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### **Review of the Local Government Act**

Local Government welcomes the announcement of a review of the *Local Government Act 1993* by the State Government. It creates the opportunities to build a modern legislative framework for councils to work within.

“The current Local Government Act was framed 25 years ago. Since that time, it has had significant and numerous additions, many sections repealed and as a result it has become clumsy and is also overly prescriptive. It is now time for a review, and for us to consider moving to a more principles-based Act, providing greater flexibility for councils in how they operate and in their service delivery” Mayor Chipman said.

“Local Government looks forward to working collaboratively with the State Government on the review, including in the development of the scope, process and timing”

“It was also pleasing to see the State Government acknowledge the significant work that Local Government is taking in relation to resource sharing and efficiency as there are numerous examples across all parts of the State where councils are working together to combine back end processes to keep downward pressure on rates and maintain quality service delivery” Mayor Chipman said.

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