

# Review of Tasmania's Local Government Legislation Framework

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## Recommencement of the Review

The Minister for Local Government, the Hon Mark Shelton MP, announced in April that timeframes for the completion of the Review of Tasmania's Local Government Legislation Framework would be impacted due to the emergency response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The attention of all levels of government has, appropriately, been upon the COVID-19 response. This period has required significant agility from councils to adapt operations to meet physical distancing requirements. Notices issued under the *COVID-19 Disease Emergency (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act* have enabled councils to conduct meetings remotely and altered other provisions of the *Local Government Act* and associated regulations to facilitate physical distancing.

We are now able to provide an update on the revised timeframes.

## Timing and Implementation

As announced in our last newsletter, the Government has agreed to the development of a new Local Government Bill and stand-alone Local Government (Elections) Bill to implement the 48 approved reforms (available to view [here](#)).

To ensure adequate time for consultation and implementation, the Bills will be consulted on and introduced into Parliament separately. A draft Local Government Bill will be released for consultation in early 2021, with the Bill to be introduced to Parliament later in 2021. The draft new Local Government (Elections) Bill will be released for public consultation following the passage of the Local Government Bill.

Further details of the revised timeframes are available on the Review's website at [www.dpac.tas.gov.au/lgreview](http://www.dpac.tas.gov.au/lgreview).

As a newsletter subscriber, you will be notified directly when the draft Local Government Bill is released for public consultation. The release of the draft Bill will be publicly advertised and available on the Review website.

## Work Underway

A draft Local Government Bill is currently being developed to give effect to the reforms approved in Phase 2. Technical Working Groups comprising experienced local government sector employees from across the State are being engaged for advice to ensure that details are practical and achievable at an operational level. We appreciate the valuable contributions these members play through their collaboration with the Project Team to develop a legislative framework that is practical and fit-for-purpose.

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