
Community Housing Rent Policy

CONTROL:

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Authorised by:	Council
Head of Power:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Government Act 2009;and • Housing Regulations 2003.
Responsible Officer:	Corporate and Community Manager
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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 PURPOSE:

Council has responsibility under the Housing Regulation 2003 to maintain a rent policy for community housing properties that establishes criteria and procedures relating to rent that includes -

- setting the amount of rent;
- calculating rent payments;
- collecting rent; and
- managing rent arrears.

1.2 POLICY OBJECTIVES:

The Policy objective is to ensure legislative compliance and best practice in the management of community housing rental.

1.3 COMMENCEMENT OF POLICY:

This Policy will commence on adoption.

1.4 SCOPE:

The purpose of this policy is to provide a framework for the management of rent for community housing in the Diamantina Shire that is managed by the Diamantina Shire Council.

2. POLICY

2.1 CONTEXT:

The context of this Policy aims to ensure a clear and concise approach is undertaken in respect to community housing rent management and that procedures remain current and in line with best practice.

2.2 POLICY STATEMENT:

Council adopts the Department of Housing and Public Works - Housing Services, "Community Housing Rent Policy" as amended from time to time, as its Community Housing Rent Policy.

If this policy conflicts in any part with Council's Housing Policy then the Community Housing Rent Policy will prevail to the extent of the inconsistency.


3. REFERENCE AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 DEFINITIONS:

To assist in interpretation, the following definitions shall apply:

Word / Term	Definition
Council	Means Diamantina Shire Council.

3.2 RELATED POLICIES, LEGISLATION AND DOCUMENTS:

Links to supporting documentation
<p>Department of Housing and Public Works - Housing Services, "Community Housing Rent Policy" September 2013 as amended. Link below.</p> <p>http://www.hpw.qld.gov.au/aboutus/ReportsPublications/FormsTemplates/Pages/CommunityHousingProviders.aspx</p> <p> CommunityHousing RentPolicy2013.pdf</p>
Section 17 - Housing Regulations 2003.

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