

PROPOSED NEW RATING STRUCTURE

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

5A. AVERAGE ESTIMATED RATES & MOVEMENT IN RATES

BY TOWNSHIP / SUB-CATEGORY

In response to requests by ratepayers for the average rates under the proposed new rating structure, these amounts are now provided to show the impact of the proposal on the townships and rating sub-categories. The original movement figures provided in supporting document 5 included waste and other charges however, to ensure the most accurate indication of the impact of the proposed new rating structure, such charges not included in the figures below, though the rates do include the Emergency Services Annual Charge.

Almost every ratepayer in the Blue Mountains will be impacted by the proposed new rating structure. Whether your rates will increase or decrease depends on where you live or where your business operates from.

Table 1 on the next page shows <u>average</u> estimated rate payable if the current structure continued in 2011-2012 and under the proposed new rating structure by Residential, Business and Farmland rating categories. The <u>average</u> differences for each rating category are shown in the last column.

The <u>average</u> estimated rate payable if the current structure continued in 2011-2012 and under the proposed new rating structure by Residential township and current Business sub-category, is shown in Table 2. As well, the <u>average</u> differences for each category and sub-category is shown in the last column.

All rates shown in both tables have been based on the 2010 revaluation figures (which have also been included in Table 2) and include the increase (known as rate peg) for 2011-2012 to the Council's income as allowed by the Independent Pricing & Regulatory Tribunal (IPART).

Table 1: By Rating Category

| Category | No. of Properties in Category | Current Structure – Estimated Average Rates 2011-2012 \$ | Proposed New Rating Structure – Estimated Average Rates 2011-2012 \$ | Average Rate Movement \$ |
|-------------|-------------------------------------|---|--|--------------------------------|
| RESIDENTIAL | 34,124 | \$1,209 | \$1,170 | -\$39 |
| BUSINESS | 1,125 | \$2,686 | \$3,853 | \$1,167 |
| FARMLAND | 145 | \$1,817 | \$1,929 | \$112 |

Table 2: By Township & Current Business Sub-Category

| SUB-CATEGORY / TOWNSHIP | No. of Properties Township / Sub- Category | Average Land Value \$ | Current Structure – Estimated Average Rates 2011- 2012 \$ | Proposed New Rating Structure – Estimated Average Rates 2011- 2012 \$ | Average Rate Movement \$ |
|-------------------------|--|-----------------------------|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| RESIDENTIAL | | | | | |
| Bell | 26 | \$74,823 | \$548 | \$512 | -\$36 |
| Blackheath | 2,815 | \$197,442 | \$1,165 | \$927 | -\$239 |
| Blaxland | 2,754 | \$247,457 | \$1,311 | \$1,342 | \$31 |
| Bullaburra | 616 | \$188,171 | \$1,075 | \$894 | -\$181 |
| Faulconbridge | 1,574 | \$217,041 | \$1,238 | \$1,183 | -\$56 |
| Glenbrook | 1,855 | \$317,103 | \$1,659 | \$1,708 | \$49 |
| Hazelbrook | 1,997 | \$196,765 | \$1,062 | \$923 | -\$140 |
| Katoomba | 4,331 | \$168,860 | \$983 | \$937 | -\$ 47 |
| Lapstone | 344 | \$287,195 | \$1,491 | \$1,549 | \$58 |
| Lawson | 1,164 | \$189,561 | \$1,044 | \$891 | -\$152 |
| Leura | 2,444 | \$260,019 | \$1,312 | \$1,416 | \$104 |
| Linden | 210 | \$210,060 | \$1,134 | \$981 | -\$153 |
| Medlow Bath | 356 | \$187,065 | \$1,094 | \$886 | -\$209 |
| Megalong | 32 | \$259,125 | \$1,291 | \$1,198 | -\$92 |
| Mt Irvine | 38 | \$307,632 | \$1,529 | \$1,414 | -\$115 |
| Mt Riverview | 1,112 | \$232,754 | \$1,218 | \$1,264 | \$46 |
| Mt Tomah | 45 | \$366,000 | \$1,811 | \$1,675 | -\$137 |
| Mt Victoria | 706 | \$133,270 | \$716 | \$669 | -\$47 |
| Mt Wilson | 55 | \$369,273 | \$1,827 | \$1,689 | -\$138 |
| Rural Residential | 271 | \$398,411 | \$1,901 | \$2,024 | \$123 |
| Springwood | 3,109 | \$222,190 | \$1,300 | \$1,219 | -\$81 |
| Sun Valley | 13 | \$394,615 | \$2,189 | \$2,112 | -\$77 |
| Valley Heights | 463 | \$232,899 | \$1,330 | \$1,267 | -\$63 |
| Warrimoo | 866 | \$243,524 | \$1,276 | \$1,320 | \$44 |
| Wentworth Falls | 3,063 | \$227,924 | \$1,154 | \$1,241 | \$ 87 |
| Winmalee | 2,507 | \$231,042 | \$1,302 | \$1,255 | -\$47 |
| Woodford | 831 | \$213,992 | \$1,152 | \$998 | -\$154 |

| SUB-CATEGORY / TOWNSHIP | No. of Properties Township / Sub- Category | Average Land Value \$ | Current Structure – Estimated Average Rates 2011- 2012 \$ | Proposed New Rating Structure – Estimated Average Rates 2011- 2012 \$ | Average Rate Movement \$ |
|------------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| Yellow Rock | 329 | \$257,395 | \$1,443 | \$1,393 | -\$50 |
| Previously Business Statutory | 198 | \$9,913 | \$148 | \$485 | \$338 |
| TOTALS RESIDENTIAL | 34,123 | \$221,225 | \$1,209 | \$1,170 | -\$39 |
| BUSINESS SUB-CATEGORIES | | | | | |
| Business Blackheath | 63 | \$263,083 | \$2,127 | \$2,801 | \$674 |
| Business Blaxland | 30 | \$305,700 | \$2,043 | \$3,249 | \$1,207 |
| Business General | 424 | \$353,090 | \$2,733 | \$3,792 | \$1,059 |
| Business Glenbrook | 18 | \$341,156 | \$2,624 | \$3,621 | \$ 997 |
| Business Hazelbrook | 14 | \$512,857 | \$2,803 | \$5,421 | \$2,619 |
| Business Katoomba | 162 | \$494,280 | \$3,507 | \$5,235 | \$1,728 |
| Business Lawson | 11 | \$261,000 | \$2,092 | \$2,821 | \$729 |
| Business Leura | 60 | \$496,200 | \$2,753 | \$5,246 | \$2,493 |
| Business Springwood | 72 | \$551,389 | \$4,334 | \$5,826 | \$1,491 |
| Business Wentworth Falls | 29 | \$327,345 | \$2,648 | \$3,479 | \$831 |
| Business Industrial Blaxland | 35 | \$125,400 | \$1,279 | \$1,358 | \$80 |
| Business Industrial Katoomba | 107 | \$231,400 | \$1,546 | \$2,471 | \$ 926 |
| Business Industrial Lawson | 70 | \$264,657 | \$2,379 | \$2,819 | \$439 |
| Business Industrial Springwood | 16 | \$181,375 | \$1,457 | \$1,973 | \$516 |
| Business Industrial Valley Heights | 14 | \$381,643 | \$2,569 | \$4,046 | \$1,476 |
| TOTALS BUSINESS | 1,125 | \$361,427 | \$2,686 | \$3,853 | \$1,167 |
| FARMLAND | | | | | |
| Farmland | 145 | \$509,103 | \$1,817 | \$1,929 | \$112 |