



LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT REVIEW ►► DELIVERING FOR THE COMMUNITY

Council meetings

As part of the McGowan Government's reform agenda, a new Local Government Act will be drafted. Our vision is for the local government sector to be agile, smart and inclusive.

Our objective is to transform local government so that it is empowered to better deliver quality governance and services to their communities now and into the future.

We are looking at **council meeting procedures** as an area of reform.

The current system



Decision making happens at council meetings.



Public question time is an important opportunity for the community.



Elected members are required to **disclose interests** in matters that come before council.

What you've told us

- Public question time is a way to apply scrutiny and rigour to council decision-making.
- New technologies have changed community expectations of accessibility to information and ways of engaging with their council.
- Rules dealing with conflicts of interests are complex and ineffective.
- Red tape impacts the efficiency and effectiveness of decision-making.

Ideas for change

- Introduce 'public statement time' at council meetings for community members who are not asking a question.
- Modernise question time through the use of new technologies.
- Expand opportunities for council members to attend meetings remotely.
- Extend the rules for disclosure of interests.
- Remove the requirement for annual and special electors meetings.
- Clarify the rules for revoking or changing decisions.



What do you think?

This is just a snapshot of the reforms being considered on this topic.

We want to hear your ideas.

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