



Statement of Revenue Policy 2025/2026 Financial Year May 2025

Policy #	Board Endorsed	Effective Date
1	16 May 2025	1 July 2025

1 Primary Details

Policy Name	Statement of Revenue Policy 2025-2026 FY
Responsible Officer	Executive Officer
Review Timeframe	Annually – no later than 30 June
Next Scheduled Review	May 2026
Authorised By	RAMJO Board
Authorisation Date	16 May 2025
Legislation	NSW Local Government Act 1993 Local Government Regulation 2021 (CI 3971) <i>Annual Statement of Revenue Policy</i>

2 Purpose

This document constitutes the Riverina and Murray Joint Organisation's Revenue Policy for the 2025/2026 financial year, and is prepared in accordance with Section 405 of *the NSW Local Government Act 1993* ("the Act") and clause 3971 of the *NSW Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*, which requires Joint Organisations (JOs) have an annual statement of revenue policy that includes:

- a. A statement containing a detailed estimate of the joint organisation's income and expenditure;
- b. A statement of the types of fees proposed to be charged by the joint organisation;
- c. The amount of any proposed fees; and
- d. A statement of the amounts of any proposed borrowings (other than internal borrowing).

A JO must adopt its revenue policy statement for the year on or before 30 June in the preceding year. The Regulation also identifies that:

- Each member council of the JO is to make an annual financial contribution to the JO;
- The JO is to determine the amount of the annual contribution in accordance with the methodology adopted by the board; and
- A JO must consult with the member councils about proposed financial contributions.

3 Estimated Revenue (2025/2026)

3.1 Financial Contributions by Member Councils

Financial contributions by the member Councils support delivery of the Riverina and Murray Joint Organisations (RAMJO) principle functions of identifying strategic regional priorities, regional leadership and advocacy and intergovernmental collaboration.

The determination of each council's contribution comprises:

- i. A base amount for membership, which has been set at \$10,000 per member council;
- ii. A first step per capita charge of \$1.60 for up to 10,000 in population for each Member Council;
- iii. A second step per capita charge of \$0.60 cents for populations above 10,000 for remaining member councils;
- iv. Application of the Rate PEG (3.6% for 2025/2026) following application of the population calculation; and
- v. A rounded-up flat rate fee of \$30,000 for any member councils who's fee comes in at under \$30,000, following the afore noted calculation.

Financial contributions for the 2025.2026 FY, excl. GST are:

COUNCIL	AMOUNT
Albury	\$56,969.85
Balranald (TBC)	\$30,000
Berrigan	\$30,000
Edward River	\$30,000
Federation	\$30,000
Griffith	\$37,714.54
Leeton	\$30,000
Murray River	\$30,000
Murrumbidgee	\$30,000
Narrandera	\$30,000
Wentworth	\$30,000
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS	\$364,684.39

3.2 Fees and Charges

Under The Act, RAMJO may charge and recover an approved fee for the delivery of additional services. No fee for service activities of this nature are currently proposed for the 2025/26 period.

In the event that such work is delivered, the calculation of fees will consider:

- The cost of provision of the service;
- Recommended prices suggested by outside bodies;
- The importance of the service; and
- Legislation that regulates certain fees.

3.3 Revenue from Grants

Estimated revenue from grants for 2025/2026 includes:

PROGRAM	AMOUNT	SOURCE
Regional Waste Coordination Program – Murray	\$189,269	NSW EPA
Regional Waste Coordination Program – Riverina	\$158,615	NSW EPA
FOGO2 – Wentworth	\$147,900	NSW EPA
Community Recycling Centres	\$80,000	NSW EPA
Disaster Ready Fund	\$518,000	NSW Reconstruction Authority
JONZA Round 3	\$200,000	NSW Dept. of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water
TOTAL ESTIMATE GRANTS RECEIVED	\$1,293,784	

3.4 Proposed Borrowings

No borrowings are proposed by RAMJO for the 2025/2026 FY.

4 Estimate Expenditure (2025/2026 FY Operational Budget)

Please note that a detailed operational budget for the 2025/2026 FY will be provided for consideration at the May 2025 RAMJO Board meeting.

OPERATIONAL INCOME	INDICATIVE ANNUAL BUDGET 2025/2026
Membership Contributions	\$364,684
Other income (Rebates, admin fees, interest)	\$148,513
ESTIMATE OPERATIONAL INCOME	\$513,197
OPERATIONAL EXPENDITURE	INDICATIVE ANNUAL BUDGET 2025/2026
Office costs	\$102,500
Insurances, Audit, ARIC, Taxes	\$64,000
Meetings and working groups	\$39,000
Stakeholder engagement and advocacy	\$46,500
Outsourcing / additional resources	\$15,000
Staff training and PD	\$8,000
Staff wages and oncosts	\$232,095
ESTIMATE OPERATIONAL EXPENDITURE	\$507,095
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