



Notice of Objection – Varied General Rate

In accordance with Council's 2026/27 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 prepared this form to address the prescribed factors that must be included when lodging an objection to a rate variation. If you wish to object to the Varied General Rate, please complete and return this form, together with any supporting evidence, within 21 days of receiving your 2026/27 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 2026/27 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 2026, 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 declaration form, together with supporting information within 21 days of receipt of your 2026/27 Rates Notice by:

- Emailing rates@dorset.tas.gov.au and marking it to the attention of the General Manager; or by
- Mailing it to: General Manager, Dorset Council, PO Box 21, SCOTTSDALE TAS 7260