

IMPORTANT COUNCIL UPDATE

Public documents and annual reports

On 11 February 2014 assent was provided to an important piece of Victorian legislation impacting on what documents and information Councils must make available under the *Local Government Act 1989*.

The *Local Government Amendment (Performance Reporting and Accountability) Act 2014* will commence in two stages. The first stage, comprising the bulk of the amendments, will commence on **18 April 2014**.

The amendments made by the Victorian Parliament will impact many areas including:

- Which documents must be published on a Council's web site;
- Availability of the Council Plan;
- Strategic resource plans;
- Budgets, revised budgets and major initiatives (including public notice requirements);
- Annual reporting preparation and content (including operations and performance) requirements and public availability.

Please take urgent steps to ensure your Council will comply. For more information please feel free to contact us. Alternatively, the amending Act can be found at the internet address in the footnote.¹

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