

Application for Rate Relief – January 2020 Bushfires

Alpine Shire Council has received funding from the Victorian Government’s Council Assistance Fund. These funds have been made available to the six local government areas in the declared State of Disaster area and can be used by Council to waive part of the 2019/20 rates raised in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1989*.

Rate relief is intended to alleviate the financial hardship experienced by ratepayers who have damaged or destroyed property or lost significant business income due to the January 2020 bushfires.

Businesses who have experienced such hardship but have not automatically received rate relief can apply for a waiver of one quarter of rates levied for the 2019/20 financial year. Each application will be assessed on its merit and processed as it is received. As the funding amount is capped, applicants are encouraged to submit applications as soon as possible.

Application Criteria

- Applicant must be operating a business within the Alpine Shire.
- The business must be the applicant’s primary source of income.
- ABN must be provided.
- Significant financial loss due to the January bushfires must be demonstrated.
- Any insurance claim made or received related to the bushfire event must be declared.
- Any government assistance claim made or received related to the bushfire event be declared.
- **All applications must be received no later than 5pm on 30 April 2020.**

Date:

Name:

Business Name:

ABN:

Property #

(see rates notice)

Annual rates amount levied in 2019/20:

(see rates notice)

Address:

Town: Postcode:

Phone:

Email:

Business Particulars

Do you own or lease the business premises? Own / Lease

If you lease the premises, are you responsible for paying the rates? Y / N

Estimated financial loss suffered by the business as a direct result of the January bushfires:

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Does this business provide your primary source of income? Y / N

Secondary income sources and amounts

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Trading locations outside of the Alpine Shire
(if applicable)

% of business income typically derived from outside the Alpine Shire

Has any insurance claim related to the January bushfires been made or received? Y / N

 Details (if applicable)

Has any claim for government assistance related to the January bushfires been made or received? Y / N

 Details (if applicable)

Please include with your application

- ✓ All 2018/19 BAS statements
- ✓ 2019/20 BAS or equivalent financial statements to date (if BAS not yet prepared)
- ✓ Evidence of insurance or government assistance claims
- ✓ Any other documentation that could support the application

Declaration:

I, _____
[full name]

of, _____
[address]

do solemnly and sincerely declare this information is true and correct, and I make it with the understanding and belief that a person who makes a false declaration is liable to the penalties of perjury.

Signed:

Date:

Applications received after 5pm on 30 April 2020 will not be accepted.