

Stormwater Levy Exemption and Discount Criteria

The following terms and conditions apply to Fairfield City Council's Stormwater Levy Exemption and Discount Criteria and Application. The applicant should read and understand both documents before completing and forwarding their signed application to Fairfield City Council.

Stormwater Levy Exemptions and Discounts

Landowners seeking exemption or discount from the Stormwater Levy should assess their situation in relation to the criteria detailed below.

Where landowners believe the land is eligible for an exemption or discount, they should lodge an application with Fairfield City Council on the “**Stormwater Levy Exemption & Discount Application**”.

Pensioner discounts have been applied according to current information held by Council. Should information require updating, please contact Council with the required proof of eligibility.

For land to be considered for *exemption* it must fall within one of the Exemption categories (listed below).

For land to be considered for *discount* the site must have installed a device that reduces the impact of stormwater on the public stormwater management system. These devices are referred to as “stormwater management devices” and would include measures that reduce the quantity of stormwater or improve the quality of the stormwater being discharged from the site.

The most frequently installed device for residential land is a rainwater tank. Large scale rainwater tanks and other devices may also be suitable for commercial or industrial land.

Infiltration trenches or “rubble pits” that were installed prior to **2006** are not eligible for a discount or exemption.

General Exemptions

The following land is exempt from the Stormwater Levy in accordance with the Local Government Act.

- The Parcel of land is Vacant Land.
- Land owned by the Crown.
- Land owned under lease the Housing Act 2001 or The Aboriginal Housing Act 1998.
- Land exempt for rating purposes including schools, churches or hospitals.
- Land where Council does not provide a system to dispose of stormwater.
E.g. where stormwater is discharged directly to a water body Council does not manage.

Special Exemptions

- Non Urban Land
- Landowner has entered into a partnership with Council to provide stormwater management systems in the public stormwater or creek system.

Special Discounts

➤ Pensioner Discount

Pensioners eligible for a discount under the existing land rate discount provisions are eligible for a discount from the Stormwater Levy. This discount has been included when the levy was determined.

Residential – Ordinary Discount = 40% (\$10.00)
Residential – Strata Discount = 40% (\$5.00)

➤ Stormwater Management Devices

• Residential - Ordinary (excluding strata properties)

Residential properties having installed a rainwater tank of at least 4,000 litres and have the tank connected for reuse on site.

Discount = 100% (\$25.00)

• Business - Ordinary

Small Business – Ordinary (Sites up to 350m² in land area.)

- Have installed a rainwater tank with at least 4,000 litres capacity that is connected for reuse of this water on site.
- Have installed a stormwater quantity or quality treatment system approved by Council.

Discount = 100% (\$25)

Medium Business – Ordinary (Sites between 351 m² and 2,100 m²)

- Have installed a rainwater tank with at least 7,000 litres capacity that is connected for reuse of this water on site.
- Have installed a stormwater quantity or quality treatment system approved by Council

Discount = 100% (\$50)

Large Business – Ordinary (Sites between 2,101m² and 21,000m²)

- Have installed a rainwater tank with at least 20,000 litres capacity that is connected for reuse of this water on site.
- Have installed a stormwater quantity or quality treatment system approved by Council.

Discount = 100% (\$200)

Larger Business – Ordinary (Sites 21,001m² and above)

- Have installed a rainwater tank with at least 100,000 litres capacity that is connected for reuse of this water on site.
- Have installed a stormwater quantity or quality treatment system approved by Council.

Discount = 100% (\$3,000)

All systems must remain connected and maintained in working order at all times

Appeals

All appeals against the implementation of the Stormwater Levy will require the landowner to complete and lodge the “**Stormwater Levy Exemption & Discount Application**” and forward it to Fairfield City Council.