Local Government Regulation 2012 Chapter 4 – Part 12

Subdivision 3 - Acquiring land for overdue rates or charges

150 Time to start procedures to acquire

- (1) This section applies if—
 - (a) a local government gives, under section 149, a notice of intention to acquire land for overdue rates or charges; and
 - (b) the overdue rates or charges are not paid in full within 6 months after the local government gives the notice of intention to acquire the land.
- (2) The local government may start the procedures for acquiring the land.
- (3) However, the local government must end the procedures for acquiring the land if the local government is paid—
 - (a) the amount of the overdue rates or charges; and
 - (b) all expenses that the local government incurs in attempting to acquire the land.

151 Acquisition procedures

- (1) This section sets out the procedures that a local government must follow when acquiring land for overdue rates or charges.
- (2) The local government must—
 - (a) discharge the overdue rates or charges payable for the land; and
 - (b) give the registrar of titles a request, in the appropriate form, to record the local government as the registered owner of the land.
- (3) After receiving the request, the registrar of titles must record the local government as the registered owner of the land free of all encumbrances other than any State encumbrances.
- (4) The registrar of titles—
 - (a) may record the local government as the registered owner of the land even if the request is not accompanied by the instrument of title for the land; and
 - (b) need not inquire whether the local government has complied with this subdivision; and
 - (c) is not affected by actual or constructive notice of any failure by the local government to comply with this subdivision.
- (5) When the registrar of titles has recorded the local government as the registered owner of the land, the local government must remove the reference to the land from the land record.
- (6) In this section
 - appropriate form see the Land Title Act, schedule 2.