



## FEEDBACK FORM

# Reporting and Compliance Burdens upon Local Government – IPART Final Report (Reg Burdens)

This feedback form seeks your views on recommendations made by IPART in its Reporting and Compliance Burdens upon Local Government – IPART Final Report. This will inform the NSW Government’s response to the recommendations.

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## Submission deadline

Submissions can be made to the Office of Local Government (OLG) online by 5pm on Friday 25 October 2019.

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## Recommendations

### Systemic Issues

1

That the Department of Finance, Services and Innovation revise the NSW Guide to Better Regulation to include requirements for State agencies developing regulations involving regulatory or other responsibilities for local government, as part of the regulation-making process, to:

- consider whether a regulatory proposal involves responsibilities for local government;
- clearly identify and delineate State and local government responsibilities;
- consider the costs and benefits of regulatory options on local government;
- assess the capacity and capability of local government to administer and implement the proposed responsibilities, including consideration of adequate cost recovery mechanisms for local government;
- take a coordinated, whole-of-government approach to developing the regulatory proposal;
- collaborate with local government to inform development of the regulatory proposal
- if establishing a jointly provided service or function, reach agreement with local government as to the objectives, design, standards and shared funding arrangements, and
- develop an implementation and compliance plan.

#### OLG COMMENT:

Treasury is currently developing a new regulatory policy guideline, which will provide guidance on undertaking proportional assessments of the costs and benefits of regulations, including the cost impact on State and Local Government, consideration of alternatives, and engagement with all affected stakeholders to inform the development of regulatory policies. In December 2017, the Premier assigned responsibility for the NSW regulatory framework to the Treasurer. This means Treasury is now the lead agency for the whole-of-government regulatory initiatives (instead of DPC).

▶  Support    Don't Support    Partially Support    Unsure

▶ COMMENT:

<b>2</b>	That the NSW Government maintain a Register of local government reporting, planning and compliance obligations that should be used by NSW Government agencies in the regulation-making process to manage the volume of regulatory requirements imposed on councils and to avoid creating unnecessary or duplicative requirements.
▶ <b>OLG COMMENT:</b> Not for consultation - see Pg 1 for details.	
<b>3</b>	That the NSW Government remove restrictions on fees for statutory approvals and inspections to allow for the recovery of efficient costs, subject to monitoring and benchmarking.
▶ <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Support</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Don't Support</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Partially Support</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Unsure</b>	
▶ <b>OLG COMMENT:</b> Not for consultation - see Pg 1 for details.	
<b>4</b>	Where fees continue to be set by statute, that the relevant NSW Government agency reviews the level of the fees every three to five years and amends the relevant legislation to allow these fees to increase annually in line with CPI or an index of fee-related costs.
▶ <b>OLG COMMENT:</b> Not for consultation - see Pg 1 for details.	
<b>5</b>	That the NSW Government review the basis upon which the fees for Development Applications (DAs) are calculated to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• better reflect the efficient cost to councils and the NSW Government of processing DAs;</li> <li>• minimise disputes and subsequent adjustments, and</li> <li>• facilitate online payment of DAs.</li> </ul>
▶ <b>OLG COMMENT:</b> Not for consultation - see Pg 1 for details.	
<b>6</b>	That if statutory fees are capped below cost recovery to ensure affordability or for other policy reasons, then the NSW Government should reimburse councils for the shortfall in efficient costs.
▶ <b>OLG COMMENT:</b> Not for consultation - see Pg 1 for details.	

7

That the Department of Premier and Cabinet amend the Good Practice Guide to Grant Administration 2009, to:

- recognise local government as separate from non-government organisations
- remove acquittal requirements for untied grants
- explicitly address ongoing maintenance and renewal costs when funding new capital projects
- require agencies to rely on existing council reporting to assess financial stability and management performance of councils
- lengthen acquittal periods for ongoing grant programs to four years, and use Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) arrangements, rather than requiring councils to reapply annually, and
- provide for a streamlined acquittal process for grants of less than \$20,000 in total, examples of streamlining include:
  - not requiring further external financial audit
  - using risk-based controls and requirements, and
  - confining performance measurement to outcomes consistent with the purpose of the grant.



**Support**  **Don't Support**  **Partially Support**  **Unsure**



**COMMENT:**

8

That NSW Government agencies collecting local government data and information make this data discoverable through the Data NSW open data portal or the Information Asset Register maintained by the Department of Finance, Services and Innovation.



