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SHOWCASING NSW COUNCILS AT THE CLICK OF A BUTTON

Ratepayers across the State can now find out about their local council area and the wide range of services they deliver at the click of a button.

Minister for Local Government Shelley Hancock today launched the NSW Government's *Your Council* website to showcase the work of the State's 128 local councils.

"This new interactive website clearly demonstrates the sheer size and scale of our local government sector," Mrs Hancock said.

"Not only can residents learn about the work of our State's councils as a whole, they can also drill down and find out more about their local council and how it is serving their community."

Mrs Hancock said ratepayers can also use the *Your Council* website to access comprehensive statistics on the operations of their local council and the profile of their community.

"The data for each council is also benchmarked against the average for similar councils so ratepayers can compare how their council is travelling."

The website draws on data already collected by the Office of Local Government from NSW councils and other agencies and presents it in an easy to understand and user friendly format.

The *Your Council* website will be updated annually as new data becomes available.

The Office of Local Government will continue to work with local councils to further develop the website. It will also help guide development of a new Performance Measurement Framework with consistent benchmarks for all NSW councils.

Your Council can be accessed here: www.yourcouncil.nsw.gov.au

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