

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 charges

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- 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 (e.g. franchise plan)
- Outstanding merit and/or
- Reflect confidence in the viability of Holbrook and/or Woomargama as locations to establish or expand enterprises during the lead up to the construction of the Hume Highway Bypass expected to be completed in 2012.

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.

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POLICY DOCUMENT CONTROL

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