



New South Wales

# Local Government Amendment (Pecuniary Interests Disclosures) Bill 2020

## Explanatory note

This explanatory note relates to this Bill as introduced into Parliament.

## Overview of Bill

The object of this Bill is to amend the *Local Government Act 1993* to require returns disclosing interests lodged by certain persons with the general manager of a council under a code of conduct to be published on the council's website.

## Outline of provisions

**Clause 1** sets out the name (also called the short title) of the proposed Act.

**Clause 2** provides for the commencement of the proposed Act on the date of assent to the proposed Act.

**Clause 3** amends the *Local Government Act 1993* by inserting new section 440AAC. The proposed section requires councillors, delegates and designated persons who have lodged with the general manager of a council a return disclosing interests required under a code of conduct to publish the return on the council's website. The return must be published within 14 days of lodgment with the general manager.

The homepage of the council's website must have a prominent link to the electronic page of the website on which the returns are published.

In proposed section 440AAC, *delegate* is defined to mean a person to whom a function of the council has been delegated under section 377 of the *Local Government Act 1993* and *designated person* is defined to mean—

- (a) the general manager of the council, or
- (b) a person occupying a senior staff position in the council, or

- (c) a person, or a person of a class, prescribed by the regulations.