

Impact Analysis Statement

Summary IAS

Details

Lead department	Department of Local Government, Water and Volunteers
Name of the proposal	<i>Local Government Legislation (Empowering Councils) Amendment Regulation 2025</i>
Submission type	Summary IAS
Title of related legislative or regulatory instrument	<i>City of Brisbane Regulation 2012</i> <i>Local Government Regulation 2012</i>
Date of issue	November 2025

Proposal type	Details
Regulatory proposals where no RIA is required	<p><u>Amendments to the <i>City of Brisbane Regulation 2012</i> and the <i>Local Government Regulation 2012</i></u></p> <p>The proposed amendments are as follows.</p> <p>Firstly, the amendments empower local governments by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> giving local governments the autonomy to decide whether to dispose of valuable non-current assets other than by tender or auction by resolution, without requiring intervention from the State; enabling local governments, other than the Brisbane City Council, to grant concessions to ratepayers if satisfied the concession is appropriate having regard to the cost of living in the locality where the land is situated; increasing the thresholds for requiring tenders and quotes; and ensuring that all local governments can change the discount period for the early payment of rates if there are extraordinary circumstances. <p>Secondly, the amendments cut unnecessary red tape by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> removing the requirement for the Minister to grant an extension of time by which a local government must adopt its annual report; removing the requirement for local governments to notify the Minister of reportable losses; removing the requirement to include an annual performance plan for each commercial business unit of a local government; removing the prohibition on councillors using discretionary funds in a local government election year (from 1 January to the conclusion of the election); and allowing local governments to not meet once in a month if impractical or unnecessary to do so, without requiring a Ministerial exemption. <p>Finally, the amendments clarify councillor remuneration by providing certainty to mayors and deputy mayors that their remuneration can only be decreased, by resolution, to be the same proportion of the maximum amount of remuneration payable as all other councillors of the local government are to receive.</p> <p>The proposed amendments relate to the internal management of the public sector or are deregulatory in nature. No regulatory impact analysis is required under <i>The Queensland Government Better Regulation Policy</i>.</p>

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	First full year	First 10 years**
Direct costs – <i>Compliance costs</i> *	0	0
Direct costs – <i>Government costs</i>	0	0

* The *direct costs calculator tool* (available at qpc.qld.gov.au/best-practice-regulation) should be used to calculate direct costs of regulatory burden. If the proposal has no costs, report as zero. **Agency to note where a longer or different timeframe may be more appropriate.

Signed

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