

2026–2027

RATING CATEGORY STATEMENT

This brochure summarises Western Downs Regional Council's rates and charges for 2026–2027. A copy of Council's 2026–2027 Budget documents are available online at www.wdrc.qld.gov.au

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General Rates

General rates are for services, facilities and activities that are supplied or undertaken for the benefit of the community in general (rather than an individual person). For example, general rates fund the cost of roads, parks and library services that benefit the community in general.

Minimum general rates are applied to each category to recognise that there is a base level of services applicable to each rateable parcel of land within each category. A subjective measure of this level is used to determine the minimum rate for each category of differential general rate.

In determining if a minimum differential general rate is to be applied to a rateable property, the applicable rate in the \$ for the category will be applied to the valuation of the rateable property, and the result of the calculation will be compared to the applicable minimum rate for that category. The effective general rate charged will be the higher of the two amounts.

Please refer to Council's [2026–2027 Revenue Policy](#) and [2026–2027 Revenue Statement](#) should you require further information. These documents can be found on Council's website www.wdrc.qld.gov.au.

Objection Against Categorisation

If you consider that, as at the date of issue of the Rates Notice, your land should be included in another differential category, you may object. Objections to categorisation of your land must be lodged with Council on a *Notice of Objection Against Categorisation* form prior to the due date stated on the Rates Notice. If the objection is received after the due date stated on the notice, the category change if approved, will take effect from the start of the next financial levy period. The forms are available from Council's Customer Service Centres or on Council's website www.wdrc.qld.gov.au.

The lodgment of an objection does not confer a right to delay payment of rates. Payment by the due date is required to receive the discount stated on the notice.

State Emergency Management Levy (EML)

This levy is a State Government Levy that is collected via your Council Rates Notice and paid to the State Government. The purpose of the EML is to contribute to the provision of emergency services i.e. fire, ambulance, and disaster services. Please contact Queensland Fire Department on 13 74 68 for more information regarding this levy.

RATE CODE 1 – RESIDENTIAL			
Category Code	Description	Rate in \$ p.a.	Min Rate p.a.
1 - Residential - Localities of Chinchilla, Dalby or Miles	Land in the Locality of Chinchilla, Dalby or Miles which is less than one (1) hectare in area and: a) used or intended for use as a residential dwelling, or for multiple residential dwellings (for example: flats, a guesthouse, home units) but not Workforce Accommodation; or b) vacant land not otherwise categorised.	\$0.013760	\$1,250
2 - Residential - Localities of Bell, Jandowae, Tara or Wandoan	Land in the Locality of Bell, Jandowae, Tara, or Wandoan which is less than one (1) hectare in area and: a) used or intended for use as a residential dwelling, or for multiple residential dwellings (for example: flats, a guesthouse, home units) but not Workforce Accommodation; or b) vacant land not otherwise categorised.	\$0.007938	\$1,123
3 - Residential - Other Localities	Land located other than those areas identified in category 1 or 2 which is less than one (1) hectare in area and: a) used or intended for use as a residential dwelling, or for multiple residential dwellings (for example: flats, a guesthouse, home units) but not Workforce Accommodation; or b) vacant land not otherwise categorised.	\$0.006538	\$1,016
15 - Rural Residential - Localities of Chinchilla, Dalby or Miles	Land in the Locality of Chinchilla, Dalby or Miles at least one (1) hectare in area and less than 50 hectares in area and: a) used or intended to be used for residential or rural purposes other than Workforce Accommodation; or b) vacant land not otherwise categorised.	\$0.011840	\$1,250
16 - Rural Residential - Localities of Bell, Jandowae, Tara or Wandoan	Land in the Locality of Bell, Jandowae, Tara or Wandoan at least one (1) hectare in area and less than 50 hectares in area and: a) used or intended to be used for residential or rural purposes other than Workforce Accommodation, or b) vacant land not otherwise categorised.	\$0.007638	\$1,123
17 - Rural Residential - Other Localities	Land located other than those areas identified in category 15 or 16 at least one (1) hectare in area and less than 50 hectares in area and: a) used or intended to be used for residential or rural purposes other than Workforce Accommodation, or b) vacant land is not otherwise categorised.	\$0.005856	\$1,016
18 - Rural Residential – Colkerri or Hustons Road	Land located at Colkerri or Hustons Road that is less than fifty (50) hectares in area and: a) used or intended to be used for residential or rural purposes other than Workforce Accommodation; or b) vacant land not otherwise categorised.	\$0.008714	\$1,250

