

Local Government Rates Capping and Variation Framework Review,
Essential Services Commission,
Level 37, 2 Lonsdale Street,
Melbourne.

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Re-Local Government Rates Capping Framework.

We live and run an apple orchard and cider works on the Mornington Peninsula and the family have owned the land since 1940. Although we benefit from the rural rate on the land as opposed to the general rate (on our house) the rates increase 6% a year and as we have several titles the total is unsustainable. The Fire Services Levy which is basically a land tax (calculated on CIV) is added to the Rates.

We support the proposal for Local Government rates and charges to be capped to the rate of inflation.

We would be happy to discuss our financial details and present rate notices etc if it would be helpful.

Yours faithfully,
E. and F. Howard and Sid Cairns,
J.D. Cairns Orchards.