

The Hon Paul Toole MP Minister for Local Government

18 April 2016

Dear Mayor,

As you are aware, the Government is aiming to complete the council boundary review process by around the middle of 2016.

No decision has yet been made on any merger proposal. However, as far as possible, the Government wants to provide certainty to councils on matters that affect council business. To this end I am writing to councils to provide advice on the Government's intention on the timing of council elections. This advice applies to all councils - those that are subject to a merger proposal currently under examination and those that are not.

As you will be aware, ordinary local government elections are scheduled to occur on 10 September 2016. For councils not subject to a merger proposal that is under examination, ordinary elections will proceed on this date.

Given the Government's timeframe for completion of the council boundary review process, it is anticipated that any councils that are merged as a result of this process may not be adequately prepared for a 10 September 2016 election. The Government therefore intends to delay local government elections for all councils subject to a merger proposal currently under examination.

An order to delay elections for those councils with a merger proposal currently before the Boundaries Commission was Gazetted on 15 April. Another order will be made for those councils also subject to a merger proposal (but not listed in the 15 April Gazette) once the relevant Delegate report is before the Boundaries Commission. The order delays elections for a period of up to twelve months.

The date the Government is working towards for the elections for these Councils is March 2017. The exact date will be confirmed following the conclusion of the council boundary review process and consultation with the Electoral Commission.

If you have any questions on this matter, please contact Corin Moffatt, Special Adviser in my office on (02) 8574 7016 or at corin.moffatt@minister.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely

Paul Toole MP

Minister

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993

Order under Section 318B

I, the Hon Paul Toole, MP, Minister for Local Government, in pursuance of section 318B (1) (b) of the *Local Government Act 1993* (Act), do hereby order that the election requirements of the Act in relation to the ordinary election due to be held on 10 September 2016 for the councils identified in Column 1 of the attached Schedule be postponed from the date of this order until the date indicated in Column 2 of the attached Schedule by reason that matters affecting the boundaries of each area of the councils identified in Column 1 are under consideration by the Local Government Boundaries Commission.

Dated this 12th day of April 2016.

PAUL TOOLE, MP

Minister for Local Government

Schedule

Schedule pursuant to the Ministerial Order dated 12 April 2016, under section 318B (1) (b) of the Local Government Act 1993.

Column 1	Column 2
Council	Date election requirements postponed to
Armidale Dumaresq Council	Twelve months after this order is made
Ashfield Council	Twelve months after this order is made
Auburn City Council	Twelve months after this order is made
Bankstown City Council	Twelve months after this order is made
Bathurst Regional Council	Twelve months after this order is made
Berrigan Council	Twelve months after this order is made
Blayney Shire Council	Twelve months after this order is made
Bombala Council	Twelve months after this order is made
Boorowa Council	Twelve months after this order is made
Burwood Council	Twelve months after this order is made
Cabonne Shire Council	Twelve months after this order is made
Canada Bay Council	Twelve months after this order is made
Canterbury City Council	Twelve months after this order is made
Conargo Shire Council	Twelve months after this order is made
Cooma-Monaro Shire Council	Twelve months after this order is made
Cootamundra Council	Twelve months after this order is made
Corowa Shire Council	Twelve months after this order is made
Deniliquin Council	Twelve months after this order is made
Dubbo City Council	Twelve months after this order is made
Dungog Shire Council	Twelve months after this order is made
Gloucester Shire Council	Twelve months after this order is made
Gosford City Council	Twelve months after this order is made
Goulburn Mulwarwee Council	Twelve months after this order is made
Gundagai Shire Council	Twelve months after this order is made
Guyra Shire Council	Twelve months after this order is made
Harden Shire Council	Twelve months after this order is made
Hawkesbury City Council	Twelve months after this order is made
The Hills Shire Council	Twelve months after this order is made
Holroyd City Council	Twelve months after this order is made
Hornsby Shire Council	Twelve months after this order is made
Hunter's Hill Council	Twelve months after this order is made
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Hurstville City Council

Column 1 Council

Jerilderie Shire Council Kiama Municipal Council Kogarah Municipal Council Ku-ring-gai Municipal Council Lane Cove Municipal Council

Leichhardt Council Lockhart Shire Council

Manly Council Marrickville Council Mosman Municipal Council

Murrumbidgee Shire Council Newcastle City Council North Sydney Council

Oberon Council Orange City Council Palerang Council Parramatta City Council

Murray Shire Council

Pittwater Council Port Stephens Council Queanbeyan City Council Randwick City Council Ryde City Council

Shellharbour City Council Shoalhaven City Council Snowy River Shire Council Strathfield Municipal Council Tamworth Regional Council Tumbarumba Shire Council Tumut Shire Council

Urana Shire Council Wakool Shire Council Walcha Council Warringah Council Waverley Council Wellington Council Willoughby City Council Wollongong City Council Woollahra Municipal Council

Wyong Shire Council Young Shire Council

Column 2 Date election requirements postponed to Twelve months after this order is made Twelve months after this order is made

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