RATE CODE 2 – COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL			
Category Code	Description	Rate in \$ p.a.	Min Rate p.a.
1 - Special Purpose - Localities of Chinchilla, Dalby or Miles	Land used or intended to be used for sporting, religious, educational, or other similar public purposes, in the Locality of Chinchilla, Dalby or Miles.	\$0.012056	\$1,250
2 - Special Purpose - Other Localities	Land used or intended to be used for sporting, religious, educational, or other similar public purposes, in localities other than Chinchilla, Dalby or Miles.	\$0.008044	\$1,016
5 - Warehouse and/or Bulk Stores	Land used or intended to be used, in whole or in part, for warehouses and/or bulk stores and has an area of one (1) hectare or greater.	\$0.015050	\$5,329
15 - Cotton Gins	Land used or intended to be used, in whole or in part, for cotton processing or any associated uses (for example, associated waste storage/ processing).	\$0.051988	\$18,432
20 - Petroleum or Other Distilling Plants	Land used or intended to be used, in whole or in part, for an ethanol plant, the distillation of petroleum, or for the distillation of other products.	\$0.046028	\$14,806
30 - Transmission/ Substation Sites - Less than 1 MVA	Land used or intended to be used, in whole or in part, as a transmission/substation site with a transformer output capacity less than one (1) Mega Volt Amp.	\$0.046286	\$2,162
31 - Transmission/ Substation Sites - 1 MVA to less than 10 MVA	Land used or intended to be used, in whole or in part, as a transmission/substation site with a transformer output capacity at least one (1) Mega Volt Amp but less than ten (10) Mega Volt Amp.	\$0.179458	\$26,828
32 - Transmission/ Substation Sites - 10 MVA or greater	Land used or intended to be used, in whole or in part, as a transmission/substation site with a transformer output capacity of ten (10) Mega Volt Amp or greater.	\$0.487522	\$85,700
35 - Sawmills	Land used or intended to be used, in whole or in part, as a timber mill or any associated uses (for example, associated waste storage/ processing).	\$0.057896	\$5,200
36 - Noxious Industrial	Land used or intended to be used, in whole or in part, for the purpose of conducting a noxious/offensive industry or any associated uses (for example, waste disposal/storage, tannery, concentrated brines and crystallised salts storage/ disposal, explosives manufacture/storage).	\$0.049162	\$19,986
40 - Extractive Industry - Less than 5,001 tonnes	Land used or intended to be used, in whole or in part, for the purpose of conducting an industry which may involve dredging, excavating, quarrying, sluicing, or other mode of winning materials from the earth (other than mining authorised by a Mining Lease) classified under Schedule 2, Part 4 of the Environmental Protection Regulation 2019 for production of less than 5,001 tonnes per annum.	\$0.021020	\$1,919
43 - Extractive Industry - 5,001 tonnes or greater	Land used or intended to be used, in whole or in part, for the purpose of conducting an industry which may involve dredging, excavating, quarrying, sluicing, or other mode of winning materials from the earth (other than mining authorised by a Mining Lease) classified under Schedule 2, Part 4 of the Environmental Protection Regulation 2019 for production of 5,001 tonnes or greater per annum.	\$0.090636	\$13,859
