



**Shelley Hancock**  
Minister for Local Government

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **CALLING ALL COUNCIL STAFF TO GET VACCINATED**

Minister for Local Government Shelley Hancock has today announced her campaign to encourage local government workers to get vaccinated.

Mrs Hancock said the call for council arms to get the job echoes the NSW Government's statewide push to reach 70 and 80 per cent vaccination targets.

"Council workers are your preschool teachers, maintenance staff, garbage collectors and park rangers, and I implore all councils to encourage staff to go and get vaccinated," Mrs Hancock said.

"Go and see your GP, your pharmacist or visit any one of the many vaccination hubs and do your bit to protect yourself, your loved ones, community and colleagues."

Mrs Hancock said as an added incentive, over 45,000 council staff across NSW can take advantage of special vaccination leave, as more than 100 councils have opted into the Splinter Award.

"The work local government staff do every day is vital to supporting communities during this very tough time and getting vaccinated will be our way out of this, together," Mrs Hancock said.

Fairfield City Council Coordinator City Services Gavin Cahill leads a team of people who work to keep the Fairfield City area clean and safe for everyone who lives there.

Mr Cahill said he received his first job at Prairiewood for the safety of himself and his fellow work colleagues.

"I'm working outside all the time in one of the hotspot areas so I thought it was the best thing to do for myself and my family, and it didn't even hurt," Mr Cahill said.

The local government campaign supports 'Let's Do This', designed to encourage people to get their COVID-19 vaccinations, launched by Minister for Digital and Customer Service Victor Dominello over the weekend.

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