



# PASTORAL LEASE RENT RELIEF

## APPLICATION OVERVIEW

On occasion, pastoral lessees may have a temporary inability to meet part of, or their entire annual lease rent due to:

- Declared Natural Disaster – e.g. fire, flood, drought or cyclone;
- Personal Disaster – e.g. significant family illness or accidental injury; or
- Personal Financial Hardship as a result of the economic state of the pastoral industry.

To assist pastoral lessees during such circumstances, under section 128 of the *Land Administration Act 1997*, the Minister for Lands may, on the recommendation of the Pastoral Lands Board, allow a payment of rent for a pastoral lease to be delayed for a specified period, reduced or waived entirely.

Details required in an *Application for Rent Relief* form are comprehensive and are assessed for the Pastoral Lands Board by the WA Department of Agriculture and Food, Farm Business Development unit. The Pastoral Lands Board will consider assessment findings and provide a recommendation to the Minister for Lands who makes the final decision on the rent relief (or otherwise) applicable.

As business operating conditions can change rapidly due to disasters, an *Application for Rent Relief* can be made within **60 days** following any six-monthly lease rent invoice issue date.

Information and documents that are required in an *Application for Rent Relief* form include:

- Business contacts for your main financier, accountant and consultant;
- Details of rent invoices on which you wish to claim relief;
- Business Profit and Loss / Proprietorship taxation statements at 30 June 2007, 2008 and 2009;
- Asset and Liability statements at 30 June 2007, 2008 and 2009 (not taxation figures);
- Projected cash flow budget, approved by your financier for 2009/10;
- Recovery plan detail; and
- Details of all land holdings – both pastoral leases and off-station.

For applicants that provide all required information in the first instance, the Pastoral Lands Board will undertake to provide its recommendation to the Minister for Lands within 30 days from the date the application is received.

### **NEED FURTHER INFORMATION? AN APPLICATION FORM? or have QUESTIONS?**

Contact the **Department of Regional Development and Lands, Pastoral Land** section to discuss your circumstances and to obtain the *Application for Rent Relief* form by contacting us on **08 9347 5126**.