

	POLICY - CONSERVATION COVENANT REBATE	3.3	
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1. OBJECTIVE

This policy outlines the eligibility and guidelines for rate rebate granted on property preserved under Conservation Covenant.

2. SCOPE

Property for which Council receives formal notification by the relevant State Authority, of it being preserved for conservation purposes.

3. DEFINITIONS

Nil.

4. PROCEDURE

Council offer a rate rebate scheme which enables land vegetated, including forest, non-forest and wetlands, which have been covenanted for conservation in perpetuity.

This includes land with conservation covenants for both the Protected Area's on Private Land and the Private Forest Reserves Program.

The rebate offered by Council will be at a rate determined each year in Council's Fees and Charges Schedule for each hectare for covenanted land including a minimum amount. The rebate however will not reduce the rates payable to less than the minimum rate in Council's rates resolution per property, plus the fire levy.

Letters will be sent out annually to ratepayers shortly after sending annual rate notices to advise them of their reduction in rates as part of this policy.

5. IMPLEMENTATION

This policy is current practice, however the minimum rate payable has been adjusted.

6. DELEGATION

This policy is delegated to the Manager Corporate Services.

7. RESPONSIBILITY

This policy is the responsibility of the Manager Corporate Services.

8. REPORTING

Nil.

9. STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

Nil.

10. REFERENCES

Nil.

11. ATTACHMENTS

Nil.