

# Fact Sheet –Review of Local Government Reporting and Compliance Burdens

18 January 2016



## WHAT

IPART has released the Draft Report for our Review of Local Government Reporting and Compliance Burdens.

The Report contains 49 draft recommendations, which cover seven function areas as well as systemic issues that apply across a range of council activities. There are 60 other issues raised by stakeholders, but about which we have not made a formal recommendation. Many of these areas are already being addressed by Government, or can be resolved within existing policies.

We are seeking feedback on our draft recommendations and the issues discussed in the Appendix.

The Draft Report, along with further information on IPART's review, is available on [IPART's website](#).



## WHY

This review aims to identify inefficient, unnecessary or excessive planning, reporting and compliance obligations imposed on councils by the NSW Government. We have been asked to examine how the State regulates local government and to develop options to reduce, remove or streamline these obligations.



## WHO

The review will interest local councils in NSW and NSW Government departments and agencies. Other interested parties include local council staff, their professional associations and the broader community.



## HOW

To identify regulatory obligations imposed on councils that could be considered inefficient, unnecessary or excessive, and develop our draft recommendations, we:

- ▼ released an Issues Paper
- ▼ circulated a questionnaire to all NSW councils, and
- ▼ conducted workshops with councils in Coffs Harbour, Wagga Wagga, Dubbo and Sydney.

We consulted with NSW Government agencies which oversee councils' regulatory roles.



## WHEN

We will provide the Final Report to the Minister for Local Government **by 22 April 2016**.



## WHAT NEXT

You can have your say on the draft recommendations until **19 February 2016**. We prefer to receive comments [online](#), or alternatively via [email](#) or post to:

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We will hold a Public Forum on 8 February 2016 at Sydney Masonic Centre, 66 Goulburn St, Sydney. The Public Forum is an opportunity to present your views in person. [Click here](#) to Register.