



LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT REVIEW ►► DELIVERING FOR THE COMMUNITY

Financial management

As part of the McGowan Government's reform agenda, a new Local Government Act will be drafted.

Our vision is for the local government sector to be agile, smart and inclusive. Our objective is to transform local government so that it is empowered to better deliver quality governance and services to their communities now and into the future.

We are looking at **financial management** as an area of reform.

The current system



Local governments fund and **deliver critical infrastructure and services** to their communities.

\$4 b

Total annual sector **operating expenditure** exceeds \$4 billion.

\$40 b

Asset base is worth more than \$40 billion.

\$1.1 b

In 2016-17, more than \$1.1 billion was **spent on materials and services**.

What you've told us

- Local governments make a big contribution to local jobs because they spend a lot on goods and services.
- Local governments need purchasing rules that provide certainty for the public and opportunities for economic growth.
- Local governments can deliver more by wisely managing public money through investments and sensible approaches to borrowing.
- The Act needs to empower local governments to manage finances prudently and maximise revenue.

Ideas for change

- Align purchasing rules with the State Government.
- Change the threshold for advertising public tenders.
- Modernise rules for investments.
- Modernise rules for borrowing.



What do you think?

This is just a snapshot of the reforms being considered on this topic.

We want to hear your ideas.

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