



Direct Debit Request Service Agreement

Definitions

account means the account held at *your financial institution* from which *we* are authorised to arrange for funds to be debited.

agreement means this Direct Debit Request Service Agreement between *you* and *us*.

business day means a day other than a Saturday or a Sunday or a public holiday listed throughout Australia.

debit day means the day that payment by *you* to *us* is due.

debit payment means a particular transaction where a debit is made.

direct debit request means the Direct Debit Request between *us* and *you* (and includes any Form PD-C approved for use in the *transitional period*).

transitional period means the period commencing on the industry implementation date for Direct Debit Requests (31 March 2000) and concluding 12 calendar months from that date.

us or *we* means *WALCHA COUNCIL* the Debit User *you* have authorised by signing a *direct debit request*.

you means the customer who signed the *direct debit request*.

your financial institution is the financial institution where *you* hold the *account* that *you* have authorised *us* to arrange to debit.

1. Debiting your account

1.1 By signing a *direct debit request*, *you* have authorised *us* to arrange for funds to be debited from *your account*. *You* should refer to the *direct debit request* and this *agreement* for the terms of the arrangement between *us* and *you*.

1.2 *We* will only arrange for funds to be debited from *your account* as authorised in the *direct debit request*.

Or

We will only arrange for funds to be debited from *your account* if *we* have sent to the address nominated by *you* in the *direct debit request*, a billing advice which specifies the amount payable by *you* to *us* and when it is due.

1.3 If the *debit day* falls on a day that is not a *business day*, *we* may direct *your financial institution* to debit *your account* on the following *business day*.

If *you* are unsure about which day *your account* has or will be debited *you* should ask *your financial institution*.

2. Changes by us

2.1 *We* may vary any details of this *agreement* or a *direct debit request* at any time by giving *you* at least fourteen (14) days' written notice.

- 3. Changes by you**
- 3.1 Subject to 3.2 and 3.3, *you* may change the arrangements under a *direct debit request* by contacting *us* on p 02 6774 2500
- 3.2 If *you* wish to stop or defer a *debit payment* *you* must notify *us* in writing at least **TEN (10) working days** before the next *debit day*. This notice should be given to *us* in the first instance.
- 3.3 *You* may also cancel *your* authority for *us* to debit *your* account at any time by giving *us* **TEN (10) working days** notice in writing before the next *debit day*. This notice should be given to *us* in the first instance.
- 4. Your obligations**
- 4.1 It is *your* responsibility to ensure that there are sufficient clear funds available in *your* account to allow a *debit payment* to be made in accordance with the *direct debit request*.
- 4.2 If there are insufficient clear funds in *your account* to meet a *debit payment*:
- (a) *you* may be charged a fee and/or interest by *your financial institution*;
- (b) *you* may also incur fees or charges imposed or incurred by *us*; and
- (c) *you* must arrange for the *debit payment* to be made by another method or arrange for sufficient clear funds to be in *your account* by an agreed time so that *we* can process the *debit payment*.
- 4.3 *You* should check *your account* statement to verify that the amounts debited from *your account* are correct
- 4.4 If *WALCHA COUNCIL* is liable to pay goods and services tax ("GST") on a supply made in connection with this *agreement*, then *you* agree to pay *WALCHA COUNCIL* on demand an amount equal to the consideration payable for the supply multiplied by the prevailing GST rate.
- 5 Dispute**
- 5.1 If *you* believe that there has been an error in debiting *your account*, *you* should notify *us* directly on p 02 – 6774 2500 and confirm that notice in writing with *us* as soon as possible so that *we* can resolve *your* query more quickly.
- 5.2 If *we* conclude as a result of our investigations that *your* account has been incorrectly debited *we* will respond to *your* query by arranging for *your financial institution* to adjust *your* account (including interest and charges) accordingly. *We* will also notify *you* in writing of the amount by which *your account* has been adjusted.
- 5.3 If *we* conclude as a result of our investigations that *your account* has not been incorrectly debited *we* will respond to *your* query by providing *you* with reasons and any evidence for this finding.
- 5.4 Any queries *you* may have about an error made in debiting *your account* should be directed to *us* in the first instance so that *we* can attempt to resolve the matter between *us* and *you*. If *we* cannot resolve the matter *you* can still refer it to *your financial institution* which will obtain details from *you* of the disputed transaction and may lodge a claim on *your* behalf.

6. Accounts	You should check:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) with <i>your financial institution</i> whether direct debiting is available from <i>your account</i> as direct debiting is not available on all accounts offered by financial institutions. (b) <i>your account</i> details which <i>you</i> have provided to <i>us</i> are correct by checking them against a recent <i>account</i> statement; and (c) with <i>your financial institution</i> before completing the <i>direct debit request</i> if <i>you</i> have any queries about how to complete the <i>direct debit request</i>.
7. Confidentiality	<p>7.1 We will keep any information (including <i>your account</i> details) in <i>your direct debit request</i> confidential. We will make reasonable efforts to keep any such information that <i>we</i> have about <i>you</i> secure and to ensure that any of <i>our</i> employees or agents who have access to information about <i>you</i> do not make any unauthorised use, modification, reproduction or disclosure of that information.</p> <p>7.2 We will only disclose information that <i>we</i> have about <i>you</i>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) to the extent specifically required by law; or (b) for the purposes of this <i>agreement</i> (including disclosing information in connection with any query or claim).
8. Notice	<p>8.1 If <i>you</i> wish to notify <i>us</i> in writing about anything relating to this <i>agreement</i>, <i>you</i> should write to P O Box 2, WALCHA NSW 2354</p> <p>8.2 We will notify <i>you</i> by sending a notice in the ordinary post to the address <i>you</i> have given <i>us</i> in the <i>direct debit request</i>.</p> <p>8.3 Any notice will be deemed to have been received two <i>business days</i> after it is posted.</p>