



Tiwi Islands Regional Council

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Purpose

At the Ordinary Council meeting on 27th May 2015, Council directed that a policy dealing with Staff Housing Allocations be prepared.

Objective

Tiwi Islands Regional Council (TIRC) provides staff relocating to the islands for work, or moving from another organisation's staff house on the islands, with fully furnished accommodation (excluding linen, towels and some non electrical kitchen items) subject to availability. No provision is made for staff to bring or store personal furniture.

The TIRC endeavours to provide accommodation that is suited to the employee's family needs and to the best standards available, subject to funding and budget constraints.

Staff housing is provided based on the family structure of the officer and the availability of housing, with the exception of the CEO position where a 3 bedroom house is allocated.

Policy

The allocation of housing is based on the following configuration:

Family configuration	Accommodation Size
Single person (or couple if no 2BR accommodation is available)	1 Bedroom accommodation
Couple	2 bedroom accommodation
Couple/sole parent with 1 - 2 dependents (where the two dependents are the same gender)	2 bedroom accommodation
Couple/sole parent with 2 - 4 dependents (in the case of two dependents they are of different gender and 10 years old or more).	3 bedroom accommodation

In the event of a suitable house not being available to meet the needs of a new staff member, or a change in a staff members housing needs occurs, an assessment of the current occupancy will be undertaken and staff occupying a house in excess of needs according to this policy may be re-allocated to an alternative house. The Council will provide a vehicle to assist with relocation and will provide a cleaning service for the vacated house.

Rental rates payable by TIRC employees are significantly less than the market value of a similar property, generally found across the Islands. Rental rates are not related to market forces. Rental rates are determined by a decision of Council and are generally set significantly below market forces as determined by Council's social and economic responsibilities. Rental rates will always be advised to occupiers ahead of any rental increase. Rental rates declared or noted in any offer of employment are effective at the time of offer only, and are subject to change in accordance with this policy. This policy should also be read in conjunction with relevant legislation.

Evaluation and Review

Review as needed or in 3 years whichever occurs first.