



1 HEAD OF POWER

- *Local Government Act 2009 (Qld)*
- *Local Government Regulation 2012 (Qld)*
- *Human Rights Act 2019 (Qld)*
- *Statutory Bodies Financial Arrangements Act 1982 (Qld)*
- *Statutory Bodies Financial Arrangements Regulation 2007 (Qld)*
- *Public Records Act 2023 (Qld)*

2 STATEMENT PURPOSE

The purpose of this statement is to inform the community of Council's approach to setting rates, levies, fees, and charges for the financial year, and to meet the requirements of *Section 172* of the *Local Government Regulation 2012 (Qld)*.

3 STATEMENT OBJECTIVE

The objective of this statement is to outline the principles and practices that Council will apply in raising revenue to fund services and infrastructure, ensuring transparency, equity, and compliance with legislative requirements.

4 STATEMENT SCOPE

The revenue statement applies to all revenue-raising activities of Council for the financial year, including the setting of general rates, differential rates, special and separate rates and charges, utility charges, and fees and charges in accordance with relevant legislation.

5 STATEMENT APPLICATION

The revenue statement has been prepared pursuant to *Section 104* of the *Local Government Act 2009 (Qld)* and *Section 169 & 172* of the *Local Government Regulation 201 (Qld)*; which summarises what must be stated in the revenue statement.

5.1.1 RATES & CHARGES

Council's ability to raise general rates is limited within the shire as Council controls the land predominately under a Deed of Grant in Trust (DOGIT) with Council as the trustee. Council is unable to levy general rates based on the unimproved capital value of the land as is the case with all other local governments in Queensland.

Whilst legislation was amended during 2014/15 to allow valuations of properties for rates to be adopted by Council as from 1 July 2016, the implementation of this has been postponed by State Government. Therefore, Council will not charge general rates for 2026/27 financial year.

Council will be guided by the principle of user pays in the making of any charges. Fees and charges are determined by resolution at Council's budget meeting each year.

5.1.2 GENERAL RATES

Not applicable to Pormpuraaw Aboriginal Shire Council. Pormpuraaw Shire does not have any rateable properties.

5.1.3 UTILITY CHARGES

Council has determined that it will make and levy charges for the supply of utilities such as water, sewerage and waste in accordance with the provisions set out in *Section 99* of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

Council has reviewed the cost of providing essential services such as waste, water and sewerage to the community.

Council has applied a fair and consistent process in applying their utility charges to users within the Community. Council has applied an approx. 5% increase to all utility charges (Homeownership Lessees, Residential, Light Commercial/Business and Commercial) for the 2026/27 financial year. The increase to utility charges has been increased at a capped rate of approx. 5%, despite considerable increases in employee wages, contractor labour hire and material increases over the previous financial year which far exceeds a 5% increase. Council is conscious of the impact that increases to our utility charges will have on the local community members and businesses and has decided to cap this increase at the 5%.

Most Commercial/Business entities will fall into the Light Commercial/Business Category, whilst the Health Clinic, School, CEQ Store, Ergon, Qld Police, Telstra & Pormpuraaw United Brothers Sports Club (PUBSC) will fall under the Commercial category for utility charges. Commercial entities with 5 or more sewerage fixtures will be charged the Commercial category for the sewerage utility charge. Council has also adjusted the water usage (kilolitres) allowed in each Commercial category and will be continuing to ensure regular water meter readings are undertaken and businesses/organisations will be charged for any water usage more than their biannual allocation.

There are 22 residential houses within Pormpuraaw that are identified as Homeownership Lessees. The homeownership lease provides an opportunity for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to purchase their own home on Indigenous communal lands. Council has considered Pormpuraaw homeownership lessees economic challenges and ability to pay in the setting of the utility charges. Council has recognised utility charges for Homeownership Lessees that is 50% of the residential charges. The utility charges for the homeownership lessees aligns with what is received for other community social housing.

It is important to note that Council is not at a cost recovery position for the essential services that are provided to the community. The budgets set for the 2026/27 financial year have indicated that Council will need to cover the shortfalls of these essential services to the value of an estimated \$2.0M.

Council continues to bear the cost of other community essential services such as community events, sealing of roads, community hall, street lighting, beach amenities, parks, playgrounds, vandalism and Council administrative costs.

