Single Farm Enterprise Exemption

Application Form

Municipal Charge and Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund (ESVF).

Part A – Information

Where multiple parcels of farm land are used to operate a Single Farming Enterprise (SFE), a person may only be required to pay the Municipal Charge & ESVF fixed charge once, by applying for the SFE Exemption. To apply, a person must submit this completed form to the councils where the relevant properties are located. You must notify the councils if the circumstances relating to your application change in the future, as this may affect your eligibility for the exemption.

Part B – Request Details

I, _____ of _____, request that the properties detailed under Part E be considered a SFE for calculating the Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund (ESVF) in accordance with the *Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund Act 2012* and Municipal Charges in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1989*.

Part C – Eligibility Validation

Please tick the appropriate answer to each question relating to the land which forms part of the SFE:

All of the land is farmland. **Farm land means** any rateable land that is not less than 2 hectares in area and 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. It may include one parcel of land that is the principal place of residence of a person(s) carrying on the SFE, provided that the principal place of residence is contiguous to farmland. ** **Note:** The SFE exemption can only be claimed in respect of **one principal place of residence.** Both the fixed and variable components of the ESVF will be levied on any other principal place of residence that is contiguous to farm land forming part of the SFE.*	Yes ☐	No ☐
All of the properties are occupied by the same person(s) and are farmed as a **single** enterprise ** **Note:** Each parcel must be used to carry on a **single** farming enterprise. If the lands are used to operate several different ventures, a separate application is required in respect of each enterprise. An ESVF fixed charge & Municipal Charge will be payable for each venture.*	Yes ☐	No ☐
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, to provide additional information to support your application.

Part D – Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund Fixed Charge and Municipal Charge

Information

- The ESVF 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). Where one of the lands holds the principal place of residence of the occupier, this land cannot be the land upon which the ESVF fixed charge is paid.
- The Municipal Charge must be paid on at least one rateable land within the SFE in each council.

***Note:** Please nominate the property the ESVF fixed charge and Municipal Charge will be applied to by completing Part F.*

Part E – Property Details

Municipality	Assess. No.	Property Address and Area in Hectares (Ha).	House? (Yes/No)	Is the House Occupied? (Yes/No or N/A)
Eg, Greater Bendigo	123456789	10 Smith Rd, Kangaroo Flat 3723 105 ha	Yes	Yes

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

Part F – Municipal Charges & Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund Fixed Charge Nomination

I nominate the following property as the farm land for which ESVF fixed charge and Municipal Charge will be paid.
(Must be Primary Production land use category)

Municipality	Assessment No.	Property Address

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* and the *Local Government Act 1989*. 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.

Phone		**Email**	
Signature		**Date**	

Part H – Privacy Information

This information is collected by **Benalla Rural City Council** to establish your eligibility for a SFE exemption and is required to be provided by the *Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund Act 2012* and the *Local Government Act 1989*. This information may also be used by 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 Council's website at **benalla.vic.gov.au**. If you require access to the information you have provided us, please contact Council on **03 5760 2600.**

Part I – Submission of Application *(within 60 days of issue of annual Rates & Charges Notice)*

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