44 - Industrial and Commercial Business - Locality of Dalby	Land used or intended to be used in whole or in part, for any industrial or commercial purpose, other than a shopping centre, in the Locality of Dalby.	\$0.022100	\$1,975
45 - Industrial and Commercial Business - Localities of Bell, Jandowae, Tara or Wandoan	Land used or intended to be used in whole or in part, for any industrial or commercial purpose, other than a shopping centre, in the Locality of Bell, Jandowae, Tara or Wandoan.	\$0.011404	\$1,126
46 - Industrial and Commercial Business - Other Localities	Land used or intended to be used in whole or in part, for any industrial or commercial purpose, other than a shopping centre, in localities not identified in category 44, 45 and 47.	\$0.006684	\$1,007
47 - Industrial and Commercial Business – Localities of Chinchilla or Miles	Land used or intended to be used in whole or in part, for any industrial or commercial purpose, other than a shopping centre, in the localities of Chinchilla or Miles	\$0.021720	\$1,490
50 - Abattoir	Land used or intended to be used, in whole or in part as an abattoir approved or requiring approval by Council or licensed or requiring licensing as an Environmentally Relevant Activity.	\$0.013968	\$1,900
52 - Hydrogen Production Facility	Land used or intended to be used, in whole or in part, as a hydrogen production facility.	\$0.103520	\$74,447
78 - Multi-Use Renewable Energy Facility	Land used, in whole or in part for the generation of energy: (a) from at least one renewable resource that is connected to the main power grid and has capacity to store renewable energy on the same parcel of land; or (b) from more than one renewable resource that are connected to the main power grid. Note: Generation of energy for the landowner's own use is not included in this definition.	\$0.109840	\$38,624
79 - Renewable Energy Solar Facility	Land used, in whole or in part for the generation of energy: (a) from a solar farm that is connected to the main power grid; or (b) for any purpose ancillary to or associated with (a). Note: Generation of energy for the landowner's own use is not included in this definition.	\$0.109840	\$76,888
80 – Renewable Energy Wind Facility	Land used, in whole or in part for the generation of energy: (a) from a wind farm that is connected to the main power grid; or (b) for any purpose ancillary to or associated with (a). Note: Generation of energy for the landowner's own use is not included in this definition.	\$0.071074	\$31,244
87 - Battery Storage Facility	Land used or intended to be used, in whole or in part, to store energy by means of one (1) or more battery energy storage systems that: (a) is/are connected to the main power grid; and (b) has/have the capacity to store at least one (1) megawatt of power; and (c) which is not co-located on land being used as a Renewable Energy Solar Facility (79) or Renewable Energy Wind Facility (80).	\$0.143668	\$37,174
95 - Shopping Centres - Less than 5,000m2	Land used or intended to be used for a Shopping Centre that has a total centre area less than 5,000 square metres.	\$0.023232	\$50,211
96 - Shopping Centres - 5,000m2 to less than 10,000m2	Land used or intended to be used for a Shopping Centre that has a total centre area of at least 5,000 square metres and less than 10,000 square metres.	\$0.038876	\$111,993
97 - Shopping Centres - 10,000m2 or greater	Land used or intended to be used for a Shopping Centre that has a total centre area of 10,000 square metres or greater.	\$0.045768	\$222,076

