



Media release

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New tool to help people estimate impact of proposed rate rise

A NEW tool has been developed to help people estimate the impact of a proposed Clarence Valley Council rate rise on their property.

Council is considering applying to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) to increase rates above the State Government's pegged limit. The proposal is to increase rates by 8% each year (inclusive of the rate-pegged limit) for three years from 2018-19, with the cumulative 25.97% increase to be retained permanently in council's rate base.

Council General Manager, Ashley Lindsay, said the simple tool offered an effective way for people to work out what a proposed Special Rates Variation (SRV) would mean on individual properties.

"All people need is their property number and access to the internet," he said.

"People can visit www.clarence.nsw.gov.au/ratesestimator and, in a couple of clicks, work out how much the proposed rise would cost them.

"If people don't have internet access, we have facilities available at all Clarence Valley libraries.

"We hope people take advantage of it."

Submissions on the proposal can be emailed to council@clarence.nsw.gov.au or made in writing to Locked Bag 23, Grafton, 2460. Submissions close 4pm, November 3.

Release ends.

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