

1. OBJECTIVE

The purpose of the revenue statement is to set out the revenue measures adopted by the Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council (NPARC) to frame the 2024/2025 Budget.

2. RELEVANT LEGISLATION

Section 104 (5)(a)(iv) of the *Local Government Act 2009* and Section 172 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* require the Council to adopt a Revenue Statement for each financial year and to include certain information therein.

The *Local Government Regulation 2012* s169 (2) (b) and s172 require that the revenue statement must state –

1.

- a) If the local government levies differential general rates –
 - i) the rating categories for rateable land in the local government area; and
 - ii) a description of each rating category; and
- b) if the local government levies special rates or charges for a joint government activity – a summary of the terms of the joint government activity; and
- c) if the local government fixes a cost-recovery fee – the criteria used to decide the amount of the cost-recovery fee; and
- d) if the local government conducts a business activity on a commercial basis – the fees the local government receives for the activity.

2. The revenue statement for a financial year must include the following information for the financial year –

- a) An outline and explanation of the measures that the local government has adopted for raising revenue, including an outline and explanation of –
 - i) The rates and charges to be levied in the financial year; and
 - ii) The concessions for rates and charges to be granted in the financial year;
- b) Whether the local government has made a resolution limiting an increase of rates and charges.

3. RATES and CHARGES

Council is required to raise an amount of revenue it sees as being appropriate to maintain assets and provide services to the shire as a whole. However, NPARC is unable to levy general rates based on the unimproved capital value of the land as is the case with all other non-indigenous local governments in Queensland.

NPARC 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 and become effective from 1 July.

The Council expects to marginally increase the operating capability in 2024/2025 to maintain and deliver services to the reasonable expectations of the community.

The Council has not made a resolution limiting an increase of rates and charges.

4. GENERAL RATES

The charging of general rates is not applicable to the Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council.

5. UTILITY CHARGES

The Council has determined that it will make and levy charges for the supply of water, sewerage and cleansing services in accordance with the provisions set out in Section 99 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*. Utility charges have been increased by 7% this financial year.

Utility service charges will be levied in 2024/2025 on properties in relation to:

- Water Supply
- Waste Collection
- Sewerage
- Cleansing

These charges are set to recover the cost of provision of each service including on-going operations and maintenance and are set out in the NPARC Fees and Charges Schedule.

a) Water

Charges are not based on the value of land. They are levied to cover costs associated with the operation, refurbishment and maintenance of services. For premises connected to the Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council Water Scheme, a charge is levied for each classification outlined in Table 1.

Table 1: Water Charging Schedule

No	Category		Charge
1	Residential	Per dwelling	\$10,853
2	Commercial		\$10,853
3	Commercial	Based on consumption greater than 500k/l	\$1.50 per k/l
4	Water / property management system charge		\$118

b) Cleansing

An annual cleansing charge for the purpose of removal and disposal of perishable waste only for the year 2024/2025 will be set at an amount of \$851.00 for a bi-weekly service.

Council has adopted a fee structure that provides a 245 litre Wheelie Bin service to apply on all improved properties for refuse removal and disposal and levied on each separate occupancy (whether occupied or vacant). Additional bin charges per annum will be \$425.50. Where land is for the first time built on during the year, the charge shall be made from the date the structure is occupied, calculated proportionately for the unexpired part of the year.

Charges for commercial and other large facilities will be \$851 per annum.

c) Sewerage

An annual sewerage charge will be made for the cost of supplying a service for the removal of sewerage. For premises connected to the Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council Sewerage Scheme, a charge is levied for each classification outlined in Table 2.

Charges are not based on the value of land. They are levied to cover costs associated with the operation, refurbishment and maintenance of services.

Table 2: Sewerage Charging Schedule

No	Category		Charge
1	Residential	Per dwelling	\$2,443
2	Vacant Land		Nil
3	Commercial/Industrial		\$14,886
4	Additional toilet/ urinal		\$1,221.50

6. FEES AND CHARGES

Council's adopted Fees and Charges Schedule includes a mixture of regulatory and user pays fees. The regulatory charges are identified as such in the Fees and Charges Schedule and have been determined with reference to the relevant legislation and where applicable recover the cost of performing the function.

7. ON COST RATES

Council reviews oncost rates to enable financial recovery for overheads to works and services provided by Council to both its internal and external works.

8. DEPRECIATION

Council has budgeted to fund depreciation on its assets.

9. COST RECOVERY FEES

Council imposes cost recovery fees for services and facilities supplied by it including (among other things) for any entitlement, facility, service or thing supplied, approval, consent, licence, permission, registration or information given, admission to any structure or place, receipt of any application, product or commodity supplied or inspection undertaken. The quantum of each fee reflects as far and as accurately as possible the actual cost of providing these services and facilities. Pursuant to section 97(4) of the *Local Government Act 2009*, cost-recovery fees must not be more than the cost to Council of taking the action for which the fee is charged.

10. INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING

The level of new development occurring is quite limited but Council charges for infrastructure are applied as the opportunity arises. Infrastructure standards tend to be basic in order to encourage development to occur.

11. COMMERCIAL BUSINESS

Council has the power to conduct business activities and make business activity fees for services and facilities it provides on this basis. Business activity fees are made where Council provides a service and the other party to the transaction can choose whether or not to avail itself of the service. Business activity fees are a class of charge, which are purely commercial in application and are subject to the Commonwealth's Goods and Services Tax.