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# EVENT ENVIRONMENTAL GUIDELINES

Council has implemented a set of environmental guidelines at council run events. These guidelines are designed to encourage environmentally friendly and sustainable practices by stall holders and suppliers, by applying a fee structure and selection process that promotes recyclable and biodegradable packaging and the use of environmentally responsible products and practices. Council wishes to ensure that these guidelines are reasonable and achievable.

We encourage all food vendors and stall holders to consider their environmental impact as we work towards making our events more sustainable and hope that you will assist us in this endeavour.

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The *Event Environmental Guidelines* will work on two levels - firstly by outlining a number of best practices that will be encouraged by council through the selection process and secondly by rewarding environmentally responsible practices through changed site fees.

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## Selection Process

Compliance to the environmental guidelines and other sustainable practices will play a significant part in the selection process for stallholders at council events.

- ° At ALL council run events the Townsville City Council will give preferred selection to applicants who endeavour to follow the guidelines set out in the *Selection Criteria* below.

### ***Selection Criteria - Responsible environmental practices***

Preference will be given to applicants who endeavour to carry out environmentally sustainable measures such as:

- Reduced power requirements
- Introduction of sustainable environmental practices - introduction of gas cookers / introduction of reusable storage containers to replace disposable products such as cling wrap, alfoil etc / use of environmentally friendly cleaning products / other innovative environmental initiatives
- Use of organic produce
- Products, produce and/or equipment purchased locally (local supply chain means less impact from long distance transport)
- Stallholders and suppliers who actively seek to reduce their environmental impact.

## Incentives and Penalties

Townsville City Council recognises the need to include incentives and penalties in order to ensure that the *Event Environmental Guidelines* are adhered to. These incentives and penalties will be in the form of discounted site fees for organisations adhering to guidelines and significantly increased site fees for those found to be in breach of these guidelines.

- Townsville City Council has a two tiered fee structure as outlined below
  - An *environmentally friendly fee* for those who satisfy the criteria set out in *Eligibility* section below.
  - A significantly increased site fee or *environmental offset fee* for participants who do not follow the rules outlined in *Eligibility* section or who undertake any activity outlined in the *Penalty* section below.

### ***Eligibility - Environmentally Friendly Fee***

To be eligible to receive the *environmentally friendly* fee, organisations must meet the following criteria:

- ALL packaging must be either recyclable or biodegradable
- Stallholders must make correct use of the general waste bins and recyclable waste bins assigned to each site.
- ALL eggs used must be free range
- ALL promotional material and handouts must be printed on recycled paper
- Only biodegradable, ecologically sound detergents and cleaning fluids will be permitted for use.
- ALL material sent into sullage points must be biodegradable - including detergents etc

### ***Penalties - Environmental Offset Fee***

The *environmental offset fee* will apply to stallholders and suppliers who either do not comply with the above criteria or who do the following;

- Rubbish left at site - including cigarette butts and food scraps.
- Damage to flora or fauna
- Wasteful use of water