

<b>Circular Details</b>	18-19 / 27 June 2018 / A598910
<b>Previous Circular</b>	N/A
<b>Who should read this</b>	Councillors / General Managers / All council staff
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<b>Action required</b>	Information / Council to Implement

## Changes relating to the publication of notices

### What's new or changing

- The NSW Parliament has passed the *Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2018*, which contains a number of amendments to the *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act).
- These amendments relate to the publication of notices, and enhance efficiency and flexibility for councils by:
  - removing the requirement for certain notices to be published in newspapers
  - allowing councils to determine the method of publication they will use to best bring a notice to the public's attention.

### What this will mean for your council

- The changes will affect the following matters within the Act:
  - leases, licences and other estates in respect of community land (for terms of more than 5 years), section 47
  - advertising of senior staff positions, section 348
  - the alternative use of money raised by special rates or charges, section 410
  - public consultation on proposals to establish alcohol free zones, section 644A
  - the establishment, suspension or cancellation of alcohol free zones, section 644B and 645
  - the publication of notices in the Gazette and elsewhere, section 707
  - the service of notices on persons, section 710
  - a notice of proposal to sell land, section 715.

### Key points

- The changes take effect from 1 August 2018.
- Any requirement in the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005* to publish a notice in a newspaper continues to apply.
- Councils will be advised of any changes to the Regulation when they occur.

### Where to go for further information

- The *Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2018* can be viewed on the NSW Legislation website: <https://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au>.



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