



# Fair Go Rates system (FGRS) implementation update

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# Compliance timeline for 2020-21

20 November  
2019

Release of compliance report for  
2019-20 rating year

13 December  
2019

Minister's cap announced  
(2 per cent)

30 January  
2020

Release of guidance for councils on  
2020-21 compliance

By 30  
September 2020

Councils send annual compliance  
information

December 2020

Release of compliance report for  
2020-21 rating year

## The ESC's compliance function

- Based on actual (not budget) figures
- No flexibility to consider magnitude or intent of any non-compliance
- CEOs must sign template and rating system reports
- Complete compliance template as early as possible

*We are currently reviewing council compliance processes*

## Our 2019 Outcomes Report - findings

- Rate increases have reduced for the average ratepayer
- Growth in the sector's overall revenue has remained relatively stable
- Expenditure on services and infrastructure increased
- In general, the financial health of the sector remained strong

*We are working to improve the data for future reports*

# Higher cap application timeline for 2020-21



The commission is available at any time to meet with councils considering a higher cap

# Higher cap application resources

- Guidance for councils – applying for a higher cap  
[www.esc.vic.gov.au/local-government/guidance-councils#tabs-container2](http://www.esc.vic.gov.au/local-government/guidance-councils#tabs-container2)
- Community engagement resources  
[www.esc.vic.gov.au/local-government/resources-councils/community-engagement-resources](http://www.esc.vic.gov.au/local-government/resources-councils/community-engagement-resources)
- Past higher cap applications and decisions  
[www.esc.vic.gov.au/local-government/council-rate-caps/higher-cap-applications#tabs-container2](http://www.esc.vic.gov.au/local-government/council-rate-caps/higher-cap-applications#tabs-container2)
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