# Regional Subsidiary and Regional Local Government - Comparison of Collaborative Models

| **Comparison** | **Regional Subsidiary** | **Regional Local Government**  **(Regional Council)** |
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| **Activities** | Delivery of services and back office functions | Any activity that an individual local government may perform |
| **Public consultation required to establish** | Yes | Yes – if major land transaction or trading activity is involved |
| **Ministerial approval required to establish** | Yes | Yes |
| **Disclosure of interest** | Internal enforcement | Ministerial enforcement |
| **Compulsory financial reporting** | Annual budget and annual financial statement required | Full reporting obligations apply |
| **Land transactions and trading undertakings** | No | Yes |
| **Restriction on investment** | Yes | Yes |
| **Financial loans** | From member councils only | Yes |
| **Tender requirements** | Yes | Yes |
| **Board restricted to council members/ local government employees** | No | Yes |
| **Legal protection for actions taken in good faith** | Yes | Yes |
| **Board meetings** | As prescribed in charter | *Local Government Act 1995* – Part 5 Division 2 |
| **Committee meetings** | Prescribed in charter | *Local Government Act 1995* – Part 5 Division 2 |
| **Employment of staff** | As provided in charter | *Local Government Act 1995* – Part 5 Division 4 |
| **Minimum benefits for long service leave and superannuation** | As provided in charter | Long Service Leave and Superannuation Regulations apply to all staff |
| **Member councils may request information** | Statutory right | As provided in Establishment Agreement |
| **General public access to information** | Prescribed in charter | *Local Government Act 1995* –  Part 5 Division 7 |
| **Freedom of Information legislation applies** | Yes | Yes |
| **Payments and gifts** | Prescribed in charter | *Local Government Act 1995* - Part 5 Division 8 |
| **Conduct of officials** | Prescribed in charter | *Local Government Act 1995* –  Part 5 Division 9 |
| **Fees for goods/services** | Yes | Yes |
| **May be subject to Ministerial inquiry** | Yes | Yes |
| **Decisions subject to administrative review** | No | *Local Government Act 1995* – Part 9 |