



SINGLE FARM ENTERPRISE EXEMPTION

APPLICATION FORM

Fire Services Property Levy, Municipal Charge and Environmental Levy

Please submit before 31 March

Part A – Information

Where multiple parcels of farm land are used to operate a single farming enterprise, a person may only be required to pay the fixed charge / municipal charge once by applying for the single farming enterprise exemption. To apply, a person must submit this form, completed and signed to the councils where the relevant properties are located. You must notify the councils if the circumstances relating to your application change, as this may affect your eligibility for the exemption.

Part B – Request Details

I, _____ of _____, request that the properties detailed under Part E be considered a single farm enterprise for calculating the Fire Services Property Levy (FSPL) in accordance with the *Fire Services Property Levy Act 2012* and Municipal Charges in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1989*.

Part C – Eligibility Validation

Please tick the appropriate answer to each question relating to the land which forms part of the single farming enterprise:

<p>All of the land is farmland.</p> <p>Farm land is land that is used primarily for grazing (including agistment), dairying, pig-farming, poultry-farming, fish-farming, tree-farming, bee-keeping, viticulture, horticulture, fruit-growing or the growing of crops of any kind or for any combination of those activities. It may include one parcel of land that is the principal place of residence of a person(s) carrying on the single farm enterprise, provided that the principal place of residence is contiguous to farmland.</p> <p><i>* Note: The single farm enterprise exemption can only be claimed in respect of one principal place of residence. Both the fixed and variable components of the FSPL will be levied on any other principal place of residence that is contiguous to farm land forming part of the single farm enterprise.</i></p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>All of the properties are occupied by the same person(s) and are farmed as a single enterprise</p> <p><i>* Note: Each parcel must be used to carry on a single farming enterprise. If the lands are used to operate several different ventures, a separate application is required in respect of each enterprise. A fixed charge and municipal charge will be payable for each venture.</i></p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Each property is used to carry on a single business of primary production that has a significant and substantial commercial purpose or character; and</p> <p>(i) that seeks to make a profit on a continuous or repetitive basis from its activities on the land; and</p> <p>(ii) that is making a profit from its activities on the land, or that has a reasonable prospect of making a profit from its activities on the land if it continues to operate in the way that it is operating.</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p>

If you answered 'No' to any of these questions you are not eligible for the single farming enterprise exemption.

If you answered 'Yes' to all questions proceed to Part D.

Part D – Fire Services Property Levy Fixed Charge and Municipal Charge

Information

- The FSPL fixed charge must be paid on at least one leviable land which forms part of the SFE (the lands do not need to be located in a single council municipality). The fixed charge can only be applied to land containing the principal place of residence of the occupier provided the land has a \$380 fixed charge, unless all lands in the SFE have a residential land use classification.
- The municipal charge must be paid on at least one rateable land within the single farming enterprise in each council.
** Note: Please nominate the property the FSPL fixed charge and municipal charge will be applied by completing Part F. Councils may amend this nomination if a municipal charge has already been applied to a different property in their municipality.*

Part I – Submission		
BY POST: Moira Shire Council PO Box 578 COBRAM VIC 3643	IN PERSON: Moira Shire Council Main Administration Centre 44 Station Street COBRAM VIC 3644	Moira Shire Council Customer Service Centre 100 Belmore Street YARRAWONGA VIC 3730
DEFINITIONS <u>Fire Services Property Levy Act 2012</u> Single farm enterprise means 2 or more parcels of leviable land— (a) which— (i) are farm land ; and (ii) are farmed as a single enterprise; and (iii) are occupied by the same person or persons— whether or not the parcels of land are contiguous or are located in the same municipal district; or (b) which— (i) as to all the properties except one, are farm land farmed as a single enterprise occupied by the same person or persons; and (ii) as to one property contiguous with at least one of the other properties, is the principal place of residence of that person or one of those persons. <u>Valuation of Land Act 1960</u> farm land means any rateable land— (a) that is not less than 2 hectares in area; and (b) that is used primarily for grazing (including agistment), dairying, pig-farming, poultry-farming, fish-farming, tree-farming, bee-keeping, viticulture, horticulture, fruit-growing or the growing of crops of any kind or for any combination of those activities; and (c) that is used by a business— (i) that has a significant and substantial commercial purpose or character; and (ii) that seeks to make a profit on a continuous or repetitive basis from its activities on the land; and (iii) that is making a profit from its activities on the land, or that has a reasonable prospect of making a profit from its activities on the land if it continues to operate in the way that it is operating;		
FURTHER INFORMATION Moira Shire Council will also grant an exemption of the Environmental Levy to eligible single farming enterprise. The Environmental Levy must be paid on at least one rateable land within the single farming enterprise and will be allocated to the same property as the Municipal Charge and Fire Services Property Levy. For more information or assistance in completing this application please contact the Revenue Team at Moira Shire Council on 03 5871 9222 or email info@moira.vic.gov.au .		

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