**Support**  **Don't Support**  **Partially Support**  **Unsure**



**COMMENT:**

**9** That the Department of Finance, Services and Innovation:

- support NSW Government agencies to use the Open Data Rolling Release Schedule to establish clear timeframes for publishing local government data and information in Data NSW (in machine readable formats)
- support councils to make local government data and information available for discovery through Data NSW or the Information Asset Register, and
- support the Office of Local Government to develop a central portal for local government reporting and streamlined data collection.

▶  **Support**    **Don't Support**    **Partially Support**    **Unsure**

▶ **COMMENT:**

**10** That the Department of Planning and Environment, including through the Office of Local Government, review public notice print media requirements in *the Local Government Act 1993*, the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005*, the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, and the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000*, and, where the cost to councils of using print media exceeds the benefit to the community, remove print media requirements and allow online advertising, mail-outs and other forms of communication as alternatives.

▶ **OLG COMMENT:**  
Not for consultation - see Pg 1 for details.

**Water and Sewerage**

**11** That the Department of Primary Industries Water regulate Local Water Utilities (LWUs) on a catchment or regional basis, rather than on an individual LWU basis, using a whole-of-government, risk-based and outcomes-focused regulatory approach.

▶ **OLG COMMENT:**  
Not for consultation - see Pg 1 for details.

12

That DPI Water amend the *Best-Practice Management of Water Supply and Sewerage Guidelines* to:

- streamline the NSW Performance Monitoring System to ensure each performance measure reported is:
  - linked to a clear regulatory objective
  - used by either most Local Water Utilities (LWUs) or DPI Water for compliance or meaningful comparative purposes
  - not in excess of the performance measures required under the National Water Initiative, and
  - not duplicating information reported to other NSW Government agencies.
- align trade waste reporting with other performance reporting, on a financial year basis, subject to consultation with LWUs, LGNSW and the Water Directorate.

▶ **OLG COMMENT:**

Not for consultation - see Pg 1 for details.

13

That the Office of Local Government determine a standardised service report template to be used by technicians undertaking quarterly servicing of aerated wastewater treatment systems, in consultation with NSW Health and councils.

▶  **Support**    **Don't Support**    **Partially Support**    **Unsure**

▶ **COMMENT:**

14

That the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005* be amended to require service reports to be provided to councils using the template determined by the Office of Local Government as a standard condition of approval to operate an aerated wastewater treatment system.

Support  Don't Support  Partially Support  Unsure

**COMMENT:**

**Planning**

15

That the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE):

- Implement a data sharing model with the Australian Bureau of Statistics in relation to building approvals in NSW.
- Introduce a consolidated data request of councils for the purposes of the Local Development Performance Monitoring (LDPM), Housing Monitor, State Environmental Planning Policy (Affordable Rental Housing) 2009 (Affordable Rental Housing) and State Environmental Planning Policy No 1 – Development Standards (SEPP 1 variations).
- Fund an upgrade of councils’ software systems to automate the collection of data from councils for the purposes of the LDPM, Housing Monitor, Affordable Rental Housing and SEPP 1 variations.
- Publish the data collected from councils on Affordable Rental Housing and SEPP 1 variations data.
- Seek agreement with the Land & Environment Court to obtain appeal data directly from the Court.
- Remove the administrative requirement for councils to report to DPE on political donations or gifts under section 147 of the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979*.

Support  Don't Support  Partially Support  Unsure

**COMMENT:**



- 16 That the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979* be amended to enable information or certificates under section 149(2) of the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979* to be provided through the NSW Planning Portal.

Prior to this amendment, as part of the Department of Planning and Environment's (DPE) review of the EP&A Regulation, DPE should:

- review section 149(2) and (5) planning certificates to clarify and simplify the information to be provided, and ensure only information relevant in the conveyancing process is provided in a section 149(2) planning certificate, and
- consider what section 149(2) information should be provided through the Planning Portal and whether that information should be provided in certificate form, having regard to:
  - data quality assurance
  - liability for accuracy of State or council information
  - State and council costs, and
  - mechanisms to recover costs.

▶ **OLG COMMENT:**

Not for consultation - see Pg 1 for details.

- 17 That the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000* be amended to specify the information that can be provided by councils in accordance with section 149(2) and (5) of the EP&A Act.

