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**PART A - Background:**

Murrindindi Shire Council adopted a new Rating Strategy on the 25 March 2015 – which included the introduction of a differential rate to be added to Council’s rating category structure, that is to be applied to land that is identified as vacant and developable.

Vacant land is defined as:

* any land which is located in Council’s defined residential, commercial, rural living or industrial zones for planning purposes that is currently undeveloped.
* undeveloped land is broadly classified as land not containing an approved, habitable structure, or land that has not been developed for the purpose of commercial or industrial use.

**New differential rate:**

Land that satisfies the above criteria will pay 150%of the general (residential) rate.

The new differential has been included in Council 2015-16 Budget adopted 27 May 2015, and will be first applied the rating year 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016

**Subdivided Vacant Land Differential Rate Rebate**

A rebate of the vacant land differential applies to vacant land that is the subject of a subdivision and that would otherwise attract the vacant land differential rate.

This rebate recognises the investment committed to a subdivision by a developing land holder and the holding cost of the subdivided lots prior to transfer or sale. The rebate is designed to remove a potential disincentive to subdivisional development of vacant developable land that a vacant land differential on multiple lots within a subdivision may cause.

The rebate is to apply from the time at which a Statement of Compliance is issued by the Council for the subdivision (if after 1 July 2015), to the time at which the ownership (title) of the vacant subdivided land is transferred to a new owner. If a Statement of Compliance has been issued prior to 1 July 2015, the rebate will only be applied from the 1st July in the year the application is received.

To apply for a Subdivided Vacant Land Differential Rate Rebate, ratepayers must complete and return this Application for Rate Rebate which **must include** a copy of the **Statement** **of Compliance** for the subdivision **and** a plan of the subdivision to which the Statement of Compliance applies.

All sections of this form must be completed to allow your application to be processed. You should note that Council may ask you for additional information in accordance with the Local Government Act 1989 (as amended).

**Applications must be lodged with the Council Rate Department.** Completed application forms together with copy of Statement of Compliance and copy of plan of subdivision should be directed to the following address:

 Rates Department

 Murrindindi Shire Council

 PO Box 138

 Alexandra 3714

**PART B – Application:**

**Section 1**

I / We ………………………………………………………………………………………. (full name)

of ………………………………………………………………………………………………………

hereby apply for the Subdivided Vacant Land Differential Rate Rebate.

**Section 2 - Subdivided Vacant Land**

 A Vacant Land Differential Rate Rebate is sought for the following property (or properties) in the

Murrindindi Shire.

**Location (as shown on Rate Notice) Property/Assessment No.**

……………………………………………………. …………………………..

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Copy of Statement of Compliance & related Plan of Subdivision attached **YES**

*Please attach list if insufficient space.*

**DECLARATION**

I ………………………………………………………………….

 (Full name of Applicant)

of ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………..

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 (Address of Applicant)

I certify that the information supplied is true and correct. I accept that Council may require further information to determine this application.

…………………………………………………….. date ……………/……………… 20 ………..

Email: ……………………………………………. Phone: ……………………………………..