

Local Government Bill 2019 Melbourne City Council

The Local Government Bill 2019 will improve local government democracy, accountability and service delivery for all Victorians.



Better local government for all Victorians

The Local Government Bill 2019 is the most ambitious reform of local government in Victoria in 30 years.

It will deliver on the Victorian Government's commitment to modernise how local government works in our state through reforms in **five key areas**:

- Allow councils to **improve the services** they deliver for communities through better financial management and engagement with the community;
- Provide **stronger local democracy** with direct accountability to the community;
- Improve **councillor conduct** with clear standards of behaviour and stronger mechanisms to address poor conduct;
- Give the **community confidence** by making reforms to election processes and candidate requirements; and
- Provide a **new relationship** between State and local government and the community

Melbourne City Council

Melbourne City Council has its own legislation which reflects its unique role.

The broad range of reforms in the Local Government Bill 2019 will apply to the City of Melbourne and a tailored approach will be taken on election and ward reform.

Election reform

The requirement for non-resident property owners to register to vote will not be applied to the Melbourne City Council. This reflects the high number of non-resident voters in the City.

However, property owners and corporation representatives whose primary residence is overseas won't be directly enrolled to vote in elections. They will be able to apply to be placed on the voters roll.

Ward reform

The Bill mandates single-member wards for all councils in Victoria but Melbourne City Council will remain unsubdivided in accordance with the City of Melbourne Act 2001.

ALL OTHER REFORMS IN THE BILL WILL APPLY TO THE MELBOURNE CITY COUNCIL



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