▶ **OLG COMMENT:**

Not for consultation - see Pg1 for details.

- 18 That Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) amend the NSW Planning Portal to provide for online:

- payment of fees and charges by applicants and for the Planning Reform Fund fee to then be automatically directed to DPE
- information or certificates under section 149(2) of the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979*, and
- joint applications for development approvals and construction certificates.

▶  **Support**  **Don't Support**  **Partially Support**  **Unsure**

▶ **COMMENT:**

19

That Department of Planning and Environment:

- notify councils electronically at least 21 days prior to the commencement of legislative changes that will affect the structure or content of section 149 planning certificates, and
- maintain an up-to-date, publicly available list of all legislative instruments with the potential to affect the structure or content of the certificates.



**OLG COMMENT:**

Not for consultation - see Pg 1 for details.

20

That Department of Planning and Environment manage referrals to NSW Government agencies through a 'onestop shop' in relation to:

- planning proposals (LEPs)
- development applications (DAs), and
- integrated development assessments.

**OLG COMMENT:**

The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment has begun rolling out a digital system that allows councils to lodge all documentation online and send requests for advice directly to agencies,

A number of councils are currently using the digital system, with all councils to be trained and rolled into the system progressively through 2019.

DPIE has also implemented various other regulatory measures to improve integrated development assessment processes.



**Support**    **Don't Support**    **Partially Support**    **Unsure**



**COMMENT:**

<b>21</b>	<p>That Department of Planning and Environment develop suites of standardised development consent conditions and streamline conditions that require consultant reports or subsequent approvals, in consultation with councils, NSW Government agencies and other key stakeholders.</p> <p><b>OLG COMMENT:</b></p> <p>The Standard Conditions and Compliance Reporting and Post Approval Requirements documents were published in 2018.</p>
▶	<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Support</b>   <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Don't Support</b>   <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Partially Support</b>   <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Unsure</b></p>
▶	<p><b>COMMENT:</b></p>

**Administration and Governance.**

<b>22</b>	<p>That the NSW Government streamline the reporting requirements for the Integrated Planning and Reporting framework in the revised <i>Local Government Act 1993</i>.</p>
▶	<p><b>OLG COMMENT:</b></p> <p>Feedback on recommendation 22 is being sought via a combined response with recommendation 23 below.</p>

**23**

Ahead of the 2020 Integrated Planning and Reporting (IP&R) cycle, that the Office of Local Government:

- provide councils with a common set of performance indicators to measure performance within the IP&R framework
- conduct state-wide community satisfaction surveys and release the results to allow comparisons between councils and benchmarking
- provide guidance to councils on the form and content of the End of Term Report and its relationship to local councils’ Annual Reports
- clarify for councils the purpose, form and content of the State of the Environment report and clarify its relationship to the End of Term Report
- work with the Office of Environment and Heritage, the NSW Environment Protection Authority and other relevant agencies to develop performance indicators for councils to use, and
- where relevant, amend the IP&R Guidelines and Manual to incorporate this material.

**OLG COMMENT:**

Feedback on recommendation 22 is also being sought via this response. It should also be noted that the requirement for State of the Environment reporting will be removed from the Local Government Act prior to the next cycle of reporting under the IP&R framework.

The Government values the role that IP&R plays in helping councils and their communities to plan effectively for the future and deliver meaningful outcomes.

Similarly, the IP&R framework recognises that each community is unique, with its own particular needs and priorities. Therefore a ‘one size fits all’ approach to measuring IP&R outcomes would not be appropriate.

However, the Government acknowledges the need to support councils in developing suitable methods of reporting that are clearly focused on social, environmental, economic and governance outcomes and avoid unnecessary duplication.

Therefore comments are sought with respect to how the IP&R framework could best be shaped to achieve this.

As part of the Government’s ongoing commitment to strengthening transparency and accountability in the local government sector, OLG will continue to work with local councils to improve how we measure their performance, clarify what is expected of them and provide better reporting.



**COMMENT:**

**24** That the Office of Local Government remove requirements for councils to report more in the General Purpose Financial Statements than is required by the Australian accounting standards, issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board, except for requirements which are unique and high value to local government such as Note 21 and Special Schedule 7.

▶ **OLG COMMENT:**  
Not for consultation - see Pg 1 for details.

