

Updates to the NSW Emergency Services Levy

On the 30th May 2017 the NSW Government announced that plans to change the Emergency Services Levy (ESL) have been put on hold pending a review. This review was implemented to ensure the process is fair to all property owners.

What do these changes mean to you?

At this stage, there are no changes to your premium. However the NSW Government has strongly indicated that the ESL will now continue to be funded through a levy on your insurance premiums going forward.

The insurance industry is currently working with the NSW Government along with other stakeholders to understand the implications for your insurance policies, and as more details are made available on the review of ESL, we will make them available to you.

What is the Emergency Services Levy?

The ESL provides funding for emergency services such as the Fire and Rescue, Rural Fire Services and State Emergency Services. Insurance companies collect the ESL on behalf of the NSW Government.

What changes had the NSW Government proposed that are now on hold?

The NSW Government had proposed introducing a new approach to fund emergency services from 1 July 2017. This included removing the ESL charged on insurance policies and replacing it with a new levy, the Fire and Emergency Services Levy (FESL) which is charged through your council rates. This approach is now on hold.

If you require any additional information, please refer to the [NSW Government FESL website](#), [Insurance Monitor's ESL website](#) or feel free to phone us on **1300 10 1234**.