

Request for input on existing postcodes for metro and regional rebate designations

Purpose

The Battery Stewardship Council (BSC) has received feedback from industry that it is time to explore the metro vs regional rebate designations to confirm they are appropriately reflecting the geographical advantages and disadvantages of those collections. As such, BSC is seeking feedback from industry on the current designations for metro and regional areas and whether the existing definitions areas are appropriate.

Rationale for current designations

BSC established the rebate designations to address geographical disadvantages for regional areas and some jurisdictions that lacked processing facilities or have significant distances to transport batteries to recycling facilities on Australia's east coast.

Metro rebate designation

Metro areas are currently defined as those collections from the cities and major regional centres of Adelaide, Brisbane, Melbourne, Sydney, the Gold Coast, the Sunshine Coast, Canberra, Newcastle/Lake Macquarie, Wollongong/Illawarra and Geelong. These postcodes are sourced from [Department of Home Affairs](#).

Regional rebate designation

Collections were designated regional if they are from areas outside of the metro postcodes stated above; or the Northern Territory, Tasmania and Western Australia.



Impact of changes to the rate

It is important to note that any change to the classification of a metro and regional postcode will likely result in a change to the rebate amounts (metro \$2.50 / kg or regional \$3.50 / kg) that the collections are eligible for.

Consultation questions

BSC would appreciate your feedback on the following questions:

- + Do you think the existing postcode arrangement is an appropriate definition of metro and regional areas for purposes of B-cycle collection rebates?
 - + If yes, on what basis are they appropriate?
- + Are any changes or updates required to the B-cycle definition of metro and regional postcodes?
 - + If yes, what changes are necessary and why? Note this information is essential to assist the BSC develop the business case for any changes.
- + Are there certain frameworks or other definitions of metro and regional that you think are more appropriate?
 - + If yes, please describe and provide rationale for applying other frameworks.
- + Are the special designation for the Northern Territories, Tasmania and Western Australia regional still needed?
 - + Please explain your answer.
- + Would it be better to remove this special designation and use the resulting funds to offset changes to the postcodes of other metro /regional designation?
 - + Please explain your answer.
- + What other information should BSC be aware of when considering reviewing the definitions of metro and regional rebates?

How will BSC use your input?

Your feedback will be used to inform Board discussion and assist BSC to review and possibly revise the definitions of metro and regional areas for the purposes of rebate claims and amount. If feedback strongly indicates another approach for metro vs regional designations, a cost benefit analysis will be undertaken before changes can be considered.

Timeline

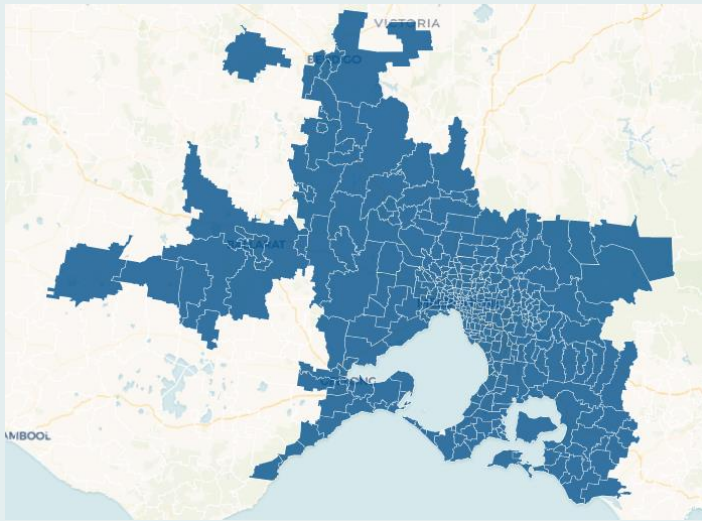
Please provide feedback to the BSC on the questions raised on page 1 by **5pm Friday 1 Sept**. Feedback may be submitted in writing to the BSC to contact@bsc.org.au. BSC will receive feedback and prepare the final protocol to be used by participants.

