



# **Rating Year 2024/2025**

# APPLICATION FOR FARMLAND RATING

For land to be categorised as Farmland for rating purposes it must satisfy the criteria as set out in Section 515 of the Local Government Act 1993.

"farm land" means a parcel of rateable land which is valued as one assessment and the dominant use of which is for farming which:-

- (a) has significant and substantial commercial purpose of character; and
- (b) is engaged for the purpose of profit on a continuous or repetitive basis. (whether or not a profit is actually made).

"farming" means the business or industry of grazing, dairying, pig-farming, poultry farming, viticulture, orcharding, beekeeping, horticulture, vegetable growing, the growing of crops of any kind, forestry, or oyster or fish farming within the meaning of the Fisheries and Oyster Farms Act 1935, or any combination of those businesses or industries.

"Commercial-Commerce" means the interchange of goods or commodities especially on a large scale

"Business" means the purchase and sale of goods and services in an attempt to make a profit.

The following questions have been structured to help you provide Council with the information required to evaluate your eligibility to receive Farmland rating. Your assistance in providing as much detail as possible would be appreciated.

The form consists of three parts:-

- (a) Property Information
- (b) Dominant use of the Land
- (c) Significant & Substantial Commercial Purpose or Character

Incomplete application forms will be returned to the applicant. It should be noted that all information contained in the application will be dealt with in the strictest confidence.

"**Drought Relief**" As part of the Farmland Policy Council would assist ratepayer/farmers in relation to rates and charges during the times of a Drought.

"Drought" The definition of drought is a period of below-average precipitation in a given region, resulting in prolonged shortages in the water supply, surface water or ground water. A drought could last for month or years.

To assist Council in determining if an area is in drought access should be made of the Department of Primary Industries website and in particular the Combined Drought Indicator. There are six stages of

















drought and assistance will be made when the indicator shows Camden LGA is in the Intense Drought phase.

Intense Drought is where rainfall, soil water and plant growth are below the 5<sup>th</sup> percentile. Ground cover is very low, soil moister stores are exhausted and rainfall has been minimal over the past 6-12 months.

In the event of an Intense Drought which effects primary producers in the Camden LGA and could continue for extended periods, Council would monitor the impact on individual farmers in relation to loss of stock, and damage to crops.

#### **Procedure**

Council has 30 days to act on receipt of any application. An assessment is made and if an inspection is required, arrangements will be made via telephone to meet and review the details. If approved, Council will notify you in writing and the appropriate adjustment made to your rate account.

Notification will be sent if the application is declined stating the reason why. If you are not in agreement with Council's decision, a written request for a review can be made stating the reasons why. The application will be reviewed again and the property will be inspected.

If you are not satisfied with Councils review of the categorisation you may appeal to the Land & Environment Court of NSW within 30 days. You can contact the court on 02 9113 8200 to find out how to lodge an appeal.

### <u>IMPORTANT</u> - The relevant documentation must be supplied with <u>ALL</u> applications

Type of Farming Copies of documentation to be provided with application

Grazing Copy of NSW Local Land Service Rates Notice

Dairying Copy of license for Dairy Farming with NSW Food Authority

Agistment Copy of agreement/contract showing full details.

Viticulture Proof of registration with the Wine Producers Assoc. or other appropriate body
Horticulture Copy of agreement between grower & trader or statutory declaration indicating

this agreement exists

Nursery products Copy of documentation stating registered nursery

Beekeeping Copy of registration with the NSW Department of Primary Industries

Forestry Copy of private forest approval from the Department of Primary Industries

Fish/Oyster Farming Copy of aquaculture permit from the Department of Primary Industries

Pig Farming Copy of NSW Local Land Service Rates Notice













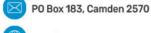




## **PART 1 - PROPERTY INFORMATION**

Include the details of all properties in Camden area that are used in conjunction with each other for farming purposes.

Lot/DP:	
Property Address:	
Total Area of Property:	
Is any part of your property located in the adjoining Council areas?	YES / NO
If yes, please state which Council and the total area in that Council.	
Is there a dwelling on the property?	ES / NO
If yes please state how many dwellings and if they are leased who n	nanages the property.
Is any part of the property not used as part of your farming enterpris	e? YES/NO
If Yes please supply details	
Is the property used for tourist activities/accommodation for Farmsta	
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If yes, how often rooms are available and how often	
Is this property leased? YES/NO	
If yes, name of tenant	
Name and Address of Managing Agent (if applicable)	











## PART 2 - DOMINENT USE OF THE LAND

The information required in this section relates to the type of farming business being undertaken and the area of land dedicated to this production and/or number of livestock held.

### NOTE - IF MORE THAN ONE ACTIVITY IS BEING CARRIED PLEASE LIST ALL DETAILS

#### **GRAZING**

Grazing is defined as - "animals that feed themselves by cropping the grasses or pastures (natural or improved). The word does not include the notion of feeding by eating hay, or any other produce taken from the soil by man.

Please stat	te the percentage in the difference of Supplementary Feeding to Grazing.
Supplemer	ntary Feeding Grazing
Indicate nu	mbers of livestock grazing on the property at the date of this application
CATTLE	NumberBreed
Is the prop	erty registered as a stud for cattle breeding?  YES / NO
What is the	e maximum carrying capacity of stock on the property?
OTHER ST	TOCK e.g. goats, alpacas, lamas, sheep etc
Nur	mberBreed
HORSES (	other than Stud Farms)
Nur	mberUsage (stock, standard bred)
What is the	e maximum carrying capacity of stock on the property?
Do you cor	nduct a breeding program to improve the quality of the stock? YES / NO
Please cor page 5.	mplete the number of stock bought, raised and sold on the "Summary of Stock" table on
AGISTME	NT
Do you per	mit livestock to be agisted on your property?  YES/NO
	vered yes to the above question: v many months each year or for what period?
b. Hov	v much of you land is used for agistment?
c. Wh	at is the agreed amount of income received for agistment?
d. Wh	o tends, cares for and has control of the agisted livestock whilst they are on your land?















DAIRY CATTLE
Number
What is the maximum carrying capacity of stock on the property?
Does the Dairy have a milk quota? YES/NO
If yes please state the details
DAIRY GOATS
Number
How many litres of milk were sold in the 12 months to 30 June this year for the
consumption to market?
What was the average price per litre?
Please complete the number of stock bought, raised and sold on the "Summary of Stock" table on page 5.
PIG FARMING
Please provide details of number of pigs on the property <b>at the time of completing</b> this application.  Sows
Are any of your stock used in medical research? YES/NO
If yes, please give details
Please complete the number of stock bought, raised and sold on the "Summary of Stock" table.















### SUMMARY OF STOCK - HELD FOR THE PREVIOUS FINANCIAL YEAR

	Number of stock purchased	Natural increase / number born	Number of stock sold	Average sale price per head	Stock on hand
Cattle					
Dairy Cattle					
Sheep					
Goats					
Dairy Goats					
Poultry					
Alpacas					
Pigs					
Horses					
Others					

### **POULTRY**

Please provide details listed below (Do not include poultry kept for domestic use)

	Number stock Purchased	Natural increase/number born	Number Sold	Average Price	Stock Hand	on
Free Range Poultry						
Meat Poultry						
	Number Stock Purchased		Number of Eggs Sold	Average Price	Stock Hand	on
Free Range Eggs						















#### **FISH FARMING**

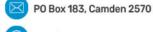
Please provide details of quantity held and sold and any other relevant information to the Aquaculture business being conducted on the subject land.

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	Purchased	Sold	Held
As at last financial year			
As at the time of completing this application			
Other relevant information	tion		
BEEKEEPING			
Please provide the follo	owing details:		
(a) Number of b	peehives in operation an	nd for what periods of the	year
(b) Are beehive	s transferred to other pr	operties during the year	? If so, for what periods?
(c) Provide deta	ails of honey/honey com	b/etc extracted and sold	during previous 12 months
(	i) Honey		
(	ii) Honey comb		
(	iii) Other products		















### **AGRICULTURE**

CROPS/TREES	Specify What Type	Total amount of Produce Sold in the last financial year	Where produce is sold
Fruit Trees			
Vegetables			

# **TURF FARMING**

Type of Turf	Total amount of Produce Sold in the last financial year	Where produce is sold

List any Licenses for Specialised Turf Varieties that you grow:
List any Turf Associations that you are members of:

















### **NURSERIES**

Estimated Quantity of Plants Sold	Estimated Income	Locations where the plants are sold
Are you open to the public or o	nly for wholesale?	
If open to the public what are the	ne hours of trade?	••••••
PART 3 – Significant & Subs	tantial Commercial Purpose o	r Character
Are you a Primary Producer by	the Taxation Department?	YES/NO
Does your farming business ha	ave an A.B.N.?	YES/NO
If yes please supply the number	er	
Details of licences and registra	tions	
What records are kept to subst	antiate the business activity curr	rently being conducted?
, , ,	oduction? - FULL TIME / PA	
ir part time please state approx	rimately how many hours a weel	k you work on the land
Approximately what percentage	e of your household income is d	erived from your farming?
activities?		













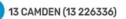


Is the property presently divided into paddocks?	YES / NO
If so, how many	
List farm buildings (e.g. hay shed, machinery shed etc)	
List agricultural equipment held on the property	
If recently purchased please state any proposed change	es that will incur in future years
Additional information (includes any information which y proposed future development, membership to any farmi	









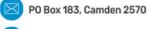






Please provide a sketch of the property layout. For example, house, farming areas, sheds, cro	ops.











# **STATUTORY DECLARATION**

I,of
information submitted in support of this application is true and correct.
Assessment Number/s:
Owner/Applicant Name:
Postal Address:
Occupation: Phone No
I make this solemn declaration according to law and subject to the punishment by law provided for any wilful false statement in any such declaration.
Taken and Declared at)
in the State if New South Wales this)
day of 20 Signature
I certify:
(* include only the text that applies)
1 * I saw the face of the declarant/deponent OR     * I did not see the face of the declarant/deponent because he/she was wearing a face covering, but I am satisfied that he/she had a special justification for not removing it, and
2 * I have known the person for at least 12 months OR  * I have confirmed the person's identity with
Signature of JP Date
OFFICE USE ONLY
DATE RECEIVED RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE/REJECT
If rejected without inspections give a brief reason why
COUNCIL OFFICER NOTIFICATIONS SENT









