

## **INQUIRY INTO CYBERSECURITY**

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**TERMS OF REFERENCE: THE SUPPORT PROVIDED BY THE NSW GOVERNMENT TO LOCAL COUNCILS AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS IN RELATION TO CYBERSECURITY**

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Dear Madeleine,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback and inquiry to Cyber Security. After reading the NSW Government Cyber Security Strategy, it raises a few questions with respect to the guideline and support for local government.

We understand the Cyber Security Strategy is designed for NSW Government, however different government bodies perform different functions and may vary in certain ways. Since there is no mention of local government in the Cyber Security Strategy, may I ask if there is a guideline or minimum cyber security requirements that is specific for local government to follow? With more than 100 local councils across NSW, it will be helpful to standardise cyber security requirements to bring our cyber security posture in line with industry standard.

In addition, may I ask if there is a standard procedure that the local government can follow in respond to a cyber attack? A step by step procedure on potential mitigation actions, a list of agents with their contact details that can offer help, and information on how and where to report the cyber attack incident will be very helpful.

Thank you for taking time to consider and look into these questions.

Yours faithfully