayers, by a remission of rates, in situations where land has been detrimentally affected by erosion, subsidence, submersion or other natural calamities.

- Recognizing special circumstances pertaining to natural calamities, which cause unforeseen damage to ratepayer's properties.
- Meeting the requirements of section 85 of the Local Authority (Rating) Act 2002, to have a policy on the remission of rates.

Whether rates are remitted in any individual case will depend on the circumstances of each application.

CONDITIONS AND CRITERIA

- Application for this remission should be made 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 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.***