



## **MyState Financial changes interest rates on home loans**

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MyState Financial today announced that it would increase the interest rate on a range of variable home lending accounts by 0.25%, inline with and reflecting the recent Reserve Bank of Australia's (RBA) increase to the official cash rate. The change is effective Tuesday 2 November for existing customers and Tuesday 13 October for new business.

For existing MyState Financial home loan customers the increase will not take effect until the 2 November 2009. Interest rates and the effect that rising rates will have on repaying debt is obviously a concern for many Tasmanian families and by increasing effective 2 November for existing customers, MyState Financial is providing extra breathing space on the family budget.

John Gilbert, MyState Financial Chief Executive, said variable rates still remain competitive in a low interest rate market and this increase is a response to the RBAs decision to increase the official cash rate.

"Many customers have taken advantage of our low rates over the past twelve months and kept their repayments at higher levels to assist when, inevitably, rates were going to rise.

"We encourage any customers who feel that due to a change in their circumstances that they need to reassess their budget or financial position to contact us and discuss their options," said Mr Gilbert.