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### QUEENSLAND

#### **Council lifts rates and confronts ‘beyond its means’ spending**

This article reports that the Sunshine Coast Council has set its budget for 2026/27 which includes a rise in property tax of an average of circa \$220p.a. and a “tightening of the belt” on council spending.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

[Council lifts rates and confronts 'beyond its means' spending - Australia](#)

### VICTORIA

#### **Victorians slugged with unique taxes not paid in any other state**

This article examines property taxes that are paid in Victoria but not any other state, which have been introduced to manage the State debt. These include: a short stay levy for short term accommodation, Airbnb etc., vacant residential land tax, windfall gains tax for increases due to government rezoning and Covid debt levy.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

[Victoria’s unique taxes: Why residents pay levies no one else does | news.com.au — Australia’s leading news site for latest headlines](#)

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### **Melbourne council rates up 73 per cent in five years**

This article examines the increases in property tax in Victoria, The mounting property tax debt, the limited hardship relief available and the renaming and increase in the fire services levy.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

<https://cairnnews.org/2026/06/21/melbourne-council-rates-up-73-per-cent-in-five-years/>

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