RATE CODE 3 – AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES			
Category Code	Description	Rate in \$ p.a.	Min Rate p.a.
2 - Rural	Land used or intended to be used for rural purposes, is not otherwise categorised under Rate Code 3 - Agricultural Industries or Rate Code 4 - Other Intensive Businesses and Industries and which has an area not less than fifty (50) hectares.	\$0.002692	\$1,123
20 - Cattle Feedlot - 501 SCU to 1,000 SCU	Land used or intended to be used, in whole or in part, as a cattle feedlot requiring approval by Council or requiring licensing as an Environmentally Relevant Activity and having an approved capacity of at least 501 SCU but not greater than 1,000 SCU.	\$0.002906	\$1,611
21 - Cattle Feedlot - 1,001 SCU to 3,000 SCU	Land used or intended to be used, in whole or in part, as a cattle feedlot requiring approval by Council or requiring licensing as an Environmentally Relevant Activity and having an approved capacity of at least 1,001 SCU but not greater than 3,000 SCU.	\$0.002906	\$4,023

RATE CODE 3 – AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES continued			
Category Code	Description	Rate in \$ p.a.	Min Rate p.a.
22 - Cattle Feedlot - 3,001 SCU to 10,000 SCU	Land used or intended to be used, in whole or in part, as a cattle feedlot requiring approval by Council or requiring licensing as an Environmentally Relevant Activity and having an approved capacity of at least 3,001 SCU but not greater than 10,000 SCU.	\$0.002906	\$7,083
23 - Cattle Feedlot - 10,001 SCU to 20,000 SCU	Land used or intended to be used, in whole or in part, as a cattle feedlot requiring approval by Council or requiring licensing as an Environmentally Relevant Activity and having an approved capacity of at least 10,001 SCU but not greater than 20,000 SCU.	\$0.002906	\$28,389
24 - Cattle Feedlot - 20,001 SCU to 30,000 SCU	Land used or intended to be used, in whole or in part, as a cattle feedlot requiring approval by Council or requiring licensing as an Environmentally Relevant Activity and having an approved capacity of at least 20,001 SCU but not greater than 30,000 SCU.	\$0.002906	\$43,936
25 - Cattle Feedlot - 30,001 SCU to 40,000 SCU	Land used or intended to be used, in whole or in part, as a cattle feedlot requiring approval by Council or requiring licensing as an Environmentally Relevant Activity and having an approved capacity of at least 30,001 SCU but not greater than 40,000 SCU.	\$0.002906	\$67,588
26 - Cattle Feedlot - 40,001 SCU or greater	Land used or intended to be used, in whole or in part, as a cattle feedlot requiring approval by Council or requiring licensing as an Environmentally Relevant Activity and having an approved capacity of 40,001 SCU or greater.	\$0.002906	\$92,934
40 - Piggery - 1,500 SPU to 5,000 SPU	Land used or intended to be used, in whole or in part, as a piggery requiring approval by Council or requiring licensing as an Environmentally Relevant Activity and having an approved capacity of at least 1,500 SPU but not greater than 5,000 SPU.	\$0.002692	\$1,611
41 - Piggery - 5,001 SPU to 10,000 SPU	Land used or intended to be used, in whole or in part, as a piggery requiring approval by Council or requiring licensing as an Environmentally Relevant Activity and having an approved capacity of at least 5,001 SPU but not greater than 10,000 SPU.	\$0.002692	\$2,092
42 - Piggery - 10,001 SPU to 20,000 SPU	Land used or intended to be used, in whole or in part, as a piggery requiring approval by Council or requiring licensing as an Environmentally Relevant Activity and having an approved capacity of at least 10,001 SPU but not greater than 20,000 SPU.	\$0.002692	\$4,023
43 - Piggery - 20,001 SPU to 50,000 SPU	Land used or intended to be used, in whole or in part, as a piggery requiring approval by Council or requiring licensing as an Environmentally Relevant Activity and having an approved capacity of at least 20,001 SPU but not greater than 50,000 SPU.	\$0.002692	\$12,219
44 - Piggery - 50,001 SPU or greater	Land used or intended to be used, in whole or in part, as a piggery requiring approval by Council or requiring licensing as an Environmentally Relevant Activity and having an approved capacity of 50,001 SPU or greater.	\$0.002692	\$50,690
48 - Poultry Farm - Up to 200,000 Birds	Land used or intended to be used, in whole or in part, for poultry farming requiring approval by Council or requiring licensing as an Environmentally Relevant Activity and having an approved capacity of 200,000 birds or less.	\$0.002692	\$8,411
49 - Poultry Farm - 200,001 Birds or greater	Land used or intended to be used, in whole or in part, for poultry farming requiring approval by Council or requiring licensing as an Environmentally Relevant Activity and having an approved capacity of 200,001 birds or greater.	\$0.002692	\$12,805
50 - Intensive Animal	Land used or intended to be used, in whole or part, for the purpose of Intensive Animal requiring approval by Council or requiring licensing as an Environmentally Relevant Activity not categorised or otherwise defined in Agricultural Categories, Rate Code 3, categories 3/20 to 3/49.	\$0.002692	\$1,687
70 - Land Subject to a Permit to Occupy	Land subject to a Permit to Occupy with a land area less than one (1) hectare intended to be used for agricultural or commercial purposes.	\$0.044304	\$1,123

