



Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council

STATUTORY POLICY

NUMBER: STAT/004
POLICY TITLE: Revenue Policy
ACT: Local Government Regulation 2012
Local Government Act 2009

1. Purpose of the Policy

- 1.1 This Revenue Policy forms part of Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council's budget each year. *The Local Government Regulation 2012* identifies the matters that a local government must include in its Revenue Policy. In essence, a Revenue Policy is a statement outlining the strategic policy position of Council in relation to revenue measures to be adopted in the budget.
- 1.2 This policy clearly states Council's revenue principles for the 2024/25 financial year.

2. Policy Statement

- (a) **Making and levying rates and charges;**
Council will not levy a general charge for rates as the land exists under a Deed of Grant in Trust (DOGIT), however, Council will levy a service charge in respect of water, sewerage and cleansing for those properties not covered under a 40-year lease with the State Government.
- (b) **Exercising its powers to grant rebates and concessions;**
Council will provide a concession to a qualifying Aged or Veterans Pensioner in respect of service charges levied as per State requirements.
- (c) **Recovery of unpaid amounts of rates and charges;**
Council will make recovery of unpaid service charges in accordance with its debt recovery policy.
- (d) **Extent to which physical and social infrastructure costs for a new development are to be funded by charges for the development**
Council will fund the physical and social costs of any new development by levying charges upon that development noting that this may be subject to legislative constraint per the *Planning Act 2016*.
- Council may choose to subsidise from other sources, the charges payable for the development when Council believes that it is in the community interest to do so having regard for the capability to pay within the local community, and recognising that there may be broader economic issues, at times that may require the flexibility in the determination of infrastructure charges by Council.

3. Policy Review

The *Local Government Act 2009* and *Local Government Regulation 2012* require Council to prepare a new Revenue Policy for each financial year.

4. Associated Documents

- *Local Government Regulation 2012*
- *Local Government Act 2009*

5. Resolution

Adopted by Council on the 31st July 2025 by Council Resolution XXXX/XXX