

ROCKHAMPTON REGION GROWTH INCENTIVES



Stimulating development
within the Rockhampton Region

Rockhampton
Regional Council



Growing the Rockhampton Region

The Rockhampton Region is on the brink of an explosion.

Not the scary kind that we should run and hide from but the kind which suddenly brings to fruition our dreams and hopes - the growth that we have been planning for, for the past decade.

And we invite you to share the journey with us.

Enclosed within these pages are generous concessions which span the length of our Rockhampton Region boundaries.

These concessions come at a real cost to our budget - but we are mindful that you need encouragement to grow your business as well. Please take advantage of the opportunity we offer and reward our community with the growth and job opportunities that they so richly deserve.

Cr Margaret Strelow
Mayor, Rockhampton Region

Highlights

- All non-residential development across the Region can be eligible for a 50% discount;
- Residential development within the Inner City North Cultural Special Use Precinct can be eligible for a 50% discount;
- Applies to applications lodged from 1 December 2013 to 30 June 2017; and
- Development must be within a Priority Infrastructure Area.



Rockhampton Region



→ Central

Rockhampton and Gracemere are centrally located to major coal, LNG and infrastructure developments occurring across Central Queensland. The Bowen, Surat and Galilee coal basins are all within 500 km of Rockhampton, making the Region an ideal logistics and services hub for the resources sector. The Rockhampton Region also provides a higher-order retail, services, health and education centre for the wider Central Queensland Region.

→ Competitive

The Rockhampton Region offers significant competitive advantages for new and growing businesses. Rockhampton has lower labour and property costs as well as lower cost of living than comparable regional Queensland cities.

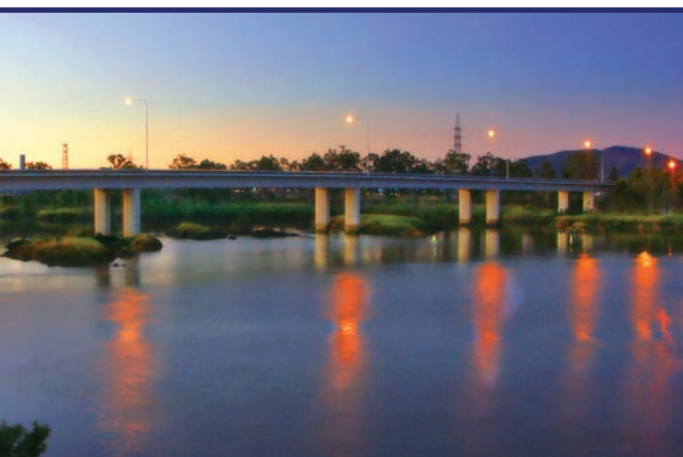
→ Progressive

Major infrastructure investments are being made by the Queensland and Australian Governments, including the recently completed Gracemere Overpass and Yeppen North projects. The \$300 million Yeppen South project has commenced and when completed will significantly improve the flood immunity of the Bruce Highway into and through Rockhampton. A \$324 million redevelopment of the Rockhampton Base Hospital is also nearing completion.

The Rockhampton Region has experienced strong residential and commercial development in recent years and Council is continuing to proactively invest in infrastructure that supports growth and particularly development of the Gracemere Industrial Area.

→ Focused

Supporting commercial and industrial development that generates new investment and employment in the Region is a high priority for Rockhampton Regional Council. That priority is manifested in Council's own investment in infrastructure and in its Development Incentive Policy.



Incentives Policy



Development Incentives Policy

The purpose of Council's Development Incentives Policy is to provide tangible financial and non-financial support for commercial and industrial developments that will deliver significant and sustainable growth, diversity and value-adding that is aligned to Council's planning and economic objectives.

The Development Incentives Policy is a discretionary scheme which seeks to attract and support projects that will deliver the greatest economic benefits to the Rockhampton Regional Council area. The Development Incentives program does not replace the function or application of Adopted Infrastructure Charges Resolution (No.5) 2015.

Qualifying Developments

The incentives apply to development applications received by Council from 1 December 2013 and only to developments within Council's Priority Infrastructure Area.

The policy applies to development applications made between 1 December 2013 and 30 June 2017. Developments must be completed within three years of the development application being approved by Council.

The policy applies to developments making a material change of use or carrying out building works that are consistent with the applicable planning schemes for an eligible use. Eligible uses are generally commercial or industrial and typically eligible uses include industry, retail shops, offices, medical centres, showrooms, restaurants, education facilities, cinemas and indoor sport and recreation facilities.