RATE CODE 4 – OTHER INTENSIVE BUSINESSES AND INDUSTRIES			
Category	Description	Rate in \$ p.a.	Min Rate p.a.
1 - Petroleum Lease - Gas	Petroleum Leases issued for the extraction of gas.	\$2.427934	\$85,368
5 - Petroleum Lease - Petroleum/Shale Crude Oil - less than 10 wells	Petroleum Leases issued for the production of petroleum/shale crude oil within Council's local government area, with less than ten (10) wells as at 30 June 2025.	\$0.044204	\$6,881
6 - Petroleum Lease - Petroleum/Shale Crude Oil - 10 to 19 wells	Petroleum Leases issued for the production of petroleum/shale crude oil within Council's local government area, with at least ten (10) wells and no greater than nineteen (19) wells as at 30 June 2025.	\$1.303360	\$34,365
7 - Petroleum Lease - Petroleum/Shale Crude Oil - 20 to 29 wells	Petroleum Leases issued for the production of petroleum/shale crude oil within Council's local government area, with at least twenty (20) wells and no greater than twenty-nine (29) wells as at 30 June 2025.	\$1.468992	\$113,396
8 - Petroleum Lease - Petroleum/Shale Crude Oil - 30 wells or greater	Petroleum Leases issued for the production of petroleum/shale crude oil within Council's local government area, with at least thirty (30) wells as at 30 June 2025.	\$1.470714	\$226,818
10 - Petroleum Other - Less than 400 HA	Land with an area less than 400 hectares, used or intended to be used, in whole or in part, and whether predominantly or not, for: (a) gas and/or oil extraction; and/or (b) processing of gas and/or oil; and/or (c) transportation of gas and/or oil by pipeline; or (d) for any purpose ancillary to or associated with (a) to (c), including water storage, compressor stations, or block valves.	\$0.131516	\$62,852
11 - Petroleum Other - 400 HA or greater	Land with an area 400 hectares or greater, used or intended to be used, in whole or in part, and whether predominantly or not, for: (a) gas and/or oil extraction; and/or (b) processing of gas and/or oil; and/or (c) transportation of gas and/or oil by pipeline; or (d) for any purpose ancillary to or associated with (a) to (c), including water storage, compressor stations or block valves.	\$0.029072	\$84,208
15 - Coal Fired Power Station	Land used or intended to be used, in whole or in part, for: (a) the generation of electricity by a coal fired power station; and/or (b) transmission of electricity from a coal fired power station; and/or (c) any purpose ancillary to or associated with (a) or (b).	\$0.810332	\$680,677
20 - Gas Fired Power Station - Less than 50 MW	Land used or intended to be used, in whole or in part, for: (a) the generation of electricity by a gas fired power station with an output capacity of less than fifty (50) megawatts; and or (b) transmission of electricity from a gas fired power station with an output capacity of less than fifty (50) megawatts; and or (c) for any purpose ancillary to or associated with (a) or (b).	\$0.627330	\$13,071

