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Who should read this	Councillors / General Managers / All council staff
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Action required	Information / Council to Implement

Changes relating to the publication of notices

What's new or changing

- The NSW Parliament has passed the *Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2018*, which contains a number of amendments to the *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act).
- These amendments relate to the publication of notices, and enhance efficiency and flexibility for councils by:
 - removing the requirement for certain notices to be published in newspapers
 - allowing councils to determine the method of publication they will use to best bring a notice to the public's attention.

What this will mean for your council

- The changes will affect the following matters within the Act:
 - leases, licences and other estates in respect of community land (for terms of more than 5 years), section 47
 - advertising of senior staff positions, section 348
 - the alternative use of money raised by special rates or charges, section 410
 - public consultation on proposals to establish alcohol free zones, section 644A
 - the establishment, suspension or cancellation of alcohol free zones, section 644B and 645
 - the publication of notices in the Gazette and elsewhere, section 707
 - the service of notices on persons, section 710
 - a notice of proposal to sell land, section 715.

Key points

- The changes take effect from 1 August 2018.
- Any requirement in the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005* to publish a notice in a newspaper continues to apply.
- Councils will be advised of any changes to the Regulation when they occur.

Where to go for further information

- The *Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2018* can be viewed on the NSW Legislation website: <https://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au>.



Tim Hurst
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