

# Notifying the public about local laws

## Fact Sheet

Section 29B of the *Local Government Act 2009* and section 32 of the *City of Brisbane Act 2010* provides that a local government must advise the public that a local law has been made by publishing a notice in the Queensland Government Gazette and on the council website. Each local government must also ensure that a copy of the local law is available for inspection and purchase at their public office.

### Queensland Government Gazette notice

The gazette notice must be published within one month after the day the local government resolved to make the local law and must state the:

- name of the local government
- date when the local government made the resolution to make the local law
- name of the local law
- name of any existing local law that was amended or repealed by the new local law.

### Council website notice

This notice must also be published within one month after the day the local government resolved to make the local law. However, it is not a mere replica of the gazette notice and must provide additional information as outlined below:

- name of the local government
- date when the local government made the resolution to make the local law
- name of the local law
- name of any existing local law that was amended or repealed by the new local law
- if the local law incorporates a model local law - that fact
- if the local law is an interim local law - that fact, and the date on which the interim local law expires
- if the local law is a subordinate local law - the name of the local law that authorises the subordinate local law to be made
- the purpose and general effect of the local law
- if the local law contains an anti-competitive provision - that fact
- that a copy of the local law can be inspected and purchased at the local government's public office and viewed on the department's website.

## Notifying the Minister for Local Government

The local government must, within 14 days of the local law's publication in the Queensland Government gazette, give the Minister a copy of the:

- gazette notice
- local law in electronic form.

## Local government registers

Each local government must keep and maintain a register of all their local laws available for public inspection both on their website and at their public office. The local law register must contain, for each local law, its:

- name
- purpose
- general effect.

Legislative requirements are outlined in:

- section 31 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and section 14 of the Local Government Regulation 2012
- section 34 of the *City of Brisbane Act 2010* and section 11 of the City of Brisbane Regulation 2012.

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