

## THE NSW EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY

To ensure you're informed when it comes to changes that impact your insurance, we're providing an update on the NSW Emergency Services Levy (ESL).

### What is the ESL?

The ESL is a regular contribution towards emergency service agencies in NSW. The ESL is added to your insurance payments each year. Once collected, your ESL contribution then goes toward funding emergency services in NSW, where it helps to keep our community safe during times of urgent need.

### Changes to ESL are on hold

Previously, we let you know your ESL contribution would be replaced by a new Fire and Emergency Services Levy (FESL). We explained the new FESL would be collected with council rates, instead of insurance, from 1 July 2017. However, on 30 May 2017, the NSW Government announced it was delaying the changes.

Prior to the delay announcement, we progressively removed the ESL from policies due between 1 July 2016 and 30 June 2017. With the changes now on hold, we've reintroduced ESL on insurance policies.

### What's the reason for the delay?

The NSW Government identified that some businesses were unfairly impacted by the new FESL, so the changes have been delayed.

### What does this mean for you?

Your policy already has an ESL contribution for the financial year in which your policy starts, so you don't need to do anything other than follow the payment instructions provided with your renewal.

Your ESL contribution will continue through your insurance policy until the NSW Government advises us otherwise. We'll continue to keep you updated as we find out more.

### Any questions?

You can visit the Fire and Emergency Services Levy website at [fesl.nsw.gov.au](http://fesl.nsw.gov.au) or call NSW Treasury on **1300 78 78 72**.