**25** That clause 163(2) of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005* be amended to allow the Office of Local Government to determine the councils for which the threshold for formal tendering would be increased to \$250,000, with this threshold to be reviewed every five years.

▶ **OLG COMMENT:**  
Not for consultation - see Pg 1 for details.

**26** That section 377(1)(i) of the *Local Government Act 1993* be amended to allow the Council to delegate the acceptance of tenders to General Managers.

▶ **OLG COMMENT:**  
Not for consultation - see Pg 1 for details.

**27** That section 55(3)(g) of the *Local Government Act 1993* be amended to allow local government access to the full range of prequalification panels run by NSW Procurement.

▶ **OLG COMMENT:**  
Not for consultation - see Pg 1 for details.

**28** That the Department of Planning and Environment, through the Office of Local Government, review the requirements in the *Local Government Act 1993* for Ministerial approvals and remove those that are not justified on the basis of corruption prevention, probity or protecting the interests of the State.

▶  **Support**  **Don't Support**  **Partially Support**  **Unsure**

▶ **COMMENT:**

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<b>29</b>	That the Office of Local Government introduce guidelines that specify maximum response times for different categories of Ministerial approvals.
▶	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Support</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Don't Support</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Partially Support</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Unsure</b>
▶	<b>COMMENT:</b>

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<b>30</b>	That the Department of Planning and Environment, through the Office of Local Government, review all approvals required under section 68 of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> in order to: <ul data-bbox="201 1010 1350 1211" style="list-style-type: none"><li>• determine the activities for which a separate local council approval under section 68 is necessary</li><li>• place as many approval requirements as possible in specialist legislation, and</li><li>• revise the regulatory frameworks within NSW legislation to remove duplication</li><li>• where appropriate, enable mutual recognition of approvals issued by another council.</li></ul>
▶	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Support</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Don't Support</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Partially Support</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Unsure</b>
▶	<b>COMMENT:</b>

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31	That the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> be amended to transfer current requirements relating to the length of time for temporary appointments under section 351(2) to the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 or the relevant awards.
▶	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Support</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Don't Support</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Partially Support</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Unsure</b>
▶	<b>COMMENT:</b>
32	Extend the maximum periods of temporary employment from 12 months to four years within any continuous period of five years, similar to Rule 10 of the <i>Government Sector Employment Rules 2014</i> .
▶	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Support</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Don't Support</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Partially Support</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Unsure</b>
▶	<b>COMMENT:</b>
33	That section 31 of the <i>Public Interest Disclosures Act 1994 (PID Act)</i> be amended to require councils to report on public interest disclosures in their annual reports and remove the requirement for an annual public interest disclosures report to be provided to the Minister for Local Government.
▶	<b>OLG COMMENT:</b> Not for consultation - see Pg 1 for details.

**34**

That clauses 15 and 16, schedule 3 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Amendment Act 2014* (which adds new sub-sections 158(1A) and (4A) to the EP&A Act) be proclaimed in order to allow councils a licence or a warranty to use copyright material for the purposes of the EP&A Act (including making available development applications and related documents which may be subject to copyright).

**▶ OLG COMMENT:**

Not for consultation - see Pg 1 for details.

**35**

That the NSW Government:

- Repeal clause 3, schedule 1 of the *Government Information (Public Access) Regulation 2009* (GIPA Regulation).
- Amend the EP&A Act to require councils to make available information and documents currently prescribed as open access information in clause 3, schedule 1 of the GIPA Regulation (DA information) to a person (on request).
- Amend the EP&A Act to allow councils to charge a person making a request the efficient costs of making DA information available (after the ‘submission period’ under section 79(1) of the EP&A Act has expired).
- Consistent with Recommendation 4 of the IPART review, review the efficient costs to councils of making DA information available to a person (on request).
- Amend the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000 to set the fees for accessing DA information (after the submission period has closed) at the efficient cost to councils.

**▶ OLG COMMENT:**

Not for consultation - see Pg 1 for details.

**36**

That the Office of Local Government assist the Information and Privacy Commission to circulate to councils information related to the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009*.

**▶ OLG COMMENT:**

Not for consultation - see Pg 1 for details.



## Building and Construction.

- 37** That the Building Professionals Board or the proposed Office of Building Regulation (in consultation with Department of Planning and Environment, Fire & Rescue NSW and local government) design the new online system for submitting annual fire safety statements (AFSS) to allow councils to identify buildings in their area that require an AFSS, and where follow up or enforcement action is required.