To be eligible, the applicant must demonstrate that significant capital investment is being made in the development and the development will provide new permanent employment after the construction stage is complete.





Policy Focus

The focus of the Development Incentives Policy is on development that will:

- Create new jobs and investment;
- Value-add through enhanced service delivery or supply chains;
- Generate growth within identified strategic industrial and commercial locations, including high density residential areas; and
- Diversify and make the local economy more sustainable.

It is not the purpose of the Development Incentives Policy to enhance the viability of marginal and/or speculative development. As a discretionary scheme, Council reserves the right to approve or refuse applications made under the Development Incentives Policy at its sole discretion.

To qualify for the Development Incentives Program there must be a separate application to Council. Developers that believe they may be eligible for assistance under the program are encouraged to apply and assistance will be provided to complete the application if required. All relevant application forms and information is available on Council's website at www.rockhamptonregion.qld.gov.au.



PART 1 Infrastructure Concessions



Infrastructure Charge Concessions

The purpose of Part 1 of the policy is to provide a concession or discount for infrastructure charges as an incentive for particular developments that will deliver significant and sustainable economic development and growth outcomes for the Rockhampton Region.

The maximum concessions on payment of infrastructure charges are:

Location	Maximum Concession
Residential development within Inner City North Cultural Special Use Precinct	50%
Non-residential development throughout the Region (within Council's Priority Infrastructure Area)	50%

Further incentives are also available for developments within the Rockhampton CBD Precincts 1 and 2. Please visit www.rockhamptonregion.qld.gov.au for further information or call Council on 07 4932 9000 or 1300 22 55 77.



PART 2 General Incentives



General Incentives

The purpose of Part 2 of the policy is to provide for a range of general incentives and concessions, at the discretion of Council, as further incentives and support for development. The aim of the general incentives program is to reduce fees and processing times for applications lodged with Council.

The same eligibility criteria apply to Parts 1 and 2 of the policy. Developments consistent with the planning schemes may be considered when assessing applications for general incentives under Part 2 of the policy.

It is recognised that the process of obtaining development approvals for significant projects can be complex. Council is committed to facilitating development that meets the requirements of this policy. Council's facilitation includes;

- Access to Council's Economic Development Officer to provide advice on applicability and incentives that may be available under this policy;
- Access to Council Planning Officers through the Duty Planner arrangements to provide advice in preparing development applications;
- Pre-lodgement meetings with all relevant Council Officers free of any charges; and
- Assistance with identifying and facilitating contact with the State Government agencies with a view to facilitating the development.

Development application fees associated with developments approved by Council under Part 2 of this policy, which have been paid to Council, will be refunded on completion of the development.

Council water meter and service connection fees associated with developments eligible under Part 2 will be refunded on completion of the development.

Ineligible Developments

Council's Development Incentives Policy does not apply to:

- Development applications made prior to 1 December 2013;
- Development outside of the Priority Infrastructure Area;
- Development that does not fall within the eligibility criteria of the policy;
- Development by or on behalf of a government department, agency or corporation; or
- Residential developments outside of the CBD precincts 1 and 2, and the Inner City North Cultural Special Use Precinct.

More Information

Rockhampton Regional Council's Development Incentives Policy and application forms are available on Council's website at www.rockhamptonregion.qld.gov.au or by calling 07 4932 9000 or 1300 22 55 77.

Gracemere Industrial Area

The Gracemere Industrial Area (GIA) is located 10 km west of Rockhampton and is bounded on the north by the Capricorn Highway and Blackwater rail line. The GIA is an excellent location for businesses seeking to provide goods and services to coal mining and coal seam gas operations in the Bowen, Galilee and Surat coal basins as well as primary production throughout Central Queensland. For more information on the GIA visit www.rockhamptonregion.qld.gov.au or call Council on 07 4932 9000 or 1300 22 55 77.

Rockhampton Airport

Strategically located between Cairns and Brisbane, Rockhampton Airport is the only airport in Central Queensland that has the ability and experience in international airfreight operations. With the third largest runway in Queensland (2,628 m), Rockhampton Airport regularly handles all aircraft operating in the world today. For more information on Rockhampton Airport visit www.rockhamptonairport.com.au or call 07 4932 9000 or 1300 22 55 77.

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