

Completing this form

For more information on rural and non-rural land designations for statutory valuation purposes, visit the DERM website <www.derm.qld.gov.au>.

When completing this form, please print your response in BLOCK LETTERS.

Purpose of this form

Use this form to apply to the Valuer-General to declare your land as ‘rural land’ and change your valuation methodology from site value to unimproved value. Note – this is for statutory land valuation purposes only.

Deciding a rural land application

Under the *Land Valuation Act 2010* (the Act), an owner of land may apply to the Valuer-General to declare the land to be rural land for statutory land valuation purposes.

The Valuer-General may declare land as rural land only if both of the following criteria are satisfied:

- (1) at least 95 per cent of the valuation parcels in the state are used for the same purpose and are zoned rural
- (2) the land’s zoning as non-rural makes a material difference of at least 30 per cent to the statutory valuation of the land.

Section 1—Property details

Please provide details of the land. Refer to your Valuation Notice for this information

Owner/s name: Property ID no.:
 Lot/plan or RPD: Local government:
 Street no: Street name:
 Suburb: Town:..... Postcode:
 Property area (M² or HA):NEW VALUATION AMOUNT (from your Valuation Notice): \$.....
 Date of valuation: / / Issue date: / / Date of effect: / /

Section 2—Contact details

The Valuer-General will use these details for all future correspondence regarding this application. If an agent is acting on behalf of the landowner, the agent’s contact details should be inserted to allow correspondence to be sent directly to the agent.

Name: Address for service (postal):

 Phone: Email: Facsimile:

Office use only

Property ID Application ID
 Valid application: Yes / No Delegate name: Delegate signature:

Section 3—Reasons contended the land should be declared as rural land

Provide reasons and any supporting information to be considered by the Valuer-General when determining your application. Copies of supporting documents may be attached to this application. Attach a separate sheet if there is insufficient space.

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Section 4—Declaration and landowner consent

- If a landowner is lodging this application it must be signed by the landowner
- If more than one landowner is lodging this application it must be signed by at least one landowner
- If using an agent, both the landowner and the agent must complete this section*

*A landowner can choose to nominate another person (an agent) to lodge the application on their behalf. Written consent of the landowner must be provided if an agent is being nominated. Please complete the details below or attach a signed letter of consent. Both the landowner and agent must sign the consent. Only one landowner’s signature is required.

I declare that the statements made in this form, the information provided, and any attached material is complete and correct. I consent to the Valuer-General verifying my documentation with the issuing authorities or their agencies.

Lodger’s name: Signature:

Date: / /

Landowner consent for an agent: I own the land described and nominate an agent to lodge this objection on my behalf

I declare that of
is authorised to act on my behalf

Owner’s name: Agent’s name:

Signature: Signature:

Date: / / Date: / /

Lodging your application

Lodge your completed rural land application and any supporting documents at a DERM business centre by either:

Post: the postal address of the relevant DERM business centre is shown at the top of your Valuation Notice.

By hand: refer to the DERM website <www.derm.qld.gov.au> for a complete list of DERM business centre addresses.

Email: each DERM business centre has a dedicated email address for lodgement. Please refer to the DERM website <www.derm.qld.gov.au> for a complete list of these email addresses. Sign and scan the form, and then attach it to your email.

Review rights

If you do not agree with the decision on your rural land application, you may apply to the Valuer-General within 28 days for an internal review of the decision. Please refer to the DERM website <www.derm.qld.gov.au> for further information on the internal review process. If you are not satisfied with the internal review decision you may lodge an appeal to the Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal (QCAT) <www.qcat.qld.gov.au>.

Information privacy statement

The Information *Privacy Act 2009* imposes obligations on Queensland Government agencies when they collect, use, disclose and store personal information. One of those obligations is that when any agency collects such information, it must make a reasonable effort to advise the subject of the information why it is being collected, and whether it is likely to be disclosed to third parties.

The information collected in this form will be used in accordance with the Department of Environment and Resource Management's Information Privacy Plan which is available on the department's website <www.derm.qld.gov.au>.

The Department of Environment and Resource Management collects property information in order to conduct annual valuations of the unimproved value of parcels of land in accordance with its statutory obligations under the *Land Valuation Act 2010* (the Act). In accordance with the Act, the department also uses this information to maintain the Valuation Roll, which includes the names and addresses of property owners, the sale price and date of sale of each property, and its unimproved value. The owner's name and address are not included in the valuation display listing, which is available for inspection by landowners as part of the annual valuation process.

The Form 24, lodged with each transfer of an interest in property, includes the names and addresses of the purchaser and the amount paid for the property. Some information from the Form 24 is made available to the public and it is provided to the Office of State Revenue (part of Queensland Treasury) for the calculation of stamp duty, and also to the relevant local authority so it may issue rate notices to the owner of the land. The information may be provided to other government agencies in order to allow those agencies to contact landowners, or to provide them with information, in relation to matters of significant public concern. The Form 24 is also used to verify ownership of land upon which water rights may be registered on the Water Allocation Register.

In order to prevent property fraud, and to assist vendors and purchasers to make informed decisions when they consider property transactions, this information is made available to the public (at a set fee). Under section 208 of the Act, may also be provided to data brokers, through a contract, who on-sell it to their clients. This information may be available as part of a package of information that data brokers compile from various sources. When next you consider buying or selling a property, you may find that the Valuation Roll can be of assistance in determining its market value.

To address concerns about the inappropriate use of Queensland Valuation and Sales (QVAS) for direct marketing purposes, a self-regulated industry *QVAS Code of Conduct* has been introduced. Since 1 October 2009, QVAS electronic data containing personal information is only provided to data broker licensees who have signed up to the Code of Conduct. Landowners may apply to the QVAS Code of Conduct Code Oversight Committee to have their personal information added to a Register of Request Suppressions. Data brokers must then suppress that personal information within their systems. Further information, including the address of the Code Oversight Committee for suppression requests or for a copy of the Code, is available on the department's website <www.derm.qld.gov.au>.