



# Somerset Regional Council

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## NOTICE OF OBJECTION AGAINST CATEGORISATION

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### OWNER DETAILS

I/We \_\_\_\_\_ (Owner's Full Name/s)  
 Of \_\_\_\_\_ (Address)

being the owner/s of the land described hereunder give notice that I/We object against the category in which the land has been included in the rate notice issued by the Somerset Regional Council on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_ for the purpose of making and levying differential general rates on the land.

### PARTICULARS OF LAND

Assessment Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Real Property Description of Land: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Land: \_\_\_\_\_

Existing Category: \_\_\_\_\_

My/Our objection is that at the date of the relevant rate notice, the land should, having regard to the criteria adopted by the Somerset Regional Council, have been included in the following category, being a category on the list included with the rate notice other than the one in which it was included.

Category in which I am/We are of the opinion the land should have been included: \_\_\_\_\_

The facts and circumstances in which my/our opinion is based are as follows:

You are required to provide to Council the facts that substantiate your opinion including supporting documentation. The minimum standards for properties used for the business of primary production are provided overleaf.

\_\_\_\_\_  
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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature/s: \_\_\_\_\_

### NOTES:

For this objection to be valid, it must be signed by the owner/s and be posted to or lodged with the Somerset Regional Council within thirty (30) days of the date of issue of the relevant rate notice and addressed to:

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The making of an objection or instituting an appeal in respect of the categorisation of land shall not in the meantime interfere with or affect the payment of rates due and the levy and recovery by the Somerset Regional Council.

**Farming Means-**

- (a) The business or industry of grazing , dairying, pig farming, poultry farming, viticulture, orcharding, apiculture, horticulture, aquiculture, vegetable growing, the growing of crops of any kind, forestry; or
- (b) Any other business or industry involving the cultivation of soils, the gathering in of crops or the rearing of livestock;

If the business or industry represents the dominant use of the land, and –

- (c) Has a substantial commercial purpose or character by –
  - (i) Having an average gross annual return, calculated over a 3 year period, of at least \$5000; or
  - (ii) If the business is the establishment and harvesting of native or non-native forests – having an average anticipated gross annual return, calculated over the period from establishment to harvesting, that is usual for the particular species of tree, of at least \$5000; or
  - (iii) If the business is the maintenance and harvesting of native forests – having an average anticipated gross annual return, calculated over the period from the start of maintenance to harvesting of the particular species of tree, of at least \$5000; or
  - (iv) Having-
    - (A) A minimum value of farm improvements or plantings of forest or orchard trees of \$50,000; and
    - (B) The appearance of being maintained for farming or expenditure on crops, forest trees, maintenance of farm improvements, livestock or orchard trees; and
- (d) Engaged in for the purpose of profit on a continuous or repetitive basis.

“Farm improvements” includes appropriate sheds, other structures, facilities, farm plant and land development for the particular farming business but does not include a dwelling or car accommodation.

**Note:** Land is not exclusively used for purposes of farming if-

- (a) The land is divided into individual lots; and
- (b) There is evidence, including advertising or actual sales, or intention to sell the individual lots.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Applications for Review of Unimproved Value (Primary Producer Status) in terms of Section 17 of the *Valuation of land Act 1944* are available from the Department of Environment & Resource Management on the webpage:- [www.derm.qld.gov.au](http://www.derm.qld.gov.au) or by telephoning the Ipswich office on 07 3884 5300