Bridge to Better Rates Payment Plan Application

Objective

The purpose of granting a payment plan is to assist retail outlets in the affected area by spreading the rates liability for 2026/27 over 3 years

Please provide the following:

I/We acknowledge that by completing this application form, I am /we are applying for a rates payment plan that spreads my/our 2026/27 rates equally across the 2027/28, 2028/29 and 2029/30 rating years.

Applicant Details	
Ratepayer name(s)	
Postal Address	
Contact number(s)	
Email	
Valuation Number	
Property Address	

To support a successful application, the applicant must confirm that the tenant will receive the full financial benefit of both:

- The landlord's contribution (e.g. rent reduction, rent waiver, or other financial assistance); and
- The Council rates deferral.

Lessee Name	
Shop location	
Lessee's turnover APR to JUN 2025	
Lessee's turnover APR to JUN 2026	
Percentage of total rates	
Landlord assistance provided $	

For further lessee arrangements complete the back page, or provide a separate schedule with all details

Conditions and criteria

By signing this application, you agree that:

- The rates deferred during the 2026/27 rating year will be recovered over the 2027/28, 2028/29 and 2029/30 rating years.

- The tenant will receive the full financial benefit of both:
  - The Council rates deferral.
  - The landlord's equivalent contribution (e.g. rent reduction, rent waiver, or other financial assistance);
  - and provide proof of lessee’s downturn in turnover between April to June 2025 compared with April to June 2026

- Council may request supporting documentation, such as a lease variation, rent rebate agreement, rental statements, or other evidence demonstrating that the agreed benefit has been passed on to the tenant.

- Council will issue a rates payment schedule on commencement of this agreement and then in July of 2027, 2028 and 2029, outlining the required repayments during those rating years.

- In accordance with the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, the property owner remains responsible for payment of rates, even where a lessee is required to pay rates under the terms of their lease with the property owner/ratepayer.

- Payment of rates for the period 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2030 must be made by the quarterly instalment due dates as per the payment schedule provided.

- No penalties will be applied during the period 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2030, provided payments are made on time as outlined in the payment schedule.

- If a scheduled payment is dishonored, council will recalculate the payment schedule for that particular rating year to ensure the amount scheduled to be collected at year end is met.

- If multiple scheduled payments are dishonoured, council reserves the right to cancel this payment arrangement and seek full payment of all rates due.

Declaration

I declare that the information provided is accurate and we request a Bridge to Better payment arrangement.

Signature(s)	
Ratepayer name(s)	
Date	

Additional Lessee arrangements:

Lessee Name	
Shop location	
Lessee's turnover APR to JUN 2025	
Lessee's turnover APR to JUN 2026	
Percentage of total rates	
Landlord assistance provided $	

Lessee Name	
Shop location	
Lessee's turnover APR to JUN 2025	
Lessee's turnover APR to JUN 2026	
Percentage of total rates	
Landlord assistance provided $	

Lessee Name	
Shop location	
Lessee's turnover APR to JUN 2025	
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