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Who should read this	Councillors / General Managers / Finance Managers
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2017-18 Financial Assistance Grants

What's new or changing

- The NSW Minister for Local Government, the Hon. Gabrielle Upton MP and the Australian Government have approved the NSW Local Government Grants Commission's recommendations for the 2017-18 financial assistance grants.

What this will mean for your council

- The 2017-18 payments, as set out in the attached schedule, are made up of the estimated entitlement for 2017-18, less an advance payment made to councils on 8 June 2017 and less an amount for an overpayment that occurred in 2016-17.
- The overpayment was the result of a determination made by the Commonwealth Treasurer in accordance with the 2016-17 *final factor* requirements of the legislation.
- It is anticipated that the first quarterly instalment of the 2017-18 grants will be paid to local authorities by 23 August 2017. Subsequent instalments are expected to be paid on 16 November 2017, 16 February 2018, and 16 May 2018.
- Letters will be emailed to each local authority with their specific payment details.

Key points

- The grants are paid under the provisions of the *Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995* (Cwlth).
- Attachments to this Circular give background information about the grants.

Where to go for further information

- Additional information is available from the Grants Commission's web page at www.olg.nsw.gov.au (follow the "Commissions & Tribunals" links).

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