



# Local Government Remuneration Tribunal

Ref: A6023981

To Mayors/General Managers

via email to Councils

Dear Mayors/General Managers,

I write to advise that the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal has commenced its review for the 2023 annual determination.

Pursuant to s.241 of the Local Government Act 1993 (LG Act), the Tribunal is required to make an annual determination, by no later than 1 May 2023, on the fees payable to Councillors and Mayors to take effect from 1 July 2023.

## **Fees**

The Tribunal will review the minimum and maximum fee levels for each category.

In accordance with section 242A of the LG Act the Tribunal is required to apply the Government's public sector wages policy to the determination of ranges of fees for Councillors and Mayors.

## **Categorisation**

In accordance with the LG Act, the Tribunal will undertake a review of the categories, as part of the 2023 review. Section 239 of the LG Act requires the Tribunal to determine the category of councils and mayoral offices at least once every three years.

The Tribunal last undertook a review of the categories and the allocation of councils into each of these categories in 2020. The criteria for each of the categories is outlined in Appendix 1 of the 2022 determination <https://www.remtribunals.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/2022-04/2022%20Annual%20Determination%20-%20%20LGRT.pdf>.

Each of the 128 councils is allocated into one of the following eleven categories:

### **Metropolitan**

- Principal CBD
- Major CBD
- Metropolitan Large
- Metropolitan Medium
- Metropolitan Small

### **Non-metropolitan**

- Major Regional City
- Major Strategic Area
- Regional Strategic Area
- Regional Centre
- Regional Rural
- Rural

## Submissions

The Tribunal invites submissions from individual councils in respect to categorisation, fees and any general matters as part of this review. It is expected that submissions are endorsed by their respective council.

Any submission that Council may wish to make should be received no later than 16 December 2022 and should be emailed to [employmentstrategyandadvice@psc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:employmentstrategyandadvice@psc.nsw.gov.au) attention Joanne Nava.

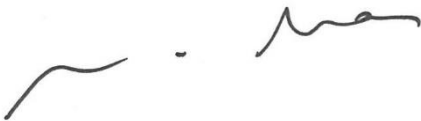
Please note that any material provided to the Tribunal may be made available under the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009.

The 2022 determination recognised that some councils may have a strong case for recategorisation this year and possible determination of new categories. To this end the Tribunal and Assessors may benefit from visits to meet regional organisations of Councils and direct opportunities for input from Mayors and General Managers. Decisions in this regard will be made following receipt of formal submissions.

As part of the annual review the Tribunal will seek to meet with Local Government NSW, as it does each year, to receive a sector wide view for local government in NSW.

If you require any further information, please email [Joanne.Nava@psc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Joanne.Nava@psc.nsw.gov.au) or telephone on 02 8226 0250.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Viv May PSM', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Viv May PSM  
Local Government Remuneration Tribunal  
28 October 2022