

The Greater Hume Shire is strategically placed on the Hume Highway, and at the centre of the Albury-Wodonga/Wagga Wagga growth corridor. Therefore there is a great potential for business and industry development across all sectors, including tradespeople.

The Greater Hume Shire welcomes the growth and development of **new employment opportunities** through the encouragement of new business and expansion of existing businesses. In order to support that goal, the broad objectives of Council are:

- To actively promote development throughout the Greater Hume Shire in order to enhance growth and employment opportunities by capitalising on existing strengths;
- To provide economic and administrative incentives for viable enterprises to establish or expand in the Greater Hume Shire;
- To provide a framework for Councillors and Staff when dealing with potential developers.

## **EMPLOYMENT**

Council's major focus is to increase the range and diversity of employment opportunities across the Shire.

## **DEFINITION OF A BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY**

An industry or business is one that has a manufacturing, production, service or value adding component. This may exclude conventional farming and/or retailing ventures.

## **POTENTIAL ASSISTANCE**

Council will consider making available various forms of development assistance, which may include some or all of the following concessions:

- Free pre-application advice
- Waiver of development application fees
- Waiver of 'up front' Water and Sewerage headworks

## BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY INCENTIVES

- Assistance with any civil works that may be required, including transport access, car parking etc.
- Waiver or reduction in other site establishment fees
- Rate relief
- To act as a facilitator for the development with relevant government departments and agencies.

Council will only consider applications for assistance to those developers whose projects show a high probability of future success, and will include in their application a Business Plan which details:

- Established income and expenditure in relation to the development
- Employment levels
- A product and market strategy
- Any other relevant information
- Other satisfactory evidence that the development has a reasonable prospect of success (eg Franchise plan)

### OTHER ASSISTANCE

Council and staff are aware of various State and Federal Government initiatives and will provide facilitation support where possible to any such developer.

### VARIATIONS

Council may consider variations for applications that can demonstrate outstanding merit.

### COUNCIL RIGHTS

All proposals must be submitted to Council for final approval and Greater Hume Shire Council reserves the right to:

1. accept or reject any application for assistance; and
2. vary the policy from time to time.

A decision by Council is to be considered final.

#### POLICY DOCUMENT CONTROL

GHS Business & Industry Incentives Policy	First adopted	19 Jul 2006 Min 690
GHS Business & Industry Incentives Policy	Readopted No Alterations	25 Jun 2008 Min 1535