

This factsheet provides information about the importance of local development and is committed to creating temporary incentives to stimulate development and grow the population.

The South Burnett Regional Council recognises the importance of local development and is committed to creating temporary incentives to stimulate development and grow the population.

To assist with this, Council is offering reduced infrastructure charges for developments where certain criteria can be met.

Council is also committed to ongoing improvements in planning and development services, aimed at reducing the risk to developers.

Government stimulus packages have also created potential demand for house and land buyers, so Council seeks to tap into this opportunity and remove possible barriers within the region.

### **Incentives for eligible development.**

Council has introduced incentives to assist developments that grow the population and create jobs.

To do this, Council is offering a development incentive scheme commencing 1 January 2026 to 31 December 2027.

A range of discounts to infrastructure charges are available as follows:

- 50% discount for any commercial use or industrial activity;
- 50% discount for long term employment generating development;
- 50% discount for reconfiguring a lot for residential development;
- 50% discount for residential development (excluding in the rural residential zone);
- 50% discount for residential development in the rural residential zone.
- 50% discount for rural or tourist activity (e.g., short term accommodation) in the rural zone.

### **How to apply for incentives.**

To be eligible for the discounts available, it is necessary to make a simple and quick application to Council. The application form can be found on our website.

Eligible development under this scheme is required to be substantially commenced by 31 December 2027. Please refer to the rules and procedures attached to the application form.

Persons seeking to take advantage of the scheme are required to enter into an infrastructure agreement containing full details of the discount-together with the obligations applicable to developers and landowners.

### **Other ways Council is helping.**

- Pre-lodgement meetings provided free of charge;
- Planning scheme reduced levels of assessment and typically no application requirements for changes of use in existing commercial uses;
- Rates relief on undeveloped lots. Developers receive a 40% reduction in their valuation, with no minimum general rate until the parcel is developed or ownership changes. General rate is calculated using the reduced valuation;
- Developers receive an exemption from vacant water and sewerage charges for five (5) years from date of registration of land or until the allotment is sold.

Council has also introduced a policy that offers reduced infrastructure charges to certain not for profit and community groups when developing their facilities. Council recognises the importance of these community groups and seeks to lower the barriers for them to grow and expand our region.

### **For further information**

You can contact Council for further information about making an application in any of the following ways:

- ✉ South Burnett Regional Council  
PO Box 336  
KINGAROY QLD 4610
- ☎ (07) 4189 9100
- @ [info@sbrc.qld.gov.au](mailto:info@sbrc.qld.gov.au)
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