



Notice of Objection – Varied General Rate

In accordance with Council's 2025/26 Rate Resolution, a variation of the General Rate has been adopted for properties used as short stay visitor accommodation.

In accordance with section 109 of the Local Government Act 1993 (Objections to Variations) a ratepayer may object to a variation in a rate if the use of the ratepayer's land is not the use of land on which the variation is based. Valid objections must:

- Be made in writing within 21 days of receiving your rates notice;
- Be lodged with Council's General Manager;
- State the use of the ratepayer's land; and
- Be accompanied by evidence of the use of the land.

Council has developed this form with regard to the prescribed factors outlined above that must be included in an objection to a variation. To object to the Varied General Rate, please complete and return this form with the required evidence to support your objection within 21 days of receiving your 2025/26 rates notice.

Evidence

If you are objecting on the basis that your property is not being used as short stay visitor accommodation, please provide the following evidence:

- Proof that the property is being rented/tenanted - copy of the lease agreement; or
- Proof that the property is owner occupied - copy of driver's license and a utility bill such as power, gas, or water.

What happens next?

Council will review your objection within 60 days after a valid Notice of Objection has been lodged, and will advise you in writing of the decision. Council may determine that the Varied General Rate is still applicable to your property. However, you may apply to the Magistrates Court (Administrative Appeals Division) for a review of Council's decision.

PART 1: Applicant Details	
Property Owner's Full Name:	
Property Address:	
Postal Address (if different from above):	
Phone Number:	Email Address:
PID - Property Number (as appears on your rates notice):	
Preferred Method of Contact	☐ Email ☐ Australia Post

PART 2: Declaration

I/We (Ratepayers Full Name(s))

Of.....

.....(Property Address)

being the owner/ratepayer(s) of the land described above, hereby give notice that I/we wish to object to the variation in the General Rate that has been applied to my/our land described above for the 2025/26 rating year on the grounds that the use of my/our land is not the use of land on which the variation is based.

My/our objection is that as at 1 July 2025, the land was not being used for

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And instead, is being used for

The reason(s) and evidence for my/our objection are (please describe and attach evidence):

I/we declare that the answers, information and documentation provided are true and correct.

Date

Signature

Signature

Signature

PART 3: Lodgement Details

Please submit a completed application form, together with supporting information **within 21 days of receipt of your 2025/26 Rates Notice** via:

- Emailed to dorset@dorset.tas.gov.au; or
- Mailed to: General Manager, Dorset Council, PO Box 21, SCOTTSDALE TAS 7260