

Application For Categorisation Of Land As Farmland

Section 515, Local Government Act 1993

1. Land is to be categorised as 'farmland' if it is a parcel of rateable land valued as one assessment and its dominant use is for farming (that is, the business or industry of grazing, animal feedlots, dairying, pig-farming, poultry farming, viticulture, orcharding, bee-keeping horticulture, vegetable growing, the growing of crops of any kind, forestry or aquaculture within the meaning of the Fisheries Management Act 1994, or any combination of those businesses or industries) which:
 - a) Has a significant and substantial commercial purpose or character, and
 - b) Is engaged in for the purpose of profit on a continuous or repetitive basis (whether or not a profit is actually made)
2. Land is not to be categorised as farmland if it is rural residential land

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| Rating year | <input type="text"/> | |
| Property No | <input type="text"/> | |
| Name | <input type="text"/> | |
| Postal Address | <input type="text"/> | |
| Phone | Home <input type="text"/> | Business <input type="text"/> |

1. The Property

- a) Total area of property hectares
- b) Property address
- c) Property Name
- d) Deposited Plan No Lot no

2. Occupancy of Property Please tick ✓ appropriate box

- a) How many houses are located on the property?
- b) Does anyone reside on the property? Yes No



- If **yes**, who resides on the property Owner and family
- Someone other than owner (if so please provide details below)

- a) Do the above persons reside on the property -
- Full time Part time Weekends Other

3. Locality Sketch

- a) Please draw a sketch below, indicating area of property used for:
- (i) Residential Purposes Hectares
 - (ii) Farming Purposes Hectares
 - (iii) Unused Land Hectares
 - (iv) Other Purposes Hectares
- b) Show on the sketch, the location of buildings on the land. Label the type of buildings on the land, show which buildings are used in conjunction with the farming business and indicate any buildings that are rented or used for non-farming activities.



4. Under what business name is the farming activity conducted?

5. Farming business conducted Please tick ✓ appropriate box

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Grazing | <input type="checkbox"/> Dairying | <input type="checkbox"/> Pig Farming | <input type="checkbox"/> Growing Crops |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Orcharding | <input type="checkbox"/> Bee Keeping | <input type="checkbox"/> Horticulture | <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetable Growing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Viticulture | <input type="checkbox"/> Forestry | <input type="checkbox"/> Poultry Farming | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

6. Who conducts the farming business (operator)?

- Owner of Property
- Someone other than owner of property. If the land is used by someone other than the owner, please provide details.

7. What year did the operator commence farming of the property?

8. Land used in conjunction with other land

If the subject land is used in conjunction with other land for the purpose of carrying on the farming business or industry, give property description of other lands, and details of how other lands are used and the frequency of use.

9. Grazing or dairying

Indicate number of livestock grazing on property at the date of this declaration. Do not include agisted livestock in this section.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Cattle | <input type="checkbox"/> Horses | <input type="checkbox"/> Goats | <input type="checkbox"/> Sheep |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other | <input type="text"/> | | |



10. Supplementary feeding or grazing animals

In a normal year, are the natural pastures or crops sufficient to sustain the number of livestock presently grazing on the subject property without supplementary feeding?

- Yes No

If **no**, please indicate the extent of supplementary feeding of livestock with grain, hay, concentrates etc

On a regular basis - essential to maintain livestock in suitable condition

Only in winter when pastures not sufficient for grazing

Other

11. Agistment

Does the operator permit livestock to be agisted on the property? Yes No

If **yes**, please complete the following:

- a) Indicate the number of stock agisted from time to time during the preceding 12 months and length of time those numbers of stock were agisted (eg 37 cattle - 1/1/96 to 31/3/96, 34 cattle - 1/4/96 to 30/6/96 and so on)

- b) On what proportion of the property do you permit such agistment?

- c) Who is responsible for the care, control and management of the agisted livestock while they are on the property?

Owner of land Owner of livestock Other

Please provide copy of Agistment Agreement

12. Is the property used as a stud?

- Yes No

If **yes**, what proportion of the property is used as a stud?



13. Horses

If horses are kept on the property, for what purposes are they used (showing, recreational use, trotting, thoroughbred racing etc)

14. Pig Farming

Provide details of number of pigs on property, number bought and sold during previous 12 months, plus any other information relevant to the pig farming business.

15. Poultry Farming

Provide details of numbers and types of poultry raised and sold during previous 12 months, or numbers of laying hens housed on the property, plus any other information relevant to the poultry farming business. Do not include details of poultry kept for domestic use.

16. Orchardring

Provide details of numbers and types of trees, details of quantity of fruit sold during previous 12 months, plus any other information relevant to Orchardring.

Type: Number:

Type: Number:

17. Horticulture / Viticulture / Vegetable Growing

Provide details of are under cultivation, type of plants grown and quantity of produce sold during previous 12 months, plus any other relevant information. Do not include details of your domestic vegetable garden or floral landscaping around the house.

Type: Number:

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18. Forestry

- a) Hardwood - Provide details of area covered by existing stands of timbers, quantities harvested during previous 12 months. In addition, please provide details of the management plan for the remaining hardwood stands.

- b) Pine Plantations - Provide details of area covered by the pine plantation, number of trees planted and when trees planted. Also provide information regarding the cutting plan for this plantation, including details of the thinning program, fire precautions and provisions made for removal of weeds and watering your trees.

19. Bee Keeping

- a) Indicate number of beehives in operation on the property and for what periods of the year.

Type: Number:

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- b) Are beehives transferred to other properties during the year? If so, for what periods.

- c) Provide details of honey quantity extracted during previous 12 months.

- d) Are the beehives on the property registered with the Department of Agriculture in accordance with the provisions of the Apiaries Act of NSW?

Yes No

20. Crops

Crops grown on the property - Please provide details of crop type and area under crop, quantity of grain or bales of hay sold during previous 12 months, proportion of crop used on the farm etc



21. Agricultural Equipment

List agricultural equipment kept for use of on the property.

22. Improvements

List improvements carried out (fencing, sheds, dams, pasture improvements etc) and machinery bought or leased since purchasing the property or during past 5 years (whichever is shorter period).

23. Business Details

- a) What business records are maintained relevant to the farming activities carried out upon the property eg books of account, stock records, breeding records etc?

- b) If required, are such records available for inspection? Yes No

24. Additional Information

Include any additional information which you feel may be relevant to the application eg proposed future development, membership of any farming organisation, weed control programs etc

Signature of Applicant

Date

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