



Communications Site Rental – Licensed Community Radio Stations

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1 PURPOSE

To specify the criteria and method to charge communication tower site rental fees to those community radio stations that provide broadcasting services for Council community messages and recording of Council meetings for later broadcast using Council's communication facilities.

2 STATEMENT

This policy is based on Minute MIN06.1067 of the 22 August 2006 recognising the Federal Government subsidy through the Community Broadcasting Foundation, available to community radio stations.

3 PROVISIONS

Community radio stations will be charged the annual concessional communications site rental fee. The community radio station can then:

- seek reimbursement of this amount from the Community Broadcasting Foundation;
- issue an invoice to Council for production costs for work undertaken for council up to the lesser of
 - the concessional annual site rental fee less the value of the federal subsidy received or
 - 40% of the concessional annual site rental fee charged.

4 IMPLEMENTATION

At the time of issuing the invoice to Council, Community radio stations are to provide written advice of their contributions to a number of key areas. To achieve this, statements are to be provided covering the following elements:

- Education and training opportunities for young people;
- Caters to communities in need; and
- Supports a diverse range of genres.

5 REVIEW

This policy is to be reviewed within one year of the election of every new Council or whenever there are changes to the Federal Government's Community Broadcasting Foundation subsidy scheme. Grants are allocated twice per year and are provided via the Community Broadcasting Foundation Ltd.

6 APPLICATION OF ESD PRINCIPLES

The Communication Site Rental – Community Radio Station Policy provides a basis for determining site rental for Community Radio stations and gives benefit to the community through engagement projects and other information relating to Council services.

Income generated from the site rental supports the maintenance of Council communication facilities.