



**Shelley Hancock**  
Minister for Local Government

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **NEW DATE SET FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS**

The NSW Government today announced that the local government elections will be held on Saturday, 4 September 2021.

It follows the decision to postpone the September 2020 council elections for 12 months because of the COVID-19 pandemic to ensure the health and safety of candidates, voters and NSW Electoral Commission staff.

The NSW Electoral Commissioner made the request to postpone the elections.

Minister for Local Government Shelley Hancock said current councillors will continue to hold their civic offices until the rescheduled local government elections are held on 4 September 2021.

“Local government elections are a vital part of the democratic process, ensuring local councils are accountable to their local communities,” Mrs Hancock said.

“The decision to postpone elections was not taken lightly and was made to provide certainty for councils and communities across the State.”

An order has been published in today’s Government Gazette formally postponing the election for 12 months.

A second order extending the postponement and setting the new election date will be published in the Government Gazette shortly.

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