

FACT SHEET for former Mayors and Councillors

Are you affected by a council merger?

On 12 May 2016, the NSW Government formed 19 new councils in NSW by merging 42 council areas in different combinations.

The Proclamations made on 12 May 2016 outline that each new council has:

- an Administrator
- an Interim General Manager, and
- in most cases, one or two Deputy General Managers.

These roles, and the individuals appointed to them, were selected by the NSW Government.

Opportunities to participate

Former Mayors and councillors may have the opportunity to participate in the new council as a member of an Implementation Advisory Group (IAG) or a Local Representation Committee. Representatives will be selected by the Administrator and The Premier's announcement says representatives will "continue to be paid at the same level".

1. Local Representation Committee

The Administrator will form a Local Representation Committee for each of the former council areas. The Local Representation Committee will be made up of former councillors and "other local representatives where appropriate" to provide advice on local views and issues. Former councillors will participate as experienced community members, not councillors. This will provide an opportunity for former councillors to serve the interests of their communities until the election on 9 September 2017.

2 Implementation Advisory Group

The Administrator will select former Mayors and councillors who responded to the expression of interest process for an Implementation Advisory Group (IAG). At least two representatives from each former council area will be appointed to the IAG. The IAG will advise the Administrator on how best to bring the council systems and staff together.

Former councillors can consider the opportunity to put themselves forward as candidates for the next council election on 9 September 2017.

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