



Overall Plan – Feral Animal Management 2020-21

1.0 Legislative Authority

Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulation 2012

2.0 Background

The *Local Government Regulation 2012* imposes a requirement on Council to publish an Overall Plan which clearly establishes the principles used by Council levying Special rates or charges.

Council, by resolution to levy special rates or charges must identify:-

- The rateable land to which the special rates or charges apply; and
- The overall plan for the service, facility or activity to which the special rates or charges apply.

The Overall Plan is a document that:-

- Describes the service, facility or activity; and
- Identifies the rateable land to which the special rates or charges apply; and
- States the estimated cost of carrying out the overall plan; and
- States the estimated time for carrying out the overall plan.

3.0 Policy Principles

3.1 The levying of Special Rates and Charges

Feral Animal Management

Council will levy a special rate on all rateable assessments in Rating Categories Cat 100, 79,80,81 and all properties > or = 1000 Hectares in Cat 200 and Cat 300 within the Balonne Shire Council boundary. Council, at its budget meeting will set an annual rate in the dollar on the land valuation. Funds raised from the special rate, will be applied toward the continued operation of Feral Animal Management services or activities in the Shire. Interest will be charged on overdue balances and retained by the Balonne Shire Council to offset the cost of debt recovery. The estimated cost for Feral Animal Management in 2020-21 is approximately \$400,000.00. The estimated time for implementing the overall plan is 1 (one) year commencing 1 July 2020 and ending 30 June 2021. Council adopted its Biosecurity Plan to replace its weed and pest management plans. The Feral Animal Management special rate will be reviewed and monitored as Council completes the roll out of funding and special rate scheme for Wild Dog Exclusion Fencing across the Shire.

3.0 Related Documents

Revenue Statement 2020-21

Budget 2020-21