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LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

The NSW Government has made the regrettable decision to postpone the September local government elections for 12 months in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Local government elections are a vital part of the democratic process, ensuring local councils are accountable to their local communities.

Therefore, the decision to postpone them has not been taken lightly but is necessary to ensure the health and safety of voters, NSW Electoral Commission staff and election candidates.

The decision follows Parliament passing amendments to the Local Government Act to provide me with the power to postpone the elections.

The NSW Electoral Commissioner has also requested that the Government postpone the council elections.

This decision provides certainty for local councils, communities and election candidates.

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