

Victorian Government Local Government Rating System Review Rating Review General Submissions

Summary: Rates are too high in Victoria and there is no transparency around what people are paying. In NSW we can check online for the rating on the block next door, the house in the next suburb, or any house in NSW.

In 2018 we sold our home in NSW and purchased our new home in Ballarat.

NSW home sold for \$1,172,000 (located on a headland overlooking Seven Mile Beach)

Annual Council Rates \$2,288

Population 22,000 (coastal rural community 2 hours from Sydney)

New home purchased for \$1,070,000 (located on Lake Wendouree)

Annual Council Rates \$4,843.47

Population 101,588 (rural area/ regional city 1 1/2 hours from Melbourne)

- Both houses in similar price range and both located with great views, so are astounded at the significant increase in rates
- Looking at figures for the average council rates the highest is \$2,229 for Boroondara, for the year ending 2017. <https://www.monash.vic.gov.au/About-Us/Rates/How-Rates-are-calculated/Victoria39s-lowest-average-rates>
- According to "How do your rates work" Rating System review video if we lived where Jenny lives then our rates would be about \$3,000. I can't understand how the rates in Ballarat can be so high.

Additionally based on the explanation in the Rating System review video it seems to me that the system would have a negative impact on people living in lower priced properties.

