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<b>Action required</b>	Council to Note

## Review of *Impounding Act 1993* and Release of Discussion Paper

### What's new or changing

- The NSW Government has announced the first comprehensive review of the *Impounding Act 1993* since it commenced (the Act).
- The Minister for Local Government, the Hon. Shelley Hancock MP, is inviting public submissions on a Discussion Paper to inform the review.

### What this will mean for your council

- Councils are invited to provide feedback on the Discussion Paper to help ensure that impounding laws remains fit for purpose into the future.

### Key points

- The Act aims to provide councils and other authorised public land managers with impounding powers to minimise health, safety and amenity issues caused by items and animals being abandoned in public and on private property.
- Feedback on the Discussion Paper received from councils and others will help the NSW Government to shape next steps in the review, including any proposals for reform.
- The deadline for submissions is **Friday 20 March 2020**.
- The Discussion Paper asks a series of strategic and operational questions to inform the review. Responses can be provided using the proforma at the end of the Discussion Paper or via the Survey Monkey website at [www.surveymonkey.com/r/impoundingactreview](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/impoundingactreview).

### Where to go for further information

- Further information on the review is available on the Office of Local Government's website at [www.olg.nsw.gov.au/impounding-act-1993-review](http://www.olg.nsw.gov.au/impounding-act-1993-review), or by contacting the Policy Team on 02 4428 4100.



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