

Minister for Local Government and Water and Minister for Fire, Disaster Recovery and Volunteers

Report to the Legislative Assembly under Section 56A of the *Statutory Instruments Act 1992*

The following report is made pursuant to section 56A of the Statutory Instruments Act 1992 (the SI Act), which provides—

"s. 56A(4) *Within 7 sitting days after the extension regulation is made, the responsible Minister for the subordinate legislation being exempted must table in the Legislative Assembly a report stating—*

*(a) how the Act or provision is subject to review; and
(b) if subsection (6)(a) applies—*

*(i) the extent to which the Act or provision is being reviewed; and
(ii) when the Minister expects the review to end"*

Statutory Instruments (Exemptions from Expiry) Amendment Regulation 2025

In accordance with section 56A(2) of the SI Act, the Statutory Instruments (Exemptions from Expiry) Amendment Regulation 2025 (the regulation) SL No. 115 extended the expiry date of each of the following regulations for a period of one year to 31 August 2026.

Local Government Regulation 2012

Exemption from Expiry

The Local Government Regulation 2012 was due to expire on 31 August 2025, having been previously exempted from expiry under the SI Act. The exemption from expiry for the Local Government Regulation 2012 was made on the basis that the *Local Government Act 2009* (LGA) is subject to review.

Details of Review

The Government continues its extensive engagement with stakeholders to finalise the first phase of a significant legislative reform program, including amendments to the LGA. The reforms will re-empower Queensland's local governments, by reducing red tape and giving local governments the resources and legislative framework they need to deliver for their communities.

Legislative reform is also being informed by other important work undertaken for the local government sector, as outlined below.

The *Local Government Red Tape Reduction Taskforce* delivered its final report on 25 June 2025. The Government is considering the Taskforce's recommendations and expects to provide more information later in 2025 on reforms to be implemented.

In the lead up to the 2024 State election, the Queensland Government committed to a Parliamentary Committee review of the councillor conduct framework, including the operations of the Office of the Independent Assessor. Terms of Reference are being drafted for the Local Government, Small Business and Customer Service Committee to undertake the review of the councillor conduct framework.

The provisions of the Local Government Regulation 2012 are also under review.

Timeframe for review

The reviews are ongoing and will continue into 2026, underpinned by the *Equal Partners in Government Agreement* signed in March 2025.

The Agreement establishes the genuine and equal partnership between the two tiers of government, and commitment for the Queensland Government to undertake timely and meaningful consultation with the local government sector on issues where local governments have an interest.

City of Brisbane Regulation 2012

Exemption from Expiry

The City of Brisbane Regulation 2012 was due to expire on 31 August 2025, having been previously exempted from expiry under the SI Act. The exemption from expiry for the City of Brisbane Regulation 2012 was made on the basis that the *City of Brisbane Act 2010* (CoBA) is subject to review.

Details of Review

As outlined in relation to the Local Government Regulation 2012, the Government continues its extensive engagement with stakeholders to finalise the first phase of a significant legislative reform program, including amendments to the CoBA, to re-empower Queensland's local governments.

Legislative reform is also being informed by the *Local Government Red Tape Reduction Taskforce* final report and the Parliamentary Committee review of the councillor conduct framework, including the operations of the Office of the Independent Assessor. Any amendments identified for the LGA may potentially be replicated for the CoBA.

The provisions of the City of Brisbane Regulation 2012 are also under review.

Timeframe for review

The reviews are ongoing and will continue into 2026, underpinned by the *Equal Partners in Government Agreement* signed in March 2025.