

# Warrnambool and Mansfield councils applying to exceed rate cap for 2019–20

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Two councils – Warrnambool City and Mansfield Shire – have submitted applications to exceed the [2.5 per cent rate cap](#) for 2019–20 to the Essential Services Commission.

The commission will now assess the applications against the criteria set out in legislation including:

- the reasons why the council is seeking the [higher cap](#)
- how the views of ratepayers and the community have been considered in proposing the higher cap
- how the higher cap is an efficient use of council resources and represents value for money
- whether other funding options have been considered and why those options are not adequate
- that the assumptions and proposals in the application are consistent with the council’s long term strategy and financial management policies.

Interested ratepayers can see the applications on the [commission’s website](#).

The commission expects to complete its assessment and make a ruling on the applications by the end of May.

Editorial note: The commission does not comment on individual applications during the

assessment period.

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