The applicable utility charges for the 2026/27 financial year are as set out below:

5.1.3.1 General Utility Charge including Waste

A bi-annual charge for general utility charges including waste services is made and levied to cover the costs associated with the operation and maintenance of these services. Council has adopted the following general utility charge including waste for 2026/27 financial year:

Category	Class	Biannual Charge 2026/27	% Change from 2025/26
Homeownership Lessee	Per Dwelling	\$638.00	4.9%
Residential	Per Dwelling	\$1,276.00	5.0%
Light Commercial/Business	Per Building	\$3,150.00	5.0%
Commercial	Per Building	\$6,300.00	5.0%

5.1.3.2 Water

Water charges are not based on land values and are therefore made and levied to cover the costs associated with the operation and maintenance of services. Council has adopted the following water utility charge for 2026/27 financial year:

Category	Class	Biannual Charge 2026/27	% Change from 2025/26
Homeownership Lessee	Per Dwelling	\$583.00	5.2%
Residential	Per Dwelling	\$1,166.00	5.1%
Light Commercial/Business	Per Building	\$2,835.00	5.0%
Commercial	Per Building	\$5,670.00	5.0%

The water utility charge for light commercial/business properties is inclusive of 400 kilolitres of water per biannual period and the commercial category is inclusive of 1,200 kilolitres of water per biannual period. Excess usage over this per biannual period will result in an additional charge of \$1.68 per kilolitre. Water meter readings may be undertaken by our essential services staff and a bill will be issued to business users who are consuming more than their allowed usage allocation.

Council continues to closely monitor the daily water usage. This monitoring data paired with the community's commitment to minimising water wastage will be imperative for ensuring the Pormpuraaw community access to adequate water resource volumes in the future. Council is planning to undertake a water audit in the budget year to identify assets that may require replacement to eliminate or minimise water leaks.

5.1.3.3 Sewerage

Sewerage charges are not based on land values and are therefore made and levied to cover the costs associated with the operation and maintenance of these services. Some Commercial entities whilst under the Light Commercial/Business category for other utility charges may fall under the Commercial category for sewerage if they have 5 or more sewerage fixtures in their building. Council has adopted the following sewerage utility charge for the 2026/27 financial year:

Category	Class	Biannual Charge 2026/27	% Change from 2025/26
Homeownership Lessee	Per Dwelling	\$270.50	4.8%
Residential	Per Dwelling	\$541.00	5.1%
Light Commercial/Business	Per Building	\$1,538.00	5.0%
Commercial (5 or more sewerage fixtures)	Per Building	\$3,077.00	5.0%

5.1.4 FEES AND CHARGES

Council's adopted schedule of fees and charges includes a mix of regulatory, and user pays fees and has been determined with reference to the relevant legislation and where applicable recover the cost of performing the function. All fees and charges are detailed in Council's Schedule of Fees & Charges for the 2026/27 financial year.

5.1.5 COMMERCIAL CHARGES

Council has set charges for services and facilities (other than a service or facility for which a cost-recovery fee may be fixed). These charges are commonly referred to as Commercial Charges. Commercial charges are applied to business activities such as: Fuel Depot, Gas, Accommodation, Postal Agency, Admin Store Materials, Plant & Equipment Hire, Private Works and Airport Services. Goods & Services Tax (GST) will be added to commercial charges for the provision of goods and services to which GST is applicable. Most commercial charges are detailed in Council's Schedule of Fees & Charges for the 2026/27 financial year.

6 HUMAN RIGHTS COMPATIBILITY STATEMENT

This policy has been assessed as compatible with Human Rights protected under *the Human Rights Act 2019*.

7 DEFINITIONS

Term	Definition
Council	Porpuraaw Aboriginal Shire Council

8 RELATED POLICIES AND OTHER DOCUMENTS

Policies

- Risk Management Policy
- Revenue Policy
- Fraud & Corruption Policy

Documents

- Adopted Budget
- Schedule of Fees & Charges

9 MONITORING AND REVIEW

This revenue statement will be reviewed annually as part of the budget process in accordance with *Section 169 & 172* of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

10 RESPONSIBILITY

This statement is to be implemented by the CEO; and reviewed and amended by the Executive Manager of Corporate Services in accordance with the monitoring and review requirements listed in the statement.

11 VERSION CONTROL

Version	Details	Resolution No	Date
V1	Developed and adopted	2012/03	01 Mar 2012
V13	Amended and adopted	2024/07/12/04	12 Jul 2024
V14	Amended and adopted	2025/59	25 Jun 2025
V15	Amended for Council Adoption	2026/103	25 Jun 2026