

Local Government Amendment Bill 2024 introduced

The Local Government Amendment Bill 2024 was introduced into Parliament today.

The second tranche of proposed reforms includes the new independent office of the Local Government Inspector and monitors for early intervention.

Following extensive public consultation on various topics in 2021 and 2022, the changes were divided into two tranches to ensure key election reforms were in place before the 2023 local government elections.

Tranche one, which was passed by Parliament on 11 May 2023, included a range of electoral reforms, as well as measures to bolster the transparency and accountability of local government in Western Australia.

Key changes in the second tranche Bill include:

- establishing the Local Government Inspector and monitors for early intervention
- providing greater role clarity for council, mayors and presidents, councillors and CEOs
- an updated audit, risk and improvement committee structure that is independently chaired
- a requirement for local governments to maintain an annual rates and revenue policy
- enabling resource sharing
- reducing red tape for regional subsidiaries
- streamlining processes for local laws
- establishing processes local government CEOs can use to deal with unreasonable repeat complaints
- facilitating council member superannuation
- strengthening penalties.

Further information

If you have questions about reform, please email actreview@dlgsc.wa.gov.au

[Learn more about the Local Government Amendment Bill 2024](#)

Reform webinar

Please join us for a local government reform webinar about the new Bill and what it means for the local government sector.

Tuesday 20 August 2024
1pm to 2:30pm

[Online MS Teams event](#)

This webinar will include an address by the Hon Hannah Beazley MLA, Minister for Local Government, and an overview of key parts of the Bill presented by the Local Government Reform team at the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries, followed by a Q&A session.

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