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| *Comparative data - Rates*  In determining capacity to pay, the current average rates in comparison to other Councils in OLG Group 7 is provided below. It is noted that this is based on the most recent comparative data available on the OLG website (2018/19).  In comparing the average residential rate, Central Coast Council has the second lowest average rate. In comparing the average farmland rate, Central Coast Council has the second lowest average rate. In comparing the average business rate, Central Coast Council has the third lowest average rate in OLG Group 7.   |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | Council  The councils listed are those that continued operations and reported for the financial year 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019 | Average Residential Rate  ($) | Average Farmland Rate  ($) | Average Business Rate  ($) | | Hills | 1,050.32 | 1,516.34 | 2,094.81 | | Central Coast | **1,086.41** | **1,751.72** | **3,545.40** | | Hornsby | 1,171.87 | 1,863.92 | 2,688.76 | | Campbelltown | 1,207.76 | 7,577.46 | 6,642.51 | | Camden | 1,271.70 | 2,801.98 | 4,745.22 | | Penrith | 1,335.96 | 3,900.76 | 6,825.20 | | Blue Mountains | 1,747.22 | 2,671.53 | 4,113.94 |   When the comparative data is extended to the category of Metropolitan fringe the results remain largely the same.  In comparing the average residential rate, Central Coast Council has the second lowest average rate. In comparing the average farmland rate, Central Coast Council has the second lowest average rate. In comparing the average business rate, Central Coast Council has the median average rate in OLG Classification – Metropolitan Fringe   |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | Council  The councils listed are those that continued operations and reported for the financial year 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019 | Average Residential Rate  ($) | Average Farmland Rate  ($) | Average Business Rate  ($) | | Hills | 1,050.32 | 1,516.34 | 2,094.81 | | Central Coast | **1,086.41** | **1,751.72** | **3,545.40** | | Hornsby | 1,171.87 | 1,863.92 | 2,688.76 | | Campbelltown | 1,207.76 | 7,577.46 | 6,642.51 | | Hawkesbury | 1,230.13 | 2,372.36 | 2,315.55 | | Camden | 1,271.70 | 2,801.98 | 4,745.22 | | Penrith | 1,335.96 | 3,900.76 | 6,825.20 | | Blue Mountains | 1,747.22 | 2,671.53 | 4,113.94 | | Wollondilly | 1,810.29 | 3,732.39 | 2,927.96 |   Applying the comparative data to those Councils neighbouring Central Coast, the average residential and farmland rates for Central Coast are the lowest in the region.  In comparing the average residential rate, Central Coast Council has the lowest average rate. In comparing the average farmland rate, Central Coast Council has the lowest average rate. In comparing the average business rate, Central Coast Council has the second highest rate in the region.   |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | Council  The councils listed are those that continued operations and reported for the financial year 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019 | Average Residential Rate  ($) | Average Farmland Rate  ($) | Average Business Rate  ($) | | Central Coast | **1,086.41** | **1,751.72** | **3,545.40** | | Hornsby | 1,171.87 | 1,863.92 | 2,688.76 | | Cessnock | 1,179.10 | 2,797.06 | 3,216.61 | | Hawkesbury | 1,230.13 | 2,372.36 | 2,315.55 | | Lake Macquarie | 1,380.71 | 1,947.37 | 4,799.02 | |