

Model Meeting Code Amendments - Online Submission Form : Entry # 12439

1. Your Details

I would like my name and personal details to be treated as confidential:

I consent to my details being shared

Name:

Matt Sharpham

Name of Organisation (If applicable):

Tamworth Regional Council

Role/Position:

Councillor

Email:

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Which of the following best describes you?

Council Regional

2. Targeted Questions

2.1. Will the proposed amendments made in the consultation draft of the Model Meeting Code achieve the policy outcomes identified in the paper?

Unlikely

2.2. Are there any other amendments you would suggest that will achieve these policy outcomes?

Let councils do their job as the NSW government isn't passing on enough funding to local government as can be shown by the number of councils having to implement SRV increases. Local government is the most transparent government – so perhaps the NSW government should take a leaf from their own book. Increase funding to maintain existing infrastructure. Don't focus on items that aren't broken.

2.3. Will the proposed amendments have any unintended consequences?

Making decisions are going to be very difficult when confidential items are no longer able to be efficiently and effectively conveyed by staff to councillors as they won't be able to have private meetings.
The proposal to stop councillors from attending remotely is preposterous. What is this going to achieve? It should be up to the mayor to decide whether or not a councillor is abusing such privileges. In regional areas, many councillors work away from home and while they do their best to attend meetings in person, sometimes they're unable to get back. This should be a provision for at least regional councils to have the mayor approve or deny.

2.4. Are there any other amendments the Government should consider?

None.

3. General feedback

3.1. Please provide any other feedback on the proposed amendments.

Let council do their job and keep out.

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