

Second Reading Speech

Land Tax Rating Amendment Bill 2022

Mr Speaker,

On 1 March 2022, the Premier delivered the State of the State Address in which he outlined the Government's roadmap to secure Tasmania's future.

In that Address, the Government promised to:

- double the land value at which land tax becomes payable, from \$50 000 to \$100 000;
- increase the maximum land value threshold by \$100 000, from \$400 000 to \$500 000;
- and
- decrease the rate of land tax on land values under \$500 000 to 0.45 per cent.

Mr Speaker,

This Bill delivers on our State of the State Address commitment to reset the land tax rates and thresholds.

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Last year, the Government took action to relieve some of the costs of rental properties and put downward pressure on rents by resetting the land tax thresholds.

There is no doubt that Tasmania's strong economy and desirable lifestyle has meant more and more people want to live, work and raise a family in Tasmania. To ease the cost of living for Tasmanian families and continue adding downward pressure on rents, the Government is taking further action on land tax rates and thresholds.

By increasing the tax free threshold and the maximum land value threshold, and reducing the rate of tax on land under \$500 000, it is estimated that approximately 70 000 landowners will benefit, with an average saving of around \$600 on their land tax bill. It will also mean approximately 7 800 landowners will no longer pay land tax from 1 July 2022.

Mr Speaker

The Bill gives effect to the Government's land tax relief as announced in the State of the State Address.

The Bill, together with the Government's other housing relief measures, shows our continued support for Tasmanian families, and provides more sustainable housing outcomes across the State.

Mr Speaker,

I commend this Bill to the House.