



RATEABLE PROPERTIES WITH ENVIRONMENT COVENANTS POLICY

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1 PURPOSE

This policy documents Council's position in relation to rates rebates, waivers and reductions for properties that have conservation covenants over their title.

2 SCOPE

The policy applies to all rateable land located in the municipality.

3 POLICY

Council does not apply rates rebates, waivers, or reductions to properties with environmental covenants placed over their title.

Council does support and will arrange, upon application, having a supplementary valuation undertaken to ascertain whether the covenant impacts the value of the property, and subsequently the rates leviable.

4 DEFINITIONS OF TERMS OR ABBREVIATIONS USED

Term	Definition
Conservation covenant	A conservation covenant that is a voluntary, permanent, legally-binding agreement placed on a property's title to ensure native vegetation on the property is protected forever.

5 HUMAN RIGHTS STATEMENT

It is considered that this policy does not impact negatively on any rights identified in the Charter of Human Rights Act. Loddon Shire Council is committed to consultation and cooperation between management and employees. The Council will formally involve elected employee Health and Safety Representatives in any workplace change that may affect the health and safety of any of its employees.

6 REVIEW

The Manager Financial Services will review this policy for any necessary amendments no later than 4 years after adoption of this current version.