



**The Hon Paul Toole MP**  
Minister for Local Government

Cr Joanna Gash  
Shoalhaven City Council  
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Dear Mayor,

As you are aware, I recently published two Ministerial orders delaying elections for all councils that were subject to a merger proposal that was before the NSW Boundaries Commission.

As you are also aware, the NSW Government announced the creation of 19 new councils on 12 May 2016.

I have consulted with the NSW Electoral Commissioner who has advised me that for councils where a proposed merger is not proceeding, elections can be held on 10 September 2016.

Given the importance of all councils returning to business as usual, it is my intention to revoke the order which delayed your council's election. Your council's election will go ahead on Saturday 10 September 2016. The Electoral Commission will be in touch with your council to ensure arrangements are in place to run a successful local election.

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

Yours sincerely,

**Paul Toole**  
Minister