

# Pensioner Concession Rebates Policy

## Purpose

The intent of this policy is to allow Riverina Water to backdate pensioner concession rebates for eligible customers.

## Policy Statement

Riverina Water wishes to provide additional support to customers beyond the minimum provisions of the Local Government Act, including backdating or extending the rebate.

## Scope

This policy applies to all eligible customers of Riverina Water.

## Principles

Riverina Water will grant the current full rebate available to any pensioner that is eligible for any pension rebate.

### Backdating of Pensioner Concession Rebates

Riverina Water will, where a property owner has been an eligible pensioner for longer than two years, backdate pensioner concession rebates claims for a period of up to two years from the date of application.

### Backdating in the Case of Financial Hardship

Riverina Water may give special consideration to extend the rebate period based on pension start date in a case of genuine financial hardship, and in reference to the Debt Management and Hardship Policy.

### Life Tenancy

For the purpose of this policy, life tenants are deemed as owners. Life Tenants are defined in Office of Local Government Council Rating and Revenue Raising Manual 2007.

## Non Compliance

Non-compliance (by staff) with the adopted policy may be considered a breach under the Code of Conduct. As such, any suspected or known non-compliance will be reported to the CEO

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## **END OF POLICY STATEMENT**