

State Concessions Act 2004

Concession (Local Government) Order 2023

I, Lizzie Blandthorn, Minister for Disability, Ageing and Carers and Minister for Child Protection and Family Services, make the following Order:

Dated 19/04/2023



Hon Lizzie Blandthorn MP
Minister for Disability, Ageing and Carers
Minister for Child Protection and Family Services

PART 1 — INTRODUCTORY

1. Objective

The objective of this Order is to determine concessions available in relation to municipal rates and charges.

2. Authorising provision

This Order is made under section 5 of the **State Concessions Act 2004**.

3. Commencement

This Order takes effect on 1 July 2023.

4. Revocation of existing order

The *Concession (Local Government) Order 2013* is revoked.

5. Definitions

In this Order—

annual cap means \$253.20, increased by 2.5% (rounded to the nearest ten cents) on 1 July every year commencing 1 July 2024;

domestic partner of a person means a person with whom the person is in a domestic relationship that is—

- (a) a domestic relationship that is registered under the **Relationships Act 2008**; or
- (b) a relationship between two persons who are not married to each other but who are living together as a couple on a genuine domestic basis (irrespective of gender);

eligible recipient has the same meaning as in the Act;

rates and charges means rates and charges declared by a municipal council under section 155 of the **Local Government Act 1989** and interest payable on such rates and charges payable under section 172 of that Act;

the Act means the **State Concessions Act 2004**.

PART 2 — CONCESSION

6. Municipal rates and charges concession

(1) Subject to subclauses (2) and (3), the municipal rates and charges concession is equal to 50% of the amount of rates and charges payable by:

- (a) an eligible recipient; or
- (b) an eligible recipient and their domestic partner,

in respect of that eligible recipient's principal place of residence.

(2) In each financial year, the amount of the municipal rates and charges concession must not exceed the annual cap.

(3) An eligible recipient may receive the municipal rates and charges concession retrospectively for a period of up to 12 months prior to the date of the application for that concession.