



MEDIA RELEASE

Applications for pasturage rights 2020

In accordance with sub-section 5(a) and (b) of the *Pasturage and Enclosure Act 1949* a cattle owner may apply to the General Manager during the last 14 days of December in any year for a right of pasturage for the year commencing on the next succeeding 1 April.

Application forms may be obtained from the Norfolk Island Regional Council's website www.norfolkisland.gov.nf/council/council-documents/cattle, or from Customer Care, 9 New Cascade Road. Application forms can be lodged in person to Customer Care or via email customercare@nirc.gov.nf.

No additional pasturage rights will be granted (as per section 7.1 of the Depasturing Cattle Policy) due to Insufficient feed and water as a result of the ongoing dry conditions, and the potential impact of Army Grub on the availability of pasture in early 2020.

To be eligible to be granted pasturage rights, an applicant must be at least 18 years of age and must be the owner of stock.

The Norfolk Island Regional Council allocates pasturage rights according to its policies and procedures which are applicable at the time. The Depasturing Cattle Policy details Cattle Owner Responsibilities and can be viewed at www.norfolkisland.gov.nf/sites/default/files/docs/NIRC/CouncilPolicies/4.05%20-%20Depasturing%20Cattle%20Policy.pdf

The fee payable for each head of cattle over the age of 6 months is \$125.00 and is payable after an applicant is advised if they have been successful in securing pasturage rights.

Please note that pasturage right applications received by the Norfolk Island Regional Council after 31st December 2019 cannot be accepted.

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