#### **LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

LG301\*

Local Government Act 1995

## **Local Government (Administration) Amendment Regulations (No. 2) 2011**

Made by the Governor in Executive Council.

#### 1. Citation

These regulations are the Local Government (Administration) Amendment Regulations (No. 2) 2011.

#### 2. Commencement

These regulations come into operation as follows —

- (a) regulations 1 and 2 on the day on which these regulations are published in the *Gazette*;
- (b) the rest of the regulations on 26 August 2011.

#### 3. Regulations amended

These regulations amend the *Local Government* (Administration) Regulations 1996.

#### 4. Part 1 heading inserted

Before regulation 1 insert:

#### Part 1 — Preliminary

#### 5. Part 2 heading inserted

After regulation 3 insert:

#### Part 2 — Council and committee meetings

#### 6. Part 3 heading inserted

After regulation 14B insert:

#### Part 3 — Electors' meetings

#### 7. Part 4 heading inserted

After regulation 18 insert:

#### Part 4 — Local government employees

#### 8. Part 5 heading and Part 5 Division 1 inserted

After regulation 19A insert:

#### Part 5 — Annual reports and planning

#### Division 1 — Preliminary

#### 19BA. Terms used

In this Part —

corporate business plan means a plan made under regulation 19DA that, together with a strategic community plan, forms a plan for the future of a district made in accordance with section 5.56;

strategic community plan means a plan made under regulation 19C that, together with a corporate business

plan, forms a plan for the future of a district made in accordance with section 5.56.

#### 9. Part 5 Division 2 heading inserted

Before regulation 19B insert:

#### Division 2 — Annual reports

#### 10. Regulation 19CA inserted

After regulation 19B insert:

# 19CA. Annual reports to contain information on strategic community plans and corporate business plans — s. 5.53(2)(i)

- (1) This regulation has effect for the purposes of section 5.53(2)(i).
- (2) If a modification is made during a financial year to a local government's strategic community plan, the annual report of the local government for the financial year is to contain information about that modification.
- (3) If a significant modification is made during a financial year to a local government's corporate business plan, the annual report of the local government for the financial year is to contain information about that significant modification.

#### 11. Part 5 Division 3 heading inserted

Before regulation 19C insert:

#### Division 3 — Planning for the future

#### 12. Regulation 19C replaced

Delete regulation 19C and insert:

### 19C. Planning for the future: strategic community plans — s. 5.56

(1) A local government is to ensure that a strategic community plan is made for its district in accordance with this regulation in respect of each financial year after the financial year ending 30 June 2013.

- (2) A strategic community plan for a district is to cover the period specified in the plan, which is to be at least 10 financial years.
- (3) A strategic community plan for a district is to set out the vision, aspirations and objectives of the community in the district.
- (4) A local government is to review the current strategic community plan for its district at least once every 4 years.
- (5) In making or reviewing a strategic community plan, a local government is to have regard to
  - (a) the capacity of its current resources and the anticipated capacity of its future resources; and
  - (b) strategic performance indicators and the ways of measuring its strategic performance by the application of those indicators; and
  - (c) demographic trends.
- (6) Subject to subregulation (9), a local government may modify its strategic community plan, including extending the period the plan is made in respect of.
- (7) A council is to consider a strategic community plan, or modifications of such a plan, submitted to it and is to determine\* whether or not to adopt the plan or the modifications.

\*Absolute majority required.

- (8) If a strategic community plan is, or modifications of a strategic community plan are, adopted by the council, the plan or modified plan applies to the district for the period specified in the plan.
- (9) A local government is to ensure that the electors and ratepayers of its district are consulted during the development of a strategic community plan and when preparing modifications of a strategic community plan.
- (10) A strategic community plan for a district is to contain a description of the involvement of the electors and ratepayers of the district in the development of the plan or the preparation of modifications of the plan.

### 19DA. Planning for the future: corporate business plans — s. 5.56

(1) A local government is to ensure that a corporate business plan is made for its district in accordance with this regulation in respect of each financial year after the financial year ending 30 June 2013.

- (2) A corporate business plan for a district is to cover the period specified in the plan, which is to be at least 4 financial years.
- (3) A corporate business plan for a district is to
  - (a) set out, consistently with any relevant priorities set out in the strategic community plan for the district, a local government's priorities for dealing with the objectives and aspirations of the community in the district; and
  - (b) govern a local government's internal business planning by expressing a local government's priorities by reference to operations that are within the capacity of the local government's resources; and
  - (c) develop and integrate matters relating to resources, including asset management, workforce planning and long-term financial planning.
- (4) A local government is to review the current corporate business plan for its district every year.
- (5) A local government may modify a corporate business plan, including extending the period the plan is made in respect of and modifying the plan if required because of modification of the local government's strategic community plan.
- (6) A council is to consider a corporate business plan, or modifications of such a plan, submitted to it and is to determine\* whether or not to adopt the plan or the modifications.

\*Absolute majority required.

(7) If a corporate business plan is, or modifications of a corporate business plan are, adopted by the council, the plan or modified plan applies to the district for the period specified in the plan.

### 19DB. Planning for the future: transitional arrangements until 30 June 2013

(1) In this regulation —

former regulation 19C means regulation 19C as in force immediately before 26 August 2011 and continued under subregulation (2);

former regulation 19D means regulation 19D as in force immediately before 26 August 2011;

*plan for the future* means a plan for the future of its district made by a local government in accordance with former regulation 19C.

- (2) Except as stated in this regulation, former regulation 19C continues to have effect on and after 26 August 2011 until this regulation expires under subregulation (7).
- (3) A local government is to ensure that a plan for the future applies in respect of each financial year before the financial year ending 30 June 2014.
- (4) A local government is not required to review a plan for the future under former regulation 19C(4) on or after 26 August 2011.
- (5) If, for the purposes of complying with subregulation (3), a local government makes a new plan for the future, local public notice of the adoption of the plan is to be given in accordance with former regulation 19D.
- (6) If a local government modifies a plan for the future under former regulation 19C(4), whether for the purposes of complying with subregulation (3) or otherwise
  - (a) the local government is not required to comply with former regulation 19C(7) or (8) in relation to the modifications of the plan; and
  - (b) local public notice of the adoption of the modifications of the plan is to be given in accordance with former regulation 19D.
- (7) This regulation expires at the end of 30 June 2013.

#### 13. Regulation 19D amended

- (1) Delete regulation 19D(1) and insert:
  - (1) After the adoption of a strategic community plan, or modifications of a strategic community plan, under regulation 19C, the local government is to give local public notice in accordance with subregulation (2).
- (2) In regulation 19D(2)(a)(i) and (b) delete "plan for the future of" and insert:
  - strategic community plan for
- (3) In regulation 19D(2)(b)(i) delete "district for a" and insert:

district for

#### 14. Part 6 heading inserted

After regulation 19D insert:

#### Part 6 — Disclosure of financial interests

#### 15. Part 7 heading inserted

After regulation 28 insert:

#### Part 7 — Access to information

#### 16. Part 8 heading inserted

After regulation 29B insert:

## Part 8 — Local government payments and gifts to members

#### 17. Part 9 heading inserted

After regulation 34AD insert:

#### Part 9 — Codes of conduct

By Command of the Governor,

R. KENNEDY, Clerk of the Executive Council.