

## **DIRECT DEBIT REQUEST**

The General Manager
Singleton Council
PO Box 314
SINGLETON NSW 2330



I/We \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Address Telephone No ( Authorise you (Singleton Council User ID No 180500) to arrange for funds to be debited from my/our account at the financial Institution identified in Schedule 1 below, and, if provided, according to the details specified in Schedule 2. This authorisation is to remain in force in accordance with the terms described in the 'Direct Debit Request Service Refer Service Agreement (over page). Agreement'. By signing this Direct Debit Request you acknowledge having read and understood the terms and conditions governing the debit arrangements between you and Singleton Council as set out in this Request and the Direct Debit Request Service Agreement (over page). Customer's Signature(s) \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_ Details of the Bank Account to be Debited (All of the details for Schedule 1 must be supplied) Schedule 1: Name and address of the financial institution: \_\_\_\_\_ Bank Account in Name of (full names): Surname(s) or Company/Business Given Name(s) **BSB No Bank Account No** Schedule 2: Payment Detail Address of **Property Assessment No**  Annually (total annual amount debited 31 August) **Quarterly Instalments RATES** (Tick required option) Fortnightly Weekly Monthly 0 Amount of Debit \$ First Payment Date: If the due date falls on a Weekend/Public Holiday, the payment PLEASE NOTE: will be debited on the following business day. Annual: Debited on the due date displayed on the notice. Frequency of Debit Quarterly Instalments: Debited on the due date displayed on the instalment notice. Debited on the last Friday of each month. Monthly: Weekly/Fortnightly: Debited on Fridays. **WATER** Tri-Annual Weekly Fortnightly Monthly (Tick required option) Amount of Debit \$ First Payment Date: Debited on the due date displayed on the instalment notice. Frequency of Debit Tri-Annual: SUNDRY DEBTORS **Debtor Number:** (Tick required option) Weekly Fortnightly Monthly 0 Amount of Debit \$ First Payment Date: / /



## Direct Debit Request Service Agreement

## **Definitions**

account means the account held at your financial institution from which we are authorised to arrange for funds to be debited.

agreement means this Direct Debit Request Service Agreement between you and us.

business day means a day other than a Saturday or a Sunday or a public holiday listed throughout Australia.

debit day means the day that payment by you to us is due.

debit payment means a particular transaction where a debit is made.

direct debit request means the Direct Debit Request between us and you (and includes any Form PD-C approved for use in the transitional period).

transitional period means the period commencing on the industry implementation date for Direct Debit Requests (31 March 2000) and concluding 12 calendar months from that date.

us or we means Singleton Council, the Debit User you have authorised by signing a direct debit request.

you means the customer who signed the direct debit request.

your financial institution is the financial institution where you hold the account that you have authorised us to arrange to debit.

# 1. Debiting your account

- 1.1 By signing a *direct debit request, you* have authorised *us* to arrange for funds to be debited from *your account. You* should refer to the *direct debit request* and this *agreement* for the terms of the arrangement between *us* and *you*.
- 1.2 We will only arrange for funds to be debited from your account as authorised in the direct debit request.

### Or

We will only arrange for funds to be debited from your account if we have sent to the address nominated by you in the direct debit request, a billing advice which specifies the amount payable by you to us and when it is due.

1.3 If the *debit day* falls on a day that is not a *business day, we* may direct *your financial institution* to debit *your account* on the following *business day.* 

If you are unsure about which day your account has or will be debited you should ask your financial institution.

## 2. Changes by us

2.1 We may vary any details of this agreement or a direct debit request at any time by giving you at least fourteen (14) days' written notice.

#### 3. Changes by you

- 3.1 Subject to 3.2 and 3.3, you may change the arrangements under a direct debit request by contacting us at Council's Rates Department on 02 6578 7250 between 8.30am & 4.30pm Monday to Friday.
- 3.2 If you wish to stop or defer a debit payment you must notify us in writing at least five (5) days before the next debit day. This notice should be given to us in the first instance.
- 3.3 You may also cancel your authority for us to debit your account at any time by giving us five (5) days notice in writing before the next debit day. This notice should be given to us in the first instance.

## Your obligations

- 4.1 It is *your* responsibility to ensure that there are sufficient clear funds available in *your* account to allow a *debit payment* to be made in accordance with the direct debit request.
- 4.2 If there are insufficient clear funds in your account to meet a debit payment:
  - you may be charged a fee and/or interest by your financial (a) institution;
  - you may also incur fees or charges imposed or incurred by us; and (b)
  - you must arrange for the *debit payment* to be made by another method or arrange for sufficient clear funds to be in your account by an agreed time so that we can process the debit payment.
- 4.3 You should check your account statement to verify that the amounts debited from your account are correct
- 4.4 If Singleton Council is liable to pay goods and services tax ("GST") on a supply made in connection with this agreement, then you agree to pay Singleton Council on demand an amount equal to the consideration payable for the supply multiplied by the prevailing GST rate.

## **Dispute**

- 5.1 If you believe that there has been an error in debiting your account, you should notify us directly on (02) 6578 7250 between 8.30am & 4.30pm Monday to Friday and confirm that notice in writing with us as soon as possible so that we can resolve your query more quickly.
- 5.2 If we conclude as a result of our investigations that your account has been incorrectly debited we will respond to your query by arranging for your financial institution to adjust your account (including interest and charges) accordingly. We will also notify you in writing of the amount by which your account has been adjusted.
- 5.3 If we conclude as a result of our investigations that your account has not been incorrectly debited we will respond to your query by providing you with reasons and any evidence for this finding.
- 5.4 Any queries you may have about an error made in debiting your account should be directed to us in the first instance so that we can attempt to resolve the matter between us and you. If we cannot resolve the matter you can still refer it to your financial institution which will obtain details from you of the disputed transaction and may lodge a claim on your behalf.

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### Accounts You should check: (a) with your financial institution whether direct debiting is available from your account as direct debiting is not available on all accounts offered by financial institutions. (b) your account details which you have provided to us are correct by checking them against a recent account statement; and with your financial institution before completing the direct debit (c) request if you have any queries about how to complete the direct debit request. 7. **Confidentiality** 7.1 We will keep any information (including your account details) in your direct debit request confidential. We will make reasonable efforts to keep any such information that we have about you secure and to ensure that any of our employees or agents who have access to information about you do not make any unauthorised use, modification, reproduction or disclosure of that information. 7.2 We will only disclose information that we have about you: to the extent specifically required by law; or (b) for the purposes of this agreement (including disclosing information in connection with any query or claim). 8. **Notice** 8.1 If you wish to notify us in writing about anything relating to this agreement, you should write to Singleton Council, PO Box 314, Singleton NSW 2330. 8.2 We will notify you by sending a notice in the ordinary post to the address you have given us in the direct debit request. 8.3 Any notice will be deemed to have been received two business days

after it is posted.