

# Understanding your rates



## Environment Southland

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### What we do

As the regional council Environment Southland is responsible for leading the management of Southland's natural, physical resources – water, land, air and the coast.

These resources underpin Southland's regional economy and our quality of life. As a community, we need to take a long term, sustainable perspective to natural resource use, if we want them to be available for future generations to use and enjoy.

### What are my rates used for?

Your rates contribute to the operating costs of our work. Rates make up 49% of our total income, which equates to \$16.988 million this year. The rest of our funding comes from investment income (4%); dividends from our majority shareholding in South Port New Zealand Ltd (13%); levies, contributions and rentals (10%); and external recoveries (24%).

### What are the different types of rates?

The rates you contribute depend on the type of property you have.

#### *Everyone pays these rates...*

##### ▶ GENERAL RATE

This is based on the capital value of your property. If you own a dairy farm, a differential is also applied to fund specific costs related to dairy farming.

##### ▶ BIOSECURITY RATE

The biosecurity rate is used to lead the management of pest plants and pest animals, which can have a serious impact on Southland's environment and economy. This is a targeted rate based on land value with about 75% paid by rural ratepayers and 25% by urban ratepayers.

##### ▶ UNIFORM ANNUAL GENERAL CHARGE (UAGC)

This is a fixed amount of \$94.80 per property. This helps fund a wide range of activities that benefit the whole Southland community.

##### ▶ LAND SUSTAINABILITY RATE

This rate is used to promote good land management practices, working with, and providing advice to, land owners and community groups, in ways that will give the best gains for improving water quality.

#### *You might also need to pay...*

##### ▶ RIVER CATCHMENT RATE

These fund activities such as drainage, maintenance, river management, flood protection schemes and vegetation control. They are calculated based on the benefit properties receive and rated accordingly.

##### ▶ SOUTHERN PEST ERADICATION SOCIETY

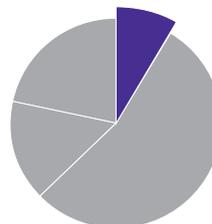
If your property is 4ha or more in size and you live in the Southland District south of the Mimihau Stream and east of the Mataura River, you'll contribute a rate to the Southern Pest Eradication Society.

GROUPS OF ACTIVITIES	TOTAL EXPENDITURE 2018/2019 includes capital expenditure	RATES PER \$100
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### Regional leadership

Activities that relate to our relationship with Māori, regional initiatives and collaboration, transport management, governance, and communication and engagement.

\$3.46m

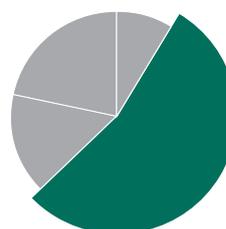


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### Environmental stewardship

Includes resource management, community partnerships, biodiversity, biosecurity, harbour management, marine oil spill response and monitoring, data and information.

\$21.24m

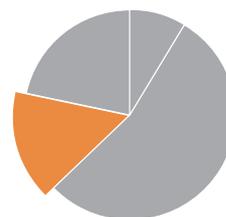


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### Whakahoki te Mana

Covers the People, Water and Land programme and partnering in Waituna.

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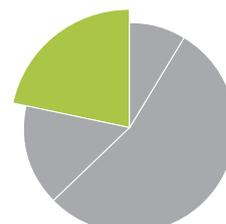


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### Community resilience

Includes emergency management, flood warning, flood protection and control works, land drainage, hazards mitigation.

\$8.44m



\$32

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