

MEDIA RELEASE

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COUNCIL TO PUBLICLY NOTIFY LANDOWNERS AS NEXT STEP IN SALE OF LAND FOR OVERDUE RATES AND CHARGES PROCESS

Council is taking the next step in its sale of land process to recover long overdue rates and charges, with formal public notification of affected landowners now required under legislation.

This public notification is a legislative requirement and is not intended to cause undue embarrassment for individuals with outstanding rates and charges.

The full public notice, including details of the properties with outstanding rates and charges and persons known to have an interest in the land, is published in *The Norfolk Islander* newspaper and in the Government Gazette.

Sale of land to recover outstanding rates and charges is a **last resort** for Council.

Council strongly encourages affected landowners to contact Council and pay their outstanding rates and charges. Where payment is made in full, or a satisfactory payment arrangement is entered into, the associated parcel of land will be withdrawn from the sale process.

For enquiries or to discuss payment arrangements, please contact Customer Care by email at customercare@nirc.gov.nf, by local free call on 0100, or by telephone on (+6723) 22001.

Council recognises that discussions regarding rates and charges is sensitive within the Norfolk Island community. Council remains committed to treating all ratepayers with respect and encourages early engagement with Council.

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