▶  **Support**  **Don't Support**  **Partially Support**  **Unsure**

▶ **COMMENT:**

- 38** That the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000* be amended to clarify what constitutes a 'significant fire safety issue'.

▶ **OLG COMMENT:**  
Not for consultation - see Pg 1 for details.

- 39** That section 121ZD of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* be amended to allow councils to delegate authority to the General Manager to consider a report by the Fire Brigade, make a determination and issue an order, rather than having the report considered at the next council meeting.

▶  **Support**  **Don't Support**  **Partially Support**  **Unsure**

▶ **COMMENT:**

**Public land and infrastructure.**

- 40 That the NSW Government transfer Crown reserves with local interests to councils:
- as recommended by the NSW Crown Lands Management Review and piloted through the Local Land Program Pilot, and
  - where the transfer is agreed by the council, including where this agreement is conditional on change of land classification.

▶ **OLG COMMENT:**  
Not for consultation - see Pg 1 for details.

- 41 Consistent with its response to the Crown Lands Legislation White Paper, that the NSW Government ensure that Crown reserves managed by councils are subject to *Local Government Act 1993* requirements in relation to:
- Ministerial approval of licences and leases, and
  - reporting.

▶ **OLG COMMENT:**  
Not for consultation - see Pg 1 for details.

- 42 That the NSW Government streamline the statutory process for closing Crown roads, including the arrangements for advertising road closure applications.

▶ **OLG COMMENT:**  
Not for consultation - see Pg 1 for details.

- 43 That the NSW Government reduce the backlog of Crown road closure applications to eliminate the current waiting period for applications to be processed.

▶ **OLG COMMENT:**  
Not for consultation - see Pg 1 for details.

44 That the NSW Government streamline the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1993* relating to plans of management for community land to enable councils to align public notice and consultation with councils' community engagement for Integrated Planning and Reporting purposes.

▶  **Support**  **Don't Support**  **Partially Support**  **Unsure**

▶ **COMMENT:**

45 That Roads and Maritime Services provide greater support for councils to develop the competency to conduct route access assessments and process heavy vehicle applications. This support should be focused on developing the competency and skills within councils to perform these regulatory functions.

▶ **OLG COMMENT:**  
Not for consultation - see Pg 1 for details.

46 That the *Impounding Act 1993* be amended to treat caravans and trailers (including advertising trailers) in the same way as boat trailers when considering whether they are unattended for the purposes of the Act.

▶ **OLG COMMENT:**  
Not for consultation - see Pg 1 for details.

- 47 That the Office of Local Government’s redesign and modernisation of the central Register of Companion Animals includes the following functionality:
- online registration, accessible via mobile devices anywhere
  - a one-step registration process, undertaken at the time of microchipping and identifying an animal
  - the ability for owners to update change of ownership, change of address and other personal details online
  - unique identification information in relation to the pet owner (ie, owner’s date of birth, driver licence number or Medicare number)
  - the ability to search by owner details
  - the ability for data to be analysed by Local Government Area (not just by regions)
  - the ability for data to be directly uploaded from pound systems, and
  - centralised collection of registration fees so funding can be directly allocated to councils.

▶ **OLG COMMENT:**

Not for consultation - see Pg 1 for details.

- 48 That the *Companion Animals Act 1998* and *Companion Animals Regulation 2008* be amended to require unique identification information in relation to the pet owner (ie, owner’s date of birth, drivers licence number or Medicare number), to be entered in the register at the time of entering animal identification information and when there is a change of ownership.

▶ **OLG COMMENT:**

Not for consultation - see Pg 1 for details.

- 49 That the NSW Government, in consultation with councils, review how councils are currently applying Alcohol Free Zone (AFZ) and Alcohol Prohibited Area (APA) provisions in response to alcohol related anti-social behaviour and clarify the rationale and processes for declaring AFZs and APAs in the *Local Government Act 1993* and Ministerial Guidelines on Alcohol-Free Zones.

▶  **Support**  **Don’t Support**  **Partially Support**  **Unsure**

▶ **COMMENT:**





Thank you for taking the time to provide your feedback. If you have any further comments, please provide them in the box below. The NSW Government will take your views into account as it prepares its response.

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**▶ GENERAL COMMENTS:**