

Comparing our general rate to other councils

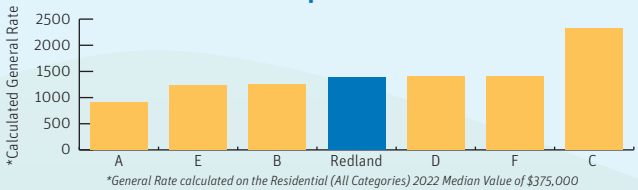
Rating categories are rarely comparable between councils, as no two are identical.

Comparing rates, water, sewerage, refuse and separate charges does not take into account the different services offered by councils, the geography of the council areas, the size of the ratepayer base who share the cost, or the mix of residential, commercial and other rate paying categories that contribute to rate revenue.

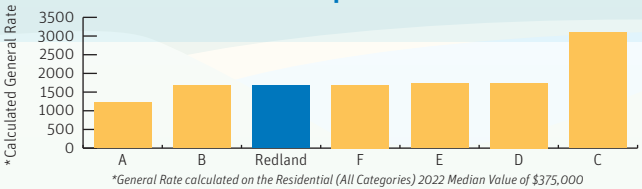
The below graphs show a direct comparison only of the calculated general rate with other councils in south-east Queensland. Three councils were excluded as the comparable rate category was not clear.

Redland City Council is shown in blue and other council names have been removed.

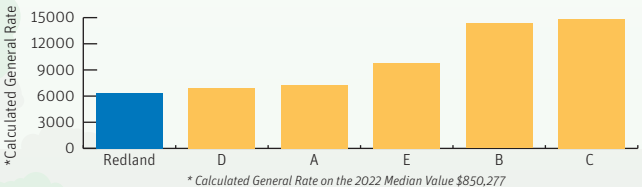
Residential Owner Occupied Calculated General Rate



Residential Non Owner Occupied Calculated General Rate



Commercial Calculated General Rate



The calculated rate is based on multiplying the median unimproved land value of the category type by each council's published rate for the category. This method is commonly used by councils to determine a dollar value for rates.

Great care has been taken to ensure the correct comparable rate category was used, however as noted above rating categories are rarely comparable between councils.