RATE CODE 4 – OTHER INTENSIVE BUSINESSES AND INDUSTRIES Continued			
Category	Description	Rate in \$ p.a.	Min Rate p.a.
21 - Gas Fired Power Station - At least 50 MW to less than 200 MW	Land used or intended to be used, in whole or in part, for: (a) the generation of electricity by gas fired power station with an output capacity of at least fifty (50) megawatts but less than 200 megawatts; and or (b) transmission of electricity from a gas fired power station with an output capacity of at least fifty (50) megawatts or more but lower than 200 megawatts; and or (c) for any purpose ancillary to or associated with (a) or (b).	\$0.279104	\$127,052
22 - Gas Fired Power Station - 200 MW or greater	Land used or intended to be used, in whole or in part, for: (a) the generation of electricity by gas fired power station with an output capacity of 200 megawatts or greater; and or (b) transmission of electricity from a gas fired power station with an output capacity of 200 megawatts or greater; and or (c) for any purpose ancillary to or associated with (a) or (b).	\$2.808480	\$477,149
30 – Future Coal Mining	Land intended to be used, in whole or in part, as a Coal Mine that is: (a) not subject to a Coal Mining Lease; or (b) subject to a Coal Mining Lease but where no mining operations have commenced.	\$0.005402	\$7,934
31 - Coal Mining - 0 to 100 employees	Land used or intended to be used, in whole or in part, as a Coal Mine with less than 101 employees and/or contractors engaged as at 31 December 2025.	\$0.050236	\$65,304
32 - Coal Mining - 101 to 200 employees	Land used or intended to be used, in whole or in part, as a Coal Mine with at least 101 but not greater than 200 employees and/or contractors engaged as at 31 December 2025.	\$0.037712	\$74,294
33 - Coal Mining - 201 employees or greater	Land used or intended to be used, in whole or in part, as a Coal Mine with 201 or greater employees and/or contractors engaged as at 31 December 2025.	\$0.420612	\$112,467
35 - Inoperative Coal Mine	Land used, in whole or in part, as a Coal Mine but coal mining operations have ceased, whether temporarily or permanently, for a period in excess of twelve (12) months.	\$0.081638	\$11,685
40 - Mining Lease (Coal) - 0 to 100 employees	Mining Lease authorising the extraction of coal for a Coal Mine which has less than 101 employees and/or contractors engaged as at 31 December 2025.	\$0.055578	\$65,304
41 - Mining Lease (Coal) - 101 to 200 employees	Mining Lease authorising the extraction of coal for a Coal Mine with at least 101 but less than 201 employees and/or contractors engaged as at 31 December 2025.	\$0.043188	\$74,294
42 - Mining Lease (Coal) - 201 employees or greater	Mining Lease authorising the extraction of coal for a Coal Mine with 201 or greater employees and/or contractors engaged as at 31 December 2025.	\$0.233088	\$112,467
45 - Mining Lease (Inoperative Coal Mine)	Mining Lease, which was used, in whole or in part, for a Coal Mine but upon which coal mining operations have ceased or have been suspended for any reason for a period in excess of twelve (12) months.	\$0.053610	\$11,685
50 - Other Mining	Land used or intended to be used, in whole or in part for the extraction of minerals other than coal (for example Bentonite) excluding quarrying and extractive industries.	\$0.098282	\$16,310
60 - Mining Lease (Other) - Not greater than 100 HA	Mining Lease with an area of 100 hectares or less authorising the extraction of any mineral other than coal (for example, Bentonite).	\$0.026554	\$1,872
61 - Mining Lease (Other) - greater than 100 HA	Mining Lease with an area greater than 100 hectares, authorising the extraction of any mineral other than coal (for example Bentonite).	\$0.109978	\$17,435
84 - Workforce Accommodation - 5 to 10 persons	Land used or intended to be used, in whole or in part, for Workforce Accommodation for at least five (5) but not greater than ten (10) persons.	\$0.120134	\$5,445
85 - Workforce Accommodation - 11 to 100 persons	Land used or intended to be used, in whole or in part, for Workforce Accommodation for at least eleven (11), but not greater than 100 persons.	\$0.240274	\$19,617
86 - Workforce Accommodation - 101 to 300 persons	Land used or intended to be used, in whole or in part, for Workforce Accommodation for at least 101, but not greater than 300 persons.	\$0.326976	\$163,487
87 - Workforce Accommodation - 301 to 500 persons	Land used or intended to be used, in whole or in part, for Workforce Accommodation for at least 301 persons, but not greater than 500 persons.	\$0.326976	\$490,463
88 - Workforce Accommodation - 501 to 900 persons	Land used or intended to be used, in whole or in part, for Workforce Accommodation for at least 501 persons, but not greater than 900 persons.	\$0.326976	\$599,452
89 - Workforce Accommodation - 901 persons or greater	Land used or intended to be used, in whole or in part, for Workforce Accommodation for 901 persons or greater.	\$0.326976	\$1,035,419