

# Application Form

## Single Farm Enterprise Exemption - Fire Services Property Levy

### PART A - INFORMATION:

Where multiple parcels of farm land are used to operate a single farming enterprise, a person may only be required to pay the FSL fixed once by applying for the single farming enterprise exemption. To apply for this exemption, a person must submit this form, completed and signed to the councils where the relevant properties are located. You must notify the councils if the circumstances relating to your application change, as this may affect your eligibility for the exemption. **Applications for the current rating year must be lodged no later than 30 June.** Any applications received after that date would apply to the next rating year starting 1 July.

### PART B – REQUEST DETAILS:

Full name: .....

Postal Address: .....

I request that the properties detailed under Part E be considered a single farm enterprise for calculating the Fire Services Property Levy (FSPL) in accordance with the *Fire Services Property Levy Act 2012*.

### PART C – ELIGIBILITY VALIDATION:

Please tick the appropriate answer to each question relating to the land which forms part of the single farming enterprise:

<p>All of the land is farm land as defined in the <i>Valuation of Land Act 1960</i>.</p> <p>Farm land is land that is used primarily for grazing (including agistment), dairying, pig-farming, poultry-farming, fish-farming, tree-farming, bee-keeping, viticulture, horticulture, fruit-growing or the growing of crops of any kind or for any combination of those activities.</p> <p><b>PLEASE NOTE: The single farm enterprise exemption can only be claimed in respect of one principal place of residence. Both the fixed and variable components of the FSPL will be levied on any other principal place of residence that is contiguous to farm land forming part of the single farm enterprise.</b></p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>All of the properties are occupied by the same person(s) and are farmed as a <b>single</b> enterprise</p> <p><b>PLEASE NOTE: each parcel must be used to carry on a <u>single</u> farming enterprise. If the lands are used to operate several different ventures, a separate application is required in respect of each enterprise. A fixed charge will be payable for each venture.</b></p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>

Each property is used to carry on a single business of primary production that has a significant and substantial commercial purpose or character; and

- (i) that seeks to make a profit on a continuous or repetitive basis from its activities on the land; and
- (ii) that is making a profit from its activities on the land, or that has a reasonable prospect of making a profit from its activities on the land if it continues to operate in the way that it is operating.

Yes  No

If you answered 'No' to any of these questions you are not eligible for the single farming enterprise exemption.

If you answered 'Yes' to all questions proceed to Part D.

**PART D - FIRE SERVICES PROPERTY LEVY FIXED CHARGE:**

The FSPL fixed charge must be paid on at least one leviable land which forms part of the SFE (the lands do not need to be located in a single council municipality). The fixed charge can only be applied to land containing the principal place of resident of the occupier provided the land has a fixed charge, unless all lands in the SFE have a residential land use classification.

**PLEASE NOTE: Nominate the property the FSPL fixed charge will be applied by completing Part F (Fire Service Levy Fixed Charge applies to all properties with Dwellings).**

**PART E - PROPERTY DETAILS:**

Municipality	Assessment Number	Property Address	Occupier/s	House
<i>Example:</i>				
<i>South Gippsland</i>	<i>12344-0</i>	<i>50 Jersey Road Wooreen</i>	<i>B &amp; J Citizen</i>	<i>Y/N</i>

Please attach a list of additional lands if space provided is insufficient.

**PART F - FIRE SERVICES PROPERTY LEVY FIXED CHARGE NOMINATION:**

I nominate the following property as the property for which the FSPL fixed charge will be paid:

Municipality	Assessment Number	Property Address
South Gippsland		

**PART G - DECLARATION:**

I certify that the information supplied is true and correct. I accept that council may require further information to determine whether this application complies with the provisions of the *Fire Services Levy Act 2012*. I acknowledge that this information may be forwarded to the State Revenue Office (SRO) for compliance purposes. My contact details are listed below to discuss this application further if required.

Daytime contact number: .....

Email address: .....

Applicant Signature: ..... Date:.....

**PART H – PRIVACY INFORMATION:**

This information is collected by South Gippsland Shire Council to establish your eligibility for a single farming enterprise exemption and is required to be provided by the *Fire Services Property Levy Act 2012*. This information may also be used by the council for other purposes including issuing permits and licences and providing a variety of community services. If you do not provide the information required, we may not be able to process your application for an exemption. The information collected may be disclosed to other municipal councils, the SRO, and other government agencies as authorised by law. You can find out more about how we use and protect your information in our privacy policy on: [http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/files/Policy\\_InformationPrivacy.pdf](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/files/Policy_InformationPrivacy.pdf)  
If you require access to the information you have provided us, please contact the Council.

**PART I - SUBMISSION:**

Please send the completed and signed application form in hardcopy to:

**South Gippsland Shire Council**  
**Rates & Valuations Office**  
9 Smith Street (Private Bag 4), Leongatha Vic 3953  
DX 94026 Leongatha  
Tel: 03 5662 9200  
Fax: 03 5662 3754  
Email: [council@southgippsland.vic.gov.au](mailto:council@southgippsland.vic.gov.au)  
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