

# Statutes Amendment (Local Government Review) Act 2021

The following reforms are to commence on 30 November 2023:

- Further amendments to the *Local Government Act 1999* (the LG Act) to implement financial accountability reforms, including—
  - Extending the work of council audit committees to audit and risk committees to provide independent assurance and advice to councils on accounting, financial management, internal controls, risk management and governance matters. Audit and risk committees will be required to consist of a majority of independent members and councils will have the ability to form regional audit and risk committees.
  - New requirements for councils and their chief executive officers to ensure that effective policies, systems and procedures relating to risk management are established and maintained.
  - New requirements for chief executive officers of a council that have an internal audit function to consult with the relevant audit and risk committee before appointing a person to be primarily responsible for the internal audit function.
- This commencement date will ensure that councils can transition to these new requirements effectively, and enable the sector to develop appropriate guidance material and training as required.