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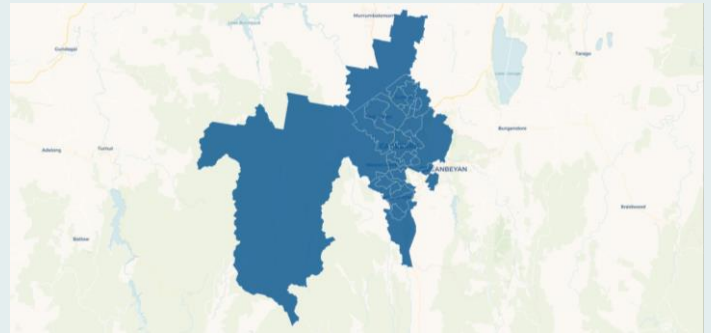
Basis of the current designations

The following images of areas illustrate areas currently considered as metro collections by BSC in the following states/territories:

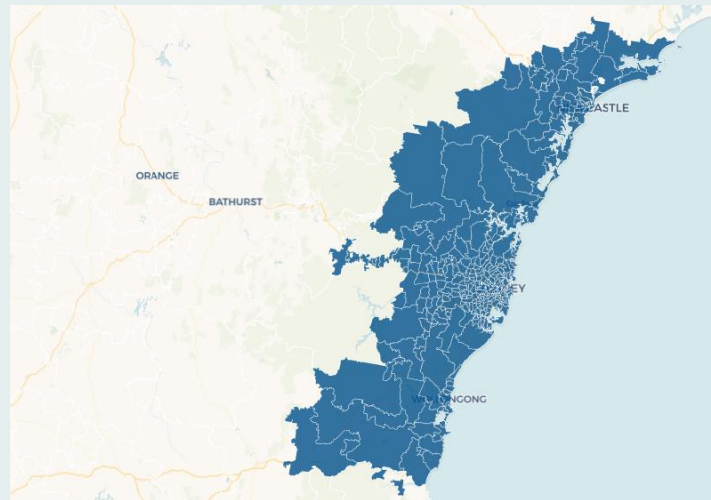
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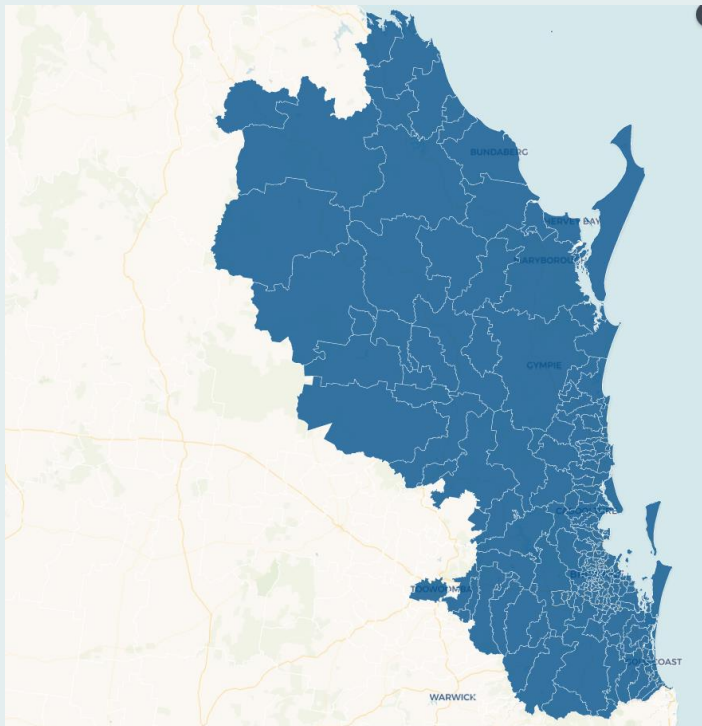
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