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The General Manager  
Narromine Shire Council  
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NARROMINE NSW 2821

**STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL**

**APPLICATION TO HAVE LAND CATEGORISED AS "FARMLAND" UNDER SECTION 515  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1993**

**STATUTORY DECLARATION**

**Assessment Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

I/we do declare that I/we are the registered owner/s of (address) \_\_\_\_\_

I/we wish to have the land referred to in this application categorised as "Farmland" and do solemnly declare and affirm that the following information given to Council in this application is true and correct.

In support of my application, I hereby provide the following information:

Area of property: .....

Name of Property: .....

The land is used and worked by .....

The farming business(es) carried out on this property are/are not business(es) which have been registered with the Australian Taxation Office.

Australian Business Number (ABN) is .....

**Please provide Tax Returns for the last 3 years showing income/loss from farming activities.**

Note: The meaning of "Farmland" in accordance with Section 515 of the Local Government Act, 1993 has no direct relation to the recognition of Primary Production by the Taxation Department.

Is there **is/is not** a residence on the property? YES/NO (Please answer next question if you have answered yes)

This residence is occupied on a permanent basis by - The Owners/Tenants

Other buildings and structures on the land which are used in conjunction with the farming business include

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My/our main occupation is .....

The percentage of the land is used for:

- a) Residential purposes..... %
- b) Farmland activities..... %
- c) Unused land (i.e.: timbered)..... %
- d) Commercial activities.....%

Is other farming land used in conjunction with this property for the farming business?  
Yes/No (If Yes please provide details)

Owned By .....

Property Description (Lot/DP).....

.....Area.....

**FARMING BUSINESS(S) CARRIED OUT ON THE LAND**

The dominant use of the property is for the business of farming which has a significant and substantial commercial purpose or character, and is engaged in for profit on a continuous or repetitive basis.

- Grazing
- Cereal cropping
- Poultry farming
- Animal feedlots
- Aquaculture
- Horticulture
- Dairying
- Forestry
- Pig farming
- Bee-keeping
- Viticulture
- Orchardring
- Market Gardening
- Other

This is supported by the Profit & Loss results for the Business(es) over the previous three (3) years.

YEAR	PROFIT & LOSS RESULTS

**Grazing / Dairying / Pig farming / Poultry farming / Animal Feedlots**

Please provide numbers and types of livestock which are grazed on the property over a 12 month period.

Type of Livestock	Present Number held	Stock purchased in last 12 months	Stock sold in last 12 months	Natural increases (i.e.: breeding)
Cattle				
Sheep				
Pigs				
Horses				
Goats				

Produce	Yield	Sales
Wool		
Milk		
Eggs		

Other details .....

Is the property used for agistment? Yes/No (If yes detail number and types of stock below)

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Who tends for and controls the agisted stock?.....

Have Stock Returns been filed with the Department of Primary Industry & Local Land Services? YES/NO

If yes, please supply copies of the returns for the last three (3) years.

**Cropping / Market Gardening / Orchardng / Viticulture / Horticulture  
 / Aquaculture / Forestry**

Please list the types of crops and/or produce grown on the property indicating the number of hectares under crop/market gardening and the average annual yield.

Crop/Produce Grown	Area under crop (ha)	Yield	Sales

### Orcharding / Viticulture / Forestry

Please list the types of trees and/or vines grown on the property indicating the number and the average annual yield.

Type of trees/vines	No of trees/vines	Yield	Sales

Other details .....

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### BEEKEEPING

Is the honey extracted on the property? YES/NO

Are the beehives registered with the Department of Agriculture in accordance with provisions? YES/NO

<b>Number of Hives</b>	
<b>Total Honey Extracted</b>	
<b>Total Sales</b>	
<b>Beeswax Sales</b>	

### Other Farming Activities

Listed below is the agricultural equipment and machinery held on the property which is used to carry out farming activities:

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The improvements which I/we have made to the land which relate to the farming business (e.g. fencing, pasture improvements, water etc.) include:

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Please include details of any other activities which could be beneficial to your application (i.e. including future developments, crop improvement plans etc.)

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Please Note: To assist Council in determining this application, an inspection of your property may be warranted. Council staff will contact you to arrange a suitable time if an inspection is required.

Privacy Statement
Personal information collected as a result of this application will only be used for the purpose of assessing your rate categorisation under section 515 of the <i>Local Government Act, 1993</i> and will not be used for any other purpose, or disclosed to any person, unless required by law to do so, or authorised to do so by the person to whom that personal information relates. Privacy will be maintained in accordance with the <i>NSW Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998</i> .

INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICANTS
Incomplete or illegible applications will not be accepted and will be returned to you.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Please address your application to: The General Manager</li><li>• Lodgement details:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ By email – to <a href="mailto:mail@narromine.nsw.gov.au">mail@narromine.nsw.gov.au</a></li><li>○ By mail – Narromine Shire Council, PO Box 115, Narromine NSW 2821</li><li>○ By fax – 02 6889 9998</li><li>○ In person – Customer Service &amp; Payments Centre, 118 Dandaloo St, Narromine</li><li>○ Council's opening hours are 8.30am ~ 5.00pm Monday to Friday</li></ul></li></ul>



Relevant Legislation – *Local Government Act, 1993*

### **Section 514 - Categorisation of land for purposes of ordinary rates**

Before making an ordinary rate, the council must have declared each parcel of rateable land in its area to be within one or other of the following categories:

- farmland
- residential
- mining
- business.

**Note :** Land falls within the “business” category if it cannot be categorised as farmland, residential or mining. The main land uses that will fall within the “business” category are commercial and industrial.

### **Section 515 - Categorisation as farmland**

(1) Land is to be categorised as "**farmland**" if it is a parcel of rateable land valued as one assessment and its dominant use is for farming (that is, the business or industry of grazing, animal feedlots, dairying, pig-farming, poultry farming, viticulture, orcharding, bee-keeping, horticulture, vegetable growing, the growing of crops of any kind, forestry or aquaculture within the meaning of the [Fisheries Management Act 1994](#) , or any combination of those businesses or industries) which:

- (a) has a significant and substantial commercial purpose or character, and
  - (b) is engaged in for the purpose of profit on a continuous or repetitive basis (whether or not a profit is actually made).
- (2) Land is not to be categorised as farmland if it is rural residential land.
- (3) The regulations may prescribe circumstances in which land is or is not